

## **CURWENSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019  
Place: Curwensville Municipal Building  
Purpose: To discuss any business brought before council.

### **Council Members Present**

Sara Curulla, President  
Harriet Carfley, Vice President  
Robert Moore, Councilman  
Dave Donahue, Councilman  
Tom Carfley, Councilman  
Rhonda Carfley, Councilwoman

**Mayor** John Adams

### **Borough Secretary / Treasurer**

Terri Bracken- Assistant

### **News Reporters**

Dianne Beyers- The Progress  
Kim Finnegan- Gant Daily

### **Others Present**

Mary Ellen Read  
Ron Kuhn  
Don Odell

### **Opening Meeting:**

At 6:00 p.m. President Sara Curulla called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval Of Minutes**

Council was presented with the minutes for the meetings held January 28, 2019 Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to approve those minutes. Councilman Dave Donahue seconded that motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

### **Arnoldtown**

Mary Ellen Read requested a total cost of the Arnoldtown Project completed early in 2018. That information will have to be collected and presented to Ms Read when available.

### **Municipal Secretary Training**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Terri Bracken requested to attend a PATraining workshop in Indiana on April 9. It is a one day training at IUP for Municipal Secretaries. Councilman

Dave Donahue made a motion to send Terri to the training. Councilman Robert Moore seconded the motion. Council approved the motion 6-0.

### **Planning Commission**

Mayor John Adams reported on the first Planning Commission Meeting held January 31, 2019. The Commission appointed new officers. John Adams Chairman and David Rose Vice Chairman. They also revisited a Rezoning project .

Citizen Don Odell question council about industries being businesses being approached for development. Mayor Adams discussed his plans to pursue businesses for the industrial park and informed council he had approached Clearly Ahead Group about the tannery property.

The Planning Commission invited Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley and Streetscape Representative Hildred Rowles to their next meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Police**

Mayor John Adams reported the police received 49 911 Calls & 40 In House Calls. Chief Kelly will be attending a DUI Seminar February 18<sup>th</sup>, Patrolman Joe Witherite will attend the seminar Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Animal Control**

Animal Control Officer Tom Shaffer reported that he had received 22 Calls in January and travelled 213.8 miles. He Issued 5 verbal and 2 written warnings. He also received notice from the Magistrates Office that a warrant has been issued for a resident on Anderson Avenue due to non-payment of fines.

#### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley reported on a letter received from the County Solid Waste Authority about the property at 211 Anderson Ave. The Authority Letter states that violations were found on the property and they will continue to monitor the property.

Officer Carfley received 3 garbage complaints in January- All were resolved.

There was a water complaint reported on Filbert St- Informed the residents to discuss the issue with their landlord to resolve the drainage problems.  
Officer Carfley will be attending a hearing on February 21<sup>st</sup> regarding Matthew Rowles and the violations on his State Street properties.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Councilman Tom Carfley reported that he is still working on grants for new inclusive equipment at Irvin Park.

The street crew has requested possible time limits on Pavillion rentals to allow better planning for opening and closing the park in the summer months. No action was taken .

Councilman Carfley was question about the No Smoking decision at the park. It was stated that no smoking signs will be placed in the pavilions only.

### **Fire Department**

Vice President Harriet Carfley informed council about the Vehicle Rescue training the fire department attended at Tibbens Garage over the last two weekends.  
The fire engine is still awaiting repair. Updates will be provided as they are available.  
Councilman Tom Carfley requested a financial report be provided to council. Vice President Harriet Carfley said she would try to provide that if possible at a future meeting.

### **Finance**

#### **Borough Cell Phones:**

A recommendation has been made to eliminate the borough provided cell phones due to complaints from employees about carrying two phones. Employees would rather use their personal phones. Two phones have already been turned in and service cancelled. Eliminating the borough phones would be a savings of almost \$4000 a year. Council decided to table this for future discussion.

#### **Secretary Pension Fund**

Vice President Harriet Carfley had contacted Doug Werley of our retirement fund to discuss the impact of adding Terri Bracken to the Boroughs Retirement Fund. Mr Werley stated that adding Mrs Bracken would be a positive thing for the fund because she would

be making contributions at 3% to the fund and would also increase the amount of state aid the Borough would receive.

Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to add Terri Bracken to the pension fund. Robert Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **Monthly Bills**

The monthly bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$14574.79

Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley made a motion to pay the bills for January.

Councilman Tom Carfley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

### **Street Department**

Councilman Dave Donahue presented the bid package for the Bradley/ Anderson Stormwater project received from Eads Engineering. Eads recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder Dave Roman Excavating with a bid of \$86205.00

After some discussion Councilman Tom Carfley made a motion to award the bid to Dave Roman Excavating. Councilman Robert Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Donahue remarked on his disappointment in Penndot not responding to a serious ice issue on State Street Sunday morning and recommended a letter be sent to Representative Sankey and Senator Langerholc about the incident. Melting snow and rain had caused a large build up of at the intersection of State & Walnut Streets causing traffic problems. After several calls to Penndot with no response, Council President Sara Curulla instructed the Borough Crew to attempt clearing the area. Councilman Dave Donahue commended the Borough Crew and Police Department for their hard work.

Councilman Tom Carfley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Vice President Harriet Carfley. Motion to adjourn passed 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by  
Theresa Bracken  
Assistant Secretary / Treasurer