

CURWENSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, March 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
Tom Shaffer

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 February 25, 2019 Councilman David Donahue made a motion to approve those minutes. Vice President Harriet Carfley seconded that motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizens to address council

Mary Ellen Read questioned council about the advertising of the Borough's meetings stating that it has been changed from previous years. Secretary Theresa Bracken responded stating that the meetings have been advertised according to PSAB recommendations of all meetings being advertised once at the beginning of the year and that any cancellations or changes will be advertised as required.

Ms Read also questioned an item listed in the agenda requesting the Mayors Cell Phone be paid by the planning commission. Council stated they will address that when we get to that item on the agenda.

Soliciting Permit Ordinance

Due to the fact an incident occurred with some salesman who had obtained a soliciting permit the previous week, The idea of eliminating soliciting in the borough entirely was discussed. Council decided to table the issue to do more research on our ordinance regarding soliciting. Solicitation Permits are not to be issued until further notice.

Resolution 495

Council voted to approve Resolution 495 which allows Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Bracken to handle all paperwork relating to the Anderson St/ Bradley St Stormwater Project set to begin in April.

Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley seconded the motion. Council approved the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 484

Council voted to approve Ordinance 484 which amends Chapter 30 of the code book titled Amusements. This ordinance increases the prices for devices within the Borough with the First device per establishment being \$50 with each additional device being \$25. Definitions were updated to reflect changes in devices being utilized.

Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Vice President Harriet Carfley seconded the motion. Council approved the motion 6-0.

Illegal Dumping Program

The Borough received notice to renew their participation in the Solid Waste Authority's Illegal Dumping Program for \$500 a year.

Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to approve the renewal. Councilman Tom Carfley seconded the motion. Council approved the motion 6-0.

Monthly Reports

Police

Mayor John Adams reported the police received 59 911 Calls & 26 In House Calls.

Mayor Adams informed council that the police will be working varying schedules and will be working together on saturation patrol to attempt to curb some illegal activity.

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Tom Shaffer reported that he had received 27 Calls in January and travelled 255 miles. He Issued 1 verbal and 2 written warnings. Mr Shaffer stated that the borough kennel is in need of repair and would like the Street Crew or Community Service to do the work.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley reported that with ongoing issues with a borough property owner he would like to move forward with fining that resident \$300.

He also stated that he is pursuing condemning a property on Anderson Ave dur to multiple unaddressed violations and the deplorable condition of the property.

Street Dept

Councilman Dave Donahue reported that the Street Crew will be requesting assistance from the Quehanna Boot Camp Community work program and also the Community Service Program to help with some projects in the Borough.

Arbor Pro Tree Service will begin work on Bressler Road soon clearing trees to allow sunshine to reach the road surface.

Councilman Donahue informed council that the F550 Truck is in need of repairs and those repairs could cost approximately \$5000. He stated he will seek estimates for those repairs to save money.

Fire Department

Vice President Harriet Carfley informed council the fire engine is in the garage for repair. Updates will be provided as they are available.

Finance

Borough Cell Phones:

The cell phones are continuing to be eliminated as contracts allow. The discussion over what to do with the Mayors Phone continued with the suggestion of going with a less expensive carrier such as Straight Talk or Consumer Cellar. Vice President Harriet Carfley suggested we approach the Planning Commission about paying for the Mayors Phone

since he will be using it for Planning Commission Business. This idea will be presented to the planning commission.

Monthly Bills

The monthly bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$19553.69
Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to pay the bills for January.
Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session

Council entered executive session at 6:50pm and returned at 7:20 pm. No vote was made.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Theresa Bracken
Assistant Secretary / Treasurer