

CURWENSVILLE BOROUGH COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, July 22, 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

Mayor John Adams

Not Present

Rhonda Carfley Councilwoman

News Reporters

Dianne Beyers- The Progress
Kim Finnegan- Gant Daily
Dave Kaplan- Wtaj TV10
Alexis Wainwright- Wjac TV6
Others Present:
Several residents were in attendance to support Chief Kelly

Borough Secretary / Treasurer

Terri Bracken- Secretary Treasurer

Dennis Curry

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 07/08/19 & 07/15/19. Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to approve those minutes. Councilman Robert Moore seconded that motion. The minutes were approved by 5-0 vote. Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley was absent.

Citizens to Address Council

When President Curulla called for citizens to address council Mayor John Adams stood and addressed the audience announcing he was reinstating Chief Kelly but gave no other explanation and then left the room. When questioned by Council and Solicitor Ryan Sayers, Mayor Adams could not provide by what authority he was reinstating Chief Kelly.

When council tried to resume the meeting, the audience demanded an explanation of the charges against Chief Kelly. The Borough Solicitor Ryan Sayers tried to explain several times but was shouted down by the members of the crowd, most notably the Mayors wife Sandra Adams who then had to be escorted from the room by Officer Joe Witherite. Resident Jim Hoover and Gant Daily reporter Kim Finnegan interceded on council's behalf, informing the crowd that Borough Council cannot discuss disciplinary action involving public employees while that action is still in litigation. They also stated the charges that were quoted in the media were a standard response directly from the Pennsylvania Borough Code that the Council must provide in these cases. With no further discussion to be had, the crowd exited the meeting and council returned to their agenda.

New Business

- **Correspondence-**
 - i. Clearly Ahead Golf Tournament
 - ii. Brockway Park Survey

Old Business

Irvin Park Road Grant

- i. Eads will be finalizing Irvin Park Road Grant to pave Irvin Road from Susquehanna Ave to Cooper Road.

Finance & Personnel:

2020 Budget

- Vice President Harriet Carfley stated that work will begin soon on the 2020 budget and the committee will be advertising their meetings soon.

Street Department:

- Councilman Dave Donahue presented the options for road work to be done in the Borough.

- After review quotes received from Howell Paving and Middies Asphalt, Councilman Donahue made a motion to have Middies Asphalt do the paving required to finish up the project on Meadow Street and Howell paving will be given the Chestnut Street project.
- Councilman Robert Moore seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 5-0 with Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley absent.

Police & Code

The Borough received a revised quote for the police radios. The previous quote was over \$70000.00. The new quote for three radios totals \$17707.74. Secretary Bracken will continue to work with Lisa Kovalick on the USDA grant for these radios.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

- **New Park Equipment-Phase 1**
 - Glen Richey Fire Hall donated a wheelchair Platform swing they had recently purchased but had not been using to the Irvin Park Inclusive Playground. Their donation will save the Borough approximately \$1200.00.
 - The down payment on phase one will be sent this week.
- **Bash in the Park**
 - Councilman Robert Moore discussed his plans for a vendor/farmers market at the Park Labor Day weekend. The event due to time constraints will be postponed until next summer giving Councilman Moore time to organize vendors and entertainment.

Fire Department :

- Council Vice President Harriet Carfley informed council that additional repairs had been done on the tanker. An alternator was repaired for \$130 not the \$1300 in repairs that were expected.

Executive Session- 6:54 Pm – Police Legal Issues

Vote to end Executive Session

- Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:08 pm
- Councilman Dave Donahue seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 5-0 with Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley absent

Adjournment:

- Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- A second was made by Vice President Harriet Carfley.
- Motion passed 5-0. Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley was absent.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by

Theresa Bracken
Secretary / Treasurer