

**BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Mr. Robert J. May, at 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was done by Council President, Mr. May and indicated that the following Council members were present; Mr. Robert May, Council President, Mr. David Eggert, Council Vice President by Zoom, Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Mr. Michael Fritz, Mr. Steve Geibel, Mr. Warren Lubenow and Mr. Gregory Zawilla. Others in attendance included the Borough Mayor, Mr. Barrie Kinsey, Borough Engineer, Mr. Ty Leinneweber, Road Master, Mr. Derrek Rhoads, Borough Manager, Ms. Allison Leinbach, and Borough Secretary, Mrs. Susan Eggert by Zoom. Those absent this evening included Borough Solicitor, Ms. Joan London.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the December 9, 2021, meeting were distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the minutes. **MOTION:** Rev. Bennethum made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. David Eggert; Mr. May, Mr. Eggert, Rev. Bennethum, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Geibel, and Mr. Zawilla voting in favor; Mr. Lubenow abstained due to his absence at the December 9, 2021 meeting.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Bills requiring payment and ratification were presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. Bills requiring payment from the general fund totaled \$47,719.43. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the sewer fund totaled \$1,621.61. This includes bills up to and including 1/3/22. **MOTION:** Mr. Steve Geibel made the motion authorizing payment and ratification of all bills presented for payment and ratification; seconded by Mr. Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The consolidated treasurer's report for December 2021 was distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications. **MOTION:** Rev. Bennethum made the motion approving the consolidated treasurer's report for December 2021 and file it for audit; seconded by Mr. Zawilla; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$438,383.12 **RESERVES:** \$77,174.55 **SEWER:** \$336,318.38 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$255,427.54 **FIRE TAX:** \$4,441.09

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER - TY LEINNEWEBER

READING REAL ESTATE - Mr. Leinneweber indicated that the plan has not yet been filed with the County. The reason this plan has not yet been filed is because there are outstanding invoices with regard to the planning process. Mr. May indicated that he would like to authorize Ms. Leinbach to communicate with the property owner with regard to the outstanding invoices to see what the property owner's intentions are with regard to filing the final plan.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER - DERREK RHOADS

Mr. Rhoads gave Council an update on the sewer project with Mr. Rehab and work will be occurring over the next couple of weeks.

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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OLD BUSINESS

SMALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ORDINANCE - The sample ordinance was distributed to the members of Council prior to the last meeting. There will be further discussion at the February meeting with regard to this ordinance.

BERKS NATURE - Mr. May indicated that he would like to table the discussion about the Berks Nature agreement until February.

NEW OPENING BURNING ORDINANCE - This ordinance is now ready to be reviewed by the Solicitor and authorized for advertisement and adoption at the February meeting. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing advertisement of the new open burning ordinance; seconded by Mr. Geibel; Mr. May, Mr. Eggert, Mr. Geibel, Mr. Lubenow, and Rev. Bennethum voting in favor; Mr. Fritz abstained because he has not reviewed the ordinance.

2022 No Nonsense Neutering Agreement – This was reviewed by both parties and the voucher system is the system that they would prefer to use to keep track of services that are provided to our residents. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing the Borough to sign the agreement with No Nonsense Neutering; seconded by Mr. Geibel; all were in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 859-2022 -Resolution 859-2022 is a 2022 Fee Schedule. The new updated fee schedule includes a fee for the administration of building permits to cover costs done by office staff. Ms. Leinbach also indicated that there is an increase in sewage enforcement fees. There was a discussion about the fee schedule. **MOTION:** Mr. Fritz made the motion to adopt Resolution 859-2022 a 2022 fee schedule which is attached to the minutes for review; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of St. Lawrence Borough Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mr. Lubenow made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan D. Eggert
Borough Secretary