

**BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Mr. Robert J. May, at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. May did roll call and the following members and professionals were present; Mr. Robert J. May, Council President, Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Member, Mr. Michael Fritz, Member, Mr. Steve Geibel, Member, Mr. Warren Lubenow, Member, Mr. Gregory Zawilla, Member, Mr. Ty Leinneweber, Borough Engineer, SDE, Ms. Joan London, Borough Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt, Ms. Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager, Mr. Derrek Rhoads, Road Master, and Mrs. Susan Eggert, Borough Secretary. Those absent this evening include Mr. David W. Eggert, Council Vice President and Mr. Barrie C. Kinsey, Borough Mayor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the Thursday, October 13, 2022, were distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the minutes. **MOTION:** Mr. Warren Lubenow made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Michael Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: All bills requiring payment and ratification were distributed to the members of Council for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the bills presented. General fund bills totaled \$108,498.46. Sewer fund bills total \$66,714.47. Liquid fuels bills total \$16,773.90. Fire tax bills total \$20.00; Ms. Leinbach indicated that that was for administrative fees. **MOTION:** Mr. Lubenow made the motion authorizing payment and ratification of all bills presented; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There were two treasurer reports submitted for approval this evening. The first one was a revised September report which showed a difference in the balance in the sewer fund. The correct balance in the sewer fund should be \$84,324.22 not \$83,308.08. The October treasurer's report was also submitted for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the report. **MOTION:** Mr. Fritz made the motion approving both the revised September treasurer's report and the October treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Mr. Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$514,037.30 **RESERVE:** \$84,356.45 **FIRE TAX:** \$9,240.38 **SEWER:** \$34,696.09 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$241,054.37

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER - TY LEINNEWEBER, SDE

Mr. Leinneweber indicated that he had no additions to the report that was submitted except that the Funke Street survey is ongoing.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Rhoads submitted his report. He only added that we have been tagging people who are putting leaves into the street if it appears that it is being done intentionally and not blowing there.

BUDGET & FINANCE

2023 BUDGET FOR GENERAL, SEWER, LIQUID FUELS and FIRE TAX FUNDS: The budget was projected and reviewed. There will be an additional item added to the general budget for municipal celebrations since the Borough will be celebrating 100 years in 2027. The Borough will start to budget \$5,000 a year for the next few years for that purpose.

LIBRARY LIASON – REV BENNETHUM

The library will be holding their budget meeting next week. They were very appreciative of our contribution this year.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Lubenow made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and public safety; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried. Council entered executive session at 8:06 PM. Council came out of executive session at 8:32 PM.

2023 BUDGET: There was discussion earlier in the evening. **MOTION:** Mr. Lubenow made the motion to approve the preliminary general fund, sewer fund, fire tax fund and liquid fuels fund 2023 budgets and authorized advertisement of such budgets for adoption at the December 8, 2022 meeting; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried.

RENTAL OF 3562 ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE REAR: Ms. Leinbach indicated that the Borough is currently paying \$450 a month to rent the small garage space at 3562 St. Lawrence Avenue. The rent will be going up to \$500 for the same space next year however the larger space adjacent to it is available now for \$700 a month or both units for \$1000. If the Borough would rent both sides of the garage the signs that are in the container at the playground could be removed and stored in that space and both trucks can be parked inside during bad weather. Currently the lawn equipment and snow plows are being stored indoors in the small space. **MOTION:** Mr. Gregory Zawilla made the motion to rent both sides of the space at a cost of \$1000; seconded by Mr. Steve Geibel; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

Mr. Fritz indicated that he saw Mr. Tony Garipoli, the former Central Berks Police Chief and he said hello to everyone. He will be retiring completely at the end of the year; he is currently a County Detective.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mr. Lubenow made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan D. Eggert
Borough Secretary