BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, October 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Mr. Robert J. May, on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Council President Robert May did roll call, the following members were present; Robert J. May, Council President, David W. Eggert, Council Vice President, Michael Fritz, Member, Steve Geibel, Member, Gregory Zawilla, Member, Corrie Zana, Borough Mayor, Derrek Rhoads, Roadmaster, Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager /Treasurer, Borough Solicitor Joan London, and Amanda Muso, Borough Secretary. Borough Engineer Pamela Stevens was late to tonight's meeting and Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Member, as well as Member, Warren Lubenow, were absent for tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the previous special meeting were presented to the Council for review. There were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: David Eggert made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor so the motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: All bills requiring payment and ratification up to and including October 9, 2024 were presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the general fund up until October 9, 2024 totaled \$206,382.72; sewer fund totaled \$67,352.24; liquid fuels fund totaled \$7,642.96; fire tax fund totaled \$0.00; EMS tax fund totaled \$0.00. MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion authorizing payment and ratification of all bills presented; seconded by Michael Fritz; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the report.

MOTION: David Eggert made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and file it for audit; seconded by Greg Zawilla; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$494,415.95 **SEWER**: \$219,957.30 **RESERVES**: \$196,880.38 **LIQUID FUELS**: \$252,522.73 **FIRE TAX**: \$5,450.97 **EMS TAX FUND**: \$1,242.87; **TOTAL FUND BALANCE**: \$1,170,470.20

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments made.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER - PAMELA STEVENS, SDE

Pamela Stevens submitted her report which was added to council's packet for review prior to the meeting. Pamela gave an update regarding the MORE Grant. Since the borough is purchasing a new Borough Hall, we asked if the MORE Grant was able to be transferred to the new property. Talking with the grant representatives we should be able to move the funds to the new building while also adding a generator and pole building to the grant. Pamela will continue to work with the representatives on making the changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To make the following 2024 contributions:

- a. Library $$5/person \times 1892 = $9,460$
- b. Berks County Conservation District \$500
- c. Berks County Solid Waste Authority \$500
- d. Crime Alert Berks \$500

The motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the renewal of the animal control contract with Safety Net Sanctuary at the cost of \$3,000.00 for the 2025 year

The motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Greg Zawilla; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

MOTION: To advertise the Budget Meeting on November 8th, at 10 AM

The motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Steve Geibel; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

Mike Fritz updated Council on the library which will soon have a new Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Michael Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Muso Borough Secretary

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL 10/10/24