

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 10,2024

**Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending Council Roll Call- Michele Bartek, Joesph Butrie, Gwyneth Collevechio, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich, Jack Soberick, Jennifer Staines, Mayor Hugh Vrablic

Joesph Butrie-

When people speak should be a set 3 minutes, they stand, state name, and address. Talked about the last snowstorm and that it is not possible to please everyone with the way the snow was plowed.

Denise-

500 block of Kline Alley was not plowed, and it needs to be plowed so that two cars can fit down the road.

Rose Mary-

Wants to see a motion for Paula Fisher to have \$21.00 an hour. Inquired if Paula Fisher is bonded.

Gilbert-

Inquired about borough being closed and who is doing secretary duties. Bruce Markovich responded that the secretary job is being placed on the next meetings agenda.

Chris-

Stated that the secretary advertisement is incorrect and that he called the postmaster and information is going to be readvertised. Stated that two secretaries have come and gone and that an audit is being done.

Bruce Markovich-

Auditors were contacted the day after the last meeting and all information is being locked and information passwords are being changed. Stated that he did not have access to computers and that IT company must complete audit. Wants to get the fire department's money to offset the decrease in donations. Stated he was unaware that the fire department budget had a difference of

\$2,000.00 due to the fire department not informing him. There was conflict with the information that was typed in the newspaper pertaining to the fire department budget. Stated that other pool grants can be looked at to be applied to for the splash pads.

Lansford police department is the lowest paid police, with an overall of being \$10-\$12 less than other townships. The police department has the lowest negotiations and the highest number of calls in a working twelve-hour shift.

Sam-

Inquired about borough building needing to be upgraded, the budget for new council, the police department, and the borough.

Discussion about alternate borough building. Talked about moving the police department down to Silberline building. That the Silberline building has office space, concrete walls, and parking. Borough needs long range plan.

The borough office needs to be opened. Lacy Gonzalez is not alone in the building and Bruce Markovich is the only one with a key. There have been no applications for borough secretary and the borough office will not be open until a secretary is hired.

Ambulance had 74 incidents as of December 2023, with a 9.5 time of dispatch. Out of the 74, 45 were non-urgent with a 10-minute dispatch, and 29 being emergency with a 9.2 minute dispatch.

The police had a total of 14 arrests, 43 code complaints, and 105 calls.

The Fire Department has received a total of 20 calls to date. 196 calls with a total accident time of 10 minutes, with 128-man hours.

Bruce Markovich-

Code and zoning have investigated 27 complaints. Landlord/tenant meeting with Arro next week to address issues and how to pay.

334 West Bertsch condemned, and someone went to tax sale bid \$11,000 on property, and an objection needs to be filed on Monday.

### **Old Business-**

Motion to pay bills-

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevchio and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion for Police Chiefs Contract-

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Motion to hire Brian Kelly-

Motion to hire Brian Kelly for audit due to vacant position.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Jennifer Staines.

Motion for Attorney Robert Yurchack to go to court Monday.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joesph Butrie.

Motion to approve heart and lung compensation for Callen.

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Department of Community Recreation Development-

Meeting to be scheduled with community recreation development, they were here in 2018-2019 but once the Covid-19 pandemic hit it stopped. Gwyneth Collevechio and Michele Bartek want to see what is available.

Two changes to agenda-

A change of three minutes on agenda items.

Future council at the end of regular meetings will be able to comment on non-agenda items which will take effect in February 2024.

Motion to have committee meeting dates set-

Motion to have committee meeting dates set to the first Tuesday of the month for future committee meetings.

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion favored by Gwyneth Collevechio, Michele Bartek, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich, and Jennifer Staines. Motion was opposed by Jack Soberick.

Motion to hire Paula Fisher-

Motion to hire Paula Fisher as part-time secretary.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Jennifer Staines.

Motion to run advertisement for streets-

Motion was opposed by Joesph Butrie.

Motion for creation of handicapped parking committee-

No council members motioned.

Motion to create committee as motion-

Motion to create public safety, public works, code & zoning committees.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joesph Butrie.

Motion for parking ordinance-

Joesph Butrie would like a 48-hour grace period pertaining to the parking ordinance. Joesph Butrie states that there needs to be a 48-hour period because the trucks are their homes and what about inclement weather.

Joesph Butrie pointed out that Full-Time police can check during rounds and enforce. Motioned by Joesph Butrie and no second motion.

Schedule meeting with fireco George

All council members to meet with the fire department.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer