

A regular meeting of the Parkside Borough Council was held via ZOOM on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Purcival at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following in attendance:

Messrs:	Deitman	Purcival	Solicitor Wills
	Bull	Capobianco	Engineer Catania
	Long	Sweigart	Treasurer Possenti
	Sidlow	Guy	Secretary Higgins
		Powers	Chief Murray

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt the 12/16/20 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Correspondence: (Linda Higgins)

The following funds were received in the Borough Office during December, 2020:

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| 1) License & Inspections | \$ | 4,500.00 |
| 2) Court Financial Services | | 12.50 |
| 3) Recorder of Deeds | | 4,057.20 |
| 4) Right To Know | | 20.25 |
| 5) PD – Parking Tickets/Reports | | 30.00 |

Tax Collection

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	4,686.59
Tax Claim Bureau	166.27

Regional Court

District Court	458.28
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Total income for December 2020 = \$ 13,604.80
(Total does not include EIT/LST Tax)

A letter from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources addressed to President Purcival was read. The letter was informing the Borough that the Keystone Grant previously applied for to upgrade the Wesley Coale Memorial Park has been denied.

A letter was read from resident Nathaniel Sweigart (15 years old) requesting permission to perform tree identification and mapping activity along the walking trails in the Woodlot. He will do this under the guidance of Mr. Douglas Bull. This project will be Nathaniel's Eagle

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Scout project. Council indicated this would be a great project and thanked Nathaniel for his service to both the Borough and the Eagle Scout Program. Copy of request attached (1).

Mayor's Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported = 6 leading categories: burglary – 1, thefts – 2, motor vehicle theft – 1, DUI – 1, vandalism – 1. Calls for Service = 148 leading categories: domestics – 3, suspicious persons – 5, assist other agencies – 13, public service – 9. Accidents = 2. Motor Vehicle Stops = 22. Traffic citations = 1.

In early December 2020 the Police Department received several complaints regarding persons running stop signs throughout the Borough. Officers were assigned to conduct details on stop signs throughout the Borough twice per shift and issue warnings as appropriate. From December 11th through December 30th, 77 details were conducted resulting in 22 warnings.

Mayor Deitman then read the Year End Report for 2020 for the Parkside Police Department. A copy of this Report is attached (2).

Councilman Sidlow asked if there are more details/statistics about police activity during 2020. Mayor Deitman indicated if Councilman Sidlow sends him a request for the information he is interested in he will get the information for him. President Purcival noted that UCR's (Uniformed Crime Reports) are reported to the State Police and they have a website that breaks everything down.

Parkside Fire Company Report: Progress

CALL TO CITIZENS (Agenda related items only) None

Presidents Report; (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival thanked Solicitor Wills and Treasurer Possenti for their diligence regarding the paperwork necessary for the 2021 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

President Purcival thanked Engineer Catania for completing the CDBG application.

President Purcival stated a brief synopsis of 2020 accomplishments. In 2020, due to COVID restrictions the Borough Council started ZOOM Council Meetings. The 2021 Budget was

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passed with a minor increase. Many Ordinances and Resolutions were instituted on various issues. Due to the Corona virus all Recreation events had to be cancelled but there were two small parades.

We received and CDBG grant for Edmont Avenue and a \$9,350 Grant for the War Memorial. The Engineer was authorized to apply for the 2021 CDBG and the PECO Green Region Grant.

The police have received several grants. The police department put into service a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe police interceptor. We said goodbye to Chief Egan and welcomed Chief Murray.

The road program has been completed. The Ford Fitness Trail has been completed; except for the sign and this was from a 2019 CDBG grant. New lighting and 10 pieces of equipment and new landscaping have been added to upgrade the Woodlot.

Unfortunately we lost our ambulance service but our fire company is moving forward.

There is now a new recording system in the Council Chambers to record meetings and post on You Tube or the Borough website.

Police/Public Safety/Code Enforcement Report: (Nick Capobianco)

Councilman Capobianco reported that all emergency vehicles were serviced for the month. Three Stop Work Orders were issued for work being done without a permit. The Code Enforcement Officer has five upcoming court hearings regarding health and safety issues.

Councilman Capobianco sanitized the entire Borough building along with the Police offices and meeting rooms and police vehicles, at no cost to the Borough

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt Ordinance No. 564 – Banning Animal Shock Collars in the Borough; motion carried.

Councilman Sidlow asked how Ordinance No. 564 is going to be enforced. It was explained that someone would have to report an issue to the police who will then investigate and give

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warnings; on the second complaint citations would be issued at \$100 and third complaint would be \$200.

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

The following permits were issued for the month:

Building	Residential	8
Plumbing	Residential	5
Mechanical	Residential	0
Electrical	Residential	2

Use & Occupancy Inspections = 4

Re-inspections = 0

Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers reported that Officer McKeown did ask him to update the Penn Delco Emergency Plan, which he is in the process of doing.

Mr. Powers reported one COVID death in the Borough to date.

Officer McKeown, Councilman Capobianco and Mr. Powers reported deplorable conditions in a property located in the Borough. The Code Enforcement Officer gave the property owner three days to repair the water leak, which has been completed.

Mr. Powers reported that the fire at 12 W. Chelton Road was ruled accidental. The fire on East Avon Road was also declared accidental.

Fire Marshal Powers stated that we are coming into cold weather and asked everyone to please be careful with space heaters. Also, any pets left outside in the cold will result in the owner being cited.

Councilman Capobianco thanked Officer McKeown and Health Officer Powers for their assistance in reconciling the deplorable condition. They worked together and had the issue cleared up quickly.

Finance Report: (Doug Bull)

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Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted; motion carried.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to pay the bills when properly approved; motion carried.

Vice President Bull thanked the Mayor and Council for keeping the budget on track.

Woodlot Project Report: (Doug Bull)

Vice President Bull indicated he supports Nathaniel Sweigart's Eagle Scout Project in the Woodlot.

Vice President Bull reported that he is looking for Grant money for the Woodlot project sign. He is planning a dedication of the Ford Fitness Trail in the Spring.

The company Vice President Bull works for will mulch up the Christmas trees residents put out for trash.

President Purcival mentioned she would like to see a sign for the Ford Fitness Trail erected by May 2021.

Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Progress

Recycling/MS4 Report (Nick Capobianco)

Councilman Capobianco reported a total of 131.34 tons of trash and 10.17 tons of recyclables were picked up during December 2020.

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

The Treasurer has received a total of \$ 928,523.52 to date. This is the total closing amount for the year 2020. There was \$ 23,183.09 in revenue deposits from December 23 to January 1, 2021.

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Engineer's Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania reported that the 2021 CDBG was submitted and we should hear back in April or May of this year.

The DCNR Grant for Wes Coale Memorial was denied.

Because of COVID the 2020 CDBG has been delayed. The authorization to bid that project should be expected by the end of next month.

The PENNDOT 999 completion report was submitted.

Ms. Catania indicated that when the Eagle Scout project is completed (by Nathaniel Sweigart) a sign should be placed in front of the trees identified. That would render the Woodlot purpose as educational.

Councilman Sidlow asked the Engineer how ideas for grants get put into place. Ms. Catania informed him the Borough has limited access for Grants.

Solicitor's Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills has been in contact with the fire insurance company for 12 West Chelton Road. A check in the amount of \$24,851 has been deposited into an Escrow account with the Borough, in accordance with the Borough Code/Ordinance.

Sharon Savings Bank requested additional legal documents to be completed for the 2021 TRAN; documents were executed by the Council President, Borough Secretary and Mr. Wills.

There were 21 delinquent trash liens for 2020 filed with the court.

To date there are no 2021 tax assessment appeals in Parkside Borough. Deadline for filing for an appeal is 1/31/21.

CALL TO CITIZENS: None

Unfinished Business: None

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New Business:

Councilman Sidlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Guy, to utilize PECO's Free Energy Audit of the lighting in the Borough building; motion carried. (Two nay votes: Long and Capobianco). President Purcival indicated this was done a couple of years ago and the bulbs were changed to energy saving bulbs.

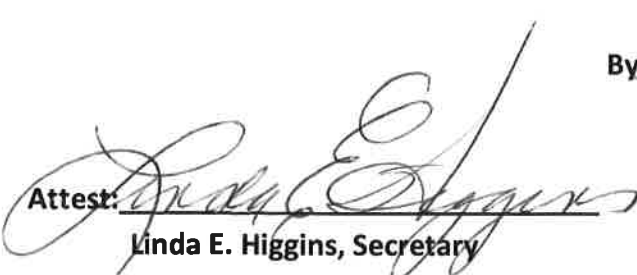
Councilman Long informed Council that one or two weeks ago someone from outside the Borough hung signs on every telephone pole in the Borough. Councilman Capobianco went around and removed every sign on his own time. He then called the number on the signs and explained that the Borough has an Ordinance against hanging signs in the Borough. Councilman Long thanked Councilman Capobianco.

Mayor Deitman asked Chief Murray to inform his officers if they see anyone hanging signs within the Borough to tell them it is not allowed.

Chief Murray reported that the residents collected \$1,026, by raffle, for the police department use. They have several ideas on how to spend it. Chief Murray thanked the residents.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Capobianco, seconded by Councilman Long, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Attest: 
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary

By: 
Shirley Purcival, President

1/27/21

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Good evening President Purcival and members of Parkside Borough Council,

My name is Nathaniel Sweigart and I came to Borough Council a while back seeking permission to do an Eagle Scout project for the benefit of the borough. Although my original project became unavailable, I would still like to do something for the town I live in. My current project proposal is to perform a tree identification and mapping activity along the walking trails in the wood lot. In addition to this I would also like to plant a couple of trees to help replace some of the trees that have been lost. With the guidance of my project mentor Mr. Douglas Bull, I am asking for permission from borough council to proceed with this project.

Thank you for your time,

Nathaniel Sweigart
23 East Elbon Road

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OK

February 2, 2021

**Nathaniel Sweigart
23 East Elbon Road
Parkside, PA 19015**

Dear Nathaniel:

Thank you for your letter regarding your intent to perform tree identification and mapping activity along the walking trails in the Woodlot.

The Borough thanks you for your interest in our Borough and wishes you well on the Eagle Scout Project.

Council unanimously agreed to allow you to commence this project at your convenience.

Regards,

**Shirley Purcival
Council President**

Memo

To: Mayor Thomas Deitman
From: Chief Thomas Murray
cc:
Date: January 5, 2021
Re: Year End Report 2020

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the Parkside Borough Police Department for the year 2020:

The year 2020 was a tumultuous one to say the least. In March we saw the Country shut down due to a pandemic, when the COVID-19 virus struck with a vengeance. The result was a major portion of the population nationwide as well as in our small borough being confined to home. Roads had very little traffic and most businesses closed. Schools also closed, providing instruction virtually. As a result police activity seemed to decrease as well.

Then came to outcry of police brutality as a result of the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department on May 25th. The ensuing weeks saw many protests / demonstrations throughout the country, some turning violent and resulting in much property damage. Here in Parkside seven protests / demonstrations took place between May 30th and early September. All of these protests were conducted peacefully and there was no property damage reported. This is a credit to the residents of Parkside who exercised their Constitutional rights as they were intended. Our police officers were on hand for each of these events however no police action was required.

In November, the Borough experienced a shootout on Edgmont Avenue in broad daylight at 3:45 on a Thursday afternoon. A minor accident resulted in a confrontation between the two drivers, both of whom had firearms in their possession. When one driver displayed his firearm the other pulled his and began shooting. Fortunately no one was killed and no innocent persons were struck, a miracle when you consider the traffic along Edgmont Avenue at that time of the day.

On the following page I have provided some statistics regarding the number of incidents in the Borough as well as the number of crimes etc.

STATISTICS 2020

Crimes reported

Assaults	12
Burglaries	3
Thefts	39
Motor Vehicle Thefts	3
Counterfeit Bills	1
Fraud	6
Flim Flam	1
Unauthorized Use MV	1
ID Theft	4
RSP	2
Criminal Mischief	7
Sex Crimes	1
Drugs	1
Offenses against Family	2
DUI	4
Public Drunkenness	1
Disorderly Conduct	5
Harassment	9
TOTAL	102 a decrease of 28% from 2019 (142)

Total Crimes Cleared 37 resulting in a 36% clearance rate

Total Police Incidents 1201 a decrease of 32% from 2019 (1758)

Traffic Citations issued 143