

December 16, 2020

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

Chief Murray and Emergency Management Officer Rob Powers were excused from attending the meeting.

At this time Solicitor Wills did read a notice regarding the change in venue from the Borough Council Chambers to ZOOM for the meetings. A copy of the notice is attached to the Minutes (1).

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt the 11/18/20 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania had another meeting she was required to attend, therefore, she gave her report in the beginning of this meeting.

Ms. Catania is currently working on the application for CDBG 2021. She has received necessary information from the Borough Secretary and the application is well on its way to completion.

She is currently working with an electrical designer regarding the 2020 CDBG for pedestrian lighting along the end of Edgmont Avenue near the City of Chester.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

The following funds were received in the Borough office during November 2020:

1) License & Inspections	\$	6,193.00
2) Comcast – Franchise Fee		5,762.71
3) Verizon – Franchise Fee		3,891.45
4) Liens		1,023.78
5) Refund – Sun Badge		300.50

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6) PD – parking tickets	120.00
7) PD – sold equipment	1,000.00

Tax Collection

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	7,713.25
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Regional Court

District Court	458.28
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Total income for November 2020 = \$ 26,462.97
(Total does not include EIT/LST Tax)

A letter from Nicole Boyers (a Borough resident) was read (copy attached (2)). Ms. Boyers asked Mrs. Guy to please speak to why she invited non-residents via Delco Resists to attend the meetings even though they are not allowed to address council. This prohibited many Borough residents from attending the meeting that may have had questions to ask Council.

Mrs. Guy was then given the opportunity to answer the resident's question. She did not answer the question directly; however, she did say that Council meetings are open to the public whether or not they are residents.

Mayors Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity for the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported = 4 leading categories: assaults – 2, counterfeit – 1, offenses against family – 1. Calls for service = 74 leading categories: domestics – 6, suspicious persons – 5, assist other agencies – 14, public service – 5. Accidents = 2. Motor Vehicle stops = 11. Traffic citations = 6. Ordinance violations = 1.

Mayor Deitman reported that during the holidays the police will be conducting random stop sign violation details.

On 12/15/20 Mayor Deitman did swear-in the newly elected Parkside Fire Company officials.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to extend Mayor Deitman's Health Declaration; motion carried. (Copy attached (3)).

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Parkside Fire Company Report: Progress

CALL TO CITIZENS: (Agenda related items only) None

President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival did report that on November 24th an Executive Session of Council was held to discuss personnel issues.

President Purcival did thank Treasurer Possenti and Solicitor Wills for their diligent work on obtaining the Borough's 2021 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

She also thanked Councilmen Sweigart and Long and Capobianco, along with the Parkside Fire Company for the wonderful Christmas parade through the Borough. Everyone enjoyed it.

President Purcival also thanked Rob Powers and the entire Parkside Fire Company for their time and hard work fighting the recent fire in the Borough.

Last but not least, President Council thanked Kim Roman for her diligence in collecting toys and gifts for those families in the Borough that needed assistance this year.

The next Council Meeting will be held January 27, 2021. President Purcival wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and a Joyous Kwanza.

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

Public Works/Property Report: (Nick Capobianco)

Councilman Capobianco reported all emergency vehicles were serviced for the month.

Code Enforcement – A resident was warned that it is a Borough Ordinance that they MUST clean up after their dog's waste.

Councilman Capobianco did thank Roadmaster Cornog and Rob Powers for the excellent job they are doing plowing the streets of the Borough and keeping Borough property cleared.

Councilman Capobianco did sanitize the Borough building twice using his own sanitizers and at no cost to the Borough.

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This year Vice President Bull and Roadmaster Cornog will be picking up discarded Christmas trees for recycling. Residents will be notified. All ornaments must be removed from the tree and no bags covering the tree. Leave the tree at the curb for pickup.

Mayor Deitman indicated he received several emails regarding the 200-300 block of Beechwood Road. The residents want to make sure the hill on Beechwood Road is plowed.

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, authorizing advertisement of Ordinance #564 – Banning Shock Collars on Animals in the Borough; motion carried.

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Ordinance No. 565 – Marijuana Penalty; motion carried.

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

The following permits were issued for the month:

Building	Residential	9
Plumbing	Residential	2
Mechanical	Residential	0
Electrical	Residential	4

Use & Occupancy Inspections= 5

Re-inspections = 7

Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers reported that the fire at 12 West Chelton Road was declared accidental.

Finance Report: (Doug Bull)

Vice President Bull did thank all of Council for holding the line for the budget.

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

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

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, adopting the 2021 Budget as submitted; motion carried. Councilman Sidlow did ask if the new budget calls for a tax increase. He was told yes it does but the increase is minimal.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Ordinance #566 – setting the trash fee for 2021 at \$245; motion carried.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to adopt Ordinance #567 – setting the tax rate for 2021 at 7.40 mills; motion carried.

Solicitor Wills stated that the Borough is ending their fiscal year with a modest surplus and congratulated Council on doing so.

Woodlot Project Report: (Doug Bull)

Vice President Bull will touch base with Decals by Erin (company that did the recycling banner) regarding signage for the Woodlot.

Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart thanked everyone that assisted with the recent Holiday parade.

Councilman Sweigart thanked Boy Scout Troop 2019 for their participation in the parade.

Councilman Sweigart is looking forward to Easter and future events.

Recycling/MS4 Report: (Nick Capobianco)

Councilman Capobianco reported a total of 89 tons of regular trash was picked up for the month and a total of 8.45 tons of recycling was picked up by our trash haulers for the month.

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

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Solicitor's Report: (Jay Wills)

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Resolution No. 1830 – Authorizing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) for 2021 in the amount of \$100,000.00; motion carried.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, authorizing the necessary Borough officers to sign the loan agreement; motion carried.

CALL TO CITIZENS: None

Unfinished Business:

Vice President Bull thanked the Parkside Fire Department for their participation in two Christmas parades in the Borough for the children.

New Business:

Councilwoman Guy noted that she received several emails regarding Councilman Long's outburst at a previous meeting. Councilwoman Guy read a prepared statement noting her displeasure with the way she was ambushed at a council meeting. A copy of the statement is attached to these Minutes (4).

President Purcival indicated she is offended by the accusation by Councilwoman Guy that she would state lies as facts. She indicated she has been in Parkside Government for 20 years and her integrity has never been called into question. She indicated she does have proof of the things she accused Councilwoman Guy of and is willing to give her the dates and social media accounts they were posted on.

Councilman Long did apologize to Council and the residents of the Borough for his behavior at the last council meeting. When Councilwoman Guy stated that our Solicitor, Jay Wills, was incompetent Councilman Long took offense and lashed out. A copy of Councilman Long's apology is attached to these Minutes (5).

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There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Capobianco and seconded by Vice President Bull, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

BY: _____
Shirley Purcival, President

ATTEST: _____
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary

SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT
AT BEGINNING OF COUNCIL MEETING

During the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, the Parkside Borough Council and Borough Officials are striving to take appropriate steps to provide for the public safety of its residents while ensuring continued public services and protocols.

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis and the existing Declaration of Emergency issued by the Federal, State and local authorities, tonight's regularly scheduled Parkside Borough Council meeting will be conducted remotely utilizing electronic videoconferencing and audio technology. The Mayor, members of Borough Council and other essential Borough staff will be remotely present and will be participating in the meeting.

The agenda for tonight's meeting has been previously posted on the Parkside Borough website (www.parksideborough.com) for the public's review. The website provided instructions to any member of the public wishing to participate.

Any member of the public wishing to participate has been asked to submit their questions or comments to Council using the Borough Secretary's email address. All submitted questions or comments will be read aloud at tonight's meeting and recorded into the official minutes of the meeting.

Tonight's Council meeting is being recorded and will be made available on the Borough's website for public viewing as soon as possible. While Borough Officials regret this inconvenience, they believe that this good faith effort has been provided to ensure the public's participation in the meeting during this difficult time in our community.

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Question for meeting

Nicole Boyers <nicoleboyers1@gmail.com>

Wed 12/16/2020 11:57 AM

To:office@parksideborough.com <office@parksideborough.com>;

Nicole Boyers
108 E Chelton Rd

Anna Guy brought up new business to conduct larger meetings by Zoom because residents could not get into the limited seating meetings in person. At the last meeting there were at least 3 non-residents from the Delco Resists group taking up spots in the meeting, the same meeting Ms Guy complained and threatened to sue the Borough again. Ms Guy is creating the problem she is complaining about.

Would Ms Guy please speak to why she invited non-residents via Delco Resists to attend the meetings even though they are not allowed to address council. I look forward to hearing your response.

Nicole Boyers

Office of The Mayor

Borough of Parkside, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

DECLARATION OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY- COVID-19

By the authority granted to me by the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as Mayor of the Borough of Parkside, Delaware County, Pennsylvania A STATE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY- COVID-19 has been declared within the boundaries of the Borough of Parkside, effective at 0001 hours on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

1. COMPLIANCE: This Declaration of Emergency shall be in compliance with all other such declarations as set forth by the Federal, Commonwealth and County governments regarding laws, orders or mandates concerning the remediation of the spread of COVID-19.

2. PUBLIC MEETINGS: At its discretion, and for the public good, the Borough Council of the Borough of Parkside, Delaware County, Pennsylvania may invoke Subchapter E Section 5743 § 5741(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f), otherwise known as “LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Response to COVID-19 Disaster Emergency”

3. DURATION OF THIS DECLARATION: This declaration shall remain in effect:

1. Coincidental to any other declarations set forth by Federal, Commonwealth and County governments and regarding laws, orders or mandates concerning the remediation of the spread of COVID-19

of 2. At its discretion and for the public good, the Borough Council of the Borough Parkside, Delaware County Pennsylvania, may extend this declaration by Councilmanic resolution,

4. CITIZEN CONCERNS: Any concerns regarding COVID-19, or the enforcement of this declaration, should be brought to the attention of the Borough of Parkside Health Inspector, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the County of Delaware

So issued this 25th day of November 2020

Thomas G. Deitman, Mayor

read @
12/16/20 meeting by Councilwoman Guy

(4)

President Purcival, several residents emailed with their concern regarding Councilman Long's outburst toward me during our last council meeting. You responded to both of them that the issue was immediately addressed after the council meeting with the specific council person.

In September, you ambushed me with accusations about my social media posts. You claimed at the time that you had just learned of the posts and did not have time to discuss them with me privately before bringing it up at the meeting. I'm curious to understand why you were not able to discuss it with me before making the accusations publicly in the meeting. The posts were months old by the September meeting and I don't understand why it could not wait until the next meeting, which would have given you plenty of time to discuss it with me first. Your calls for unity don't ring true when you give Councilman Long the courtesy of addressing his inappropriate comments during the last meeting privately, but you attack me in the council meeting for old social media posts without discussing it with me privately.

Regarding the statements you attributed to me: Voters who voted for Trump are stupid and I lost all respect for anyone who voted for Trump, while you had multiple screenshots to give to the newspaper, you provided no screenshots for those statements you claim I made. Shortly after that meeting I sent you an email asking for the proof to back up those accusations and you never replied. I asked you again via email on December 12 and you responded:

Mrs. Guy, responding to this email would serve no legitimate purpose. I suggest that you review all of your social media accounts and profiles for the answers to your questions.
Thank you, Shirley

You claimed in the council meeting that I had made these statements and you were quoted word for word in the Delco Times. I find it irresponsible for you to attribute statements to me that you can not prove. False statements are also known as lies and, legally, libel and slander.

Additionally, I have seen social media comments where you refer to me having manic episodes. Since mania is typically associated with bi-polar disorder, are you suggesting that I suffer from that and what evidence do you have?

You have called for unity out of one side of your mouth while criticizing me online out of the other side.

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Re: Letter of apology

Borough of Parkside

Thu 12/17/2020 6:25 PM

Sent Items

To:ericindelcopa <ericindelcopa@aol.com>;

Well done, thank you.

Sent from myMail for iOS

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 4:48 PM -0500 from ericindelcopa <ericindelcopa@aol.com>:

I would like to apologize to council and the residents of Parkside regarding my behavior at the last meeting in Nov. When Anna tried to insinuate and threaten that our solicitor, Jay Willis, is incompetent and wasn't doing his job in guiding this council in the right direction in regards to the Sunshine Act as well as the guidelines put out pertaining to covid. Mr. Willis has not only been our solicitor for years as well as the Fire Company, he is Brookhaven's solicitor as well as solicitor for other Boroughs. He has been in municipal law for 21yrs, he's taught municipal law for years at Newman University, and holds a real estate license. He has many years of experience and credibility. So when Anna mentioned litigation against council and or the Borough, as well as questioning Mr Willis credibility which she's done a few times now in the past, that is when I absolutely had it. From day one she has refused to work as a team and has constantly threatens litigation, mostly over social media and now with wrong info pertaining to the sunshine Act and the new guidelines set in place by the Governor of Pa. I used a poor choice of a commonly used expression that is not appropriate for a meeting. Meaning why is it that Anna Guy always seem to have an issue and then makes it confrontational with possible litigation. for once it would be nice to hear her have a conversation verse reading pages worth of laws and lawsuits she prints out. I only followed with the next comment unfortunately after Anna started asking me and took it to the level of what she wanted it to be "sexual". I would never have gone that route that would be disrespectful without her nudging. I would never use that expression towards Anna, I was raised with both morals and standards. I was in no way regarding myself to her with what I said with using that expression in the heat of the moment. I believe many realize this. When one is pushed to their breaking point words can be used as weapons. We all have been there one time or another. Once again I apologize to council and our residents.

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Sent from my iPhone