

February 24, 2021

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 Vice President Bull, to adopt the 1/27/21 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

The following funds were received in the Borough Office during January, 2021:

1) License & Inspections	\$	25,934.50
2) Court Financial Services		17.50
3) State Police Fines		428.89
4) 2020 Trash Liens		814.44
5) PD – Parking tickets/reports		45.00
6) Fire Escrow – 12 W. Chelton Road		24,851.61
7) Insurance Premium refund		148.00

Tax Collection

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	23,183.09
Tax Claim Bureau	1,389.85

Regional Court

District Court	329.65
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Total income for January 2021 = \$ 77,142.53

The Secretary read a letter from Brookhaven Borough Secretary, John Wilwert, indicating their

Council has approved Parkside’s request to initiate a Road Salt Program for the 2020-2021 season. Brookhaven Borough will bill Parkside Borough for salt used.

A letter from Chester, Ridley, Crum Creek Watershed Association requesting a donation towards their March 20, 2021 23rd Annual CRC Streams Cleanup was read.

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Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, authorizing the donation of \$100 to the CRC Watershed cleanup scheduled for 3/20/21; motion carried.

Vice President Bull mentioned that the Boy Scouts will also participate in cleaning up the streams.

Mayor's Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported in January 2021 = 7. Leading categories: theft – 1, MV unauthorized use – 1, fraud – 2, disorderly conduct – 2. Calls for Service = 169. Leading categories: domestics – 8, suspicious persons – 6, assist other agencies – 20, public service – 5. Accidents = 1; Motor Vehicle stops = 13; Traffic citations = 5.

The Mayor and Chief Murray explained their intent to have the Parkside Police Department become the first Borough department to become an Accredited Police Agency in Delaware County for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to adopt Resolution 1831 approving the Parkside Police Department to work towards becoming an Accredited Agency; motion carried.

Mayor Deitman informed Council that he has received a request from Sun Valley High School for the Borough to once again choose a Parkside resident graduating senior from Sun Valley to receive a small scholarship from our Borough. The Borough donates \$250 and Mr. Possenti donates \$250 for a total scholarship of \$500.

CALL TO CITIZENS: (Agenda Related Items Only) None

President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival did thank Rob Powers, Ryan Cornog and Nick Capobianco for their diligence in removing snow.

It was reported that the Borough received a plaque for being members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

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

Public Works/Property Report: (Nick Capobianco)

Councilman Capobianco reported that all Borough vehicles have undergone general maintenance for the month.

Councilman Capobianco thanked Mr. Powers and Mr. Cornog for a great job with snow removal this month.

Borough Hall has been sanitized again, along with the police vehicles and police office, by Councilman Capobianco. Councilman Capobianco does this on his own time and at his own expense, saving the Borough \$1,000 each time the sanitization is completed.

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart) **Progress**

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

The following permits were issued for the month:

Building	Residential	8
Plumbing	Residential	4
Mechanical	Residential	0
Electrical	Residential	0

Use & Occupancy Inspections = 0

Reinspection = 1

Emergency Management Report: (Rob Powers) **Progress**

Mr. Powers did thank everyone for their kind words regarding recent snow removal.

Fire Marshal/Health Inspector Report: (Rob Powers) **Progress**

Finance Report: (Doug Bull)

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to accept the Treasurer's 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.

Woodlot Project Report: (Doug Bull)

Vice President Bull indicated that signs at the Woodlot need to be replaced. President Purcival stated she would like to see a new sign announcing the Ford Fitness Trail by May 2021.

There is a trail in the Woodlot that is closed due to Christmas trees being chipped.

Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart) Progress

Recycling/MS4 Report: (Nick Capobianco)

**Total trash picked up in Parkside for the month = 131.34 tons
Total recycle picked up in Parkside for the month = 10.17 tons**

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

**The Treasurer has received a total of \$ 35,575.47 to date.
There was \$ 35,575.47 in revenue deposits from February 1, 2021 to February 23, 2021.**

Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania did remind Council that the County Aid Resolution should be put on the March Agenda.

Council needs to decide if a Road Program will be completed in 2021. If no Road Program is anticipated a letter needs to be sent to the County requesting the County Aid money deferred to 2022.

President Purcival did suggest Parkside does a Road Program for 2021. Council and the Engineer will come up with a preliminary list of streets to be resurfaced.

Councilman Sidlow suggested the Borough hold off on the Road Program and use the money for changing street lights over to LED.

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Ms. Catania reported that 2 years ago she went through the Borough and made a list of streets that needed to be done. Councilman Capobianco indicated he has several streets in mind that did not get done last year that he would like included this year.

Councilman Sweigart reminded Council that PECO will be cutting some streets up to change gas lines.

Solicitor's Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills presented an Amendment to Service Agreement that DELCORA has requested. This agreement was to be signed indicating the same Agreement would exist once AQUA purchased the Authority from DELCORA. DELCORA Representative Mike DiSantis was present to explain this to Council. It is thought that once AQUA takes over the rates will be increased. President Purcival and several other Council Members stated they are against the sale of DELCORA and Chester Water to AQUA. Due to on-going litigation, this amendment can wait action from Council until the April Council Meeting.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to table a vote on the Amendment until the April 2021 council meeting: motion carried.

Mr. Wills reported the Borough received a Right-To-Know request which was answered and then appealed and the appeal was denied by the State RTK Board. The RTK consisted of a resident wanting copies of By-Laws that govern the Borough Council. That information does not exist.

Councilwoman Guy asked if we have by-laws that govern Council. Mr. Wills informed her we have never enacted by-laws.

Councilwoman Guy expressed her concern that there are no open Council meetings. It was explained again, by Mr. Wills, that we are in 100% accordance with the Sunshine Law.

There have been no tax assessment appeals in Parkside Borough. The period to make an appeal to court ended 1/31/21.

CALL TO CITIZENS: None

Unfinished Business:

Councilman Sidlow stated statistics regarding a lighting audit of the Borough building, done by PECO. Vice President Bull, Councilman Capobianco and Councilman Sidlow were present for the audit with PECO.

The cost would be \$5600 to replace all lights in the Borough building with LED. It would cost \$2,673 to just change the most frequently used lights to LED.

President Purcival stated that the Borough has a surplus of extra bulbs in stock to replace the existing bulbs when they burn out. The bulbs were purchased with tax payer dollars and it would not be prudent to just throw them away. Councilman Long indicated that any surplus of money we may have on hand needs to be held on to in case of unseen emergencies.

Councilman Sidlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Guy, to purchase from PECO's supplier at a cost of \$1,829, paid in increments of \$152/month, to replace most frequently used lights in the Borough building; motion denied (this is an unbudgeted item) Sidlow – yes, Guy – yes, Sweigart – no, Long – no, Capobianco – no, Bull – no, Purcival – no

New Business:

Councilwoman Guy would like to formally express her concern that Council is not holding open meetings for the residents to participate. All questions and comments should be read at a Council Meeting. She feels Council is silencing the Borough residents.

Councilwoman Guy made a motion to allow residents to participate in meetings; Mr. Wills explained that Governor Wolf passed special legislation affecting how local meetings can be conducted. We are currently following those guidelines. Mr. Wills indicated that appropriate written comments should be read into the record.

At this point, Councilman Long did read aloud Dillon Reeves letter and then he responded to the letter.


(Copy of both letters attached 1 & 2)


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President Purcival addressed Councilwoman Guy, as the owner and administrator of her Facebook page, if she would post an announcement for the Republican Party on her page Councilwoman Guy said she would.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Capobianco, 2nd by Vice President Bull, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Attest: 
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary

BY: 
Shirley Purcival, President



Re: Fwd: 2nd Concerned Citizen Letter to Council

elong@parksideborough.com

Wed 2/24/2021 11:59 AM

To: office@parksideborough.com <office@parksideborough.com>; dillon.lsw@gmail.com <dillon.lsw@gmail.com>;

Cc: Shirley <spurcival@parksideborough.com>; Doug <dbull@parksideborough.com>; Nick <ncapobianco@parksideborough.com>; Perry <psweigart@parksideborough.com>; Scott <ssidlow@parksideborough.com>; Anna <aguy@parksideborough.com>;

Good Morning,

I asked President Purcival if she would mind if I respond to your email since you mentioned my name. President Purcival agreed.

I want to thank you as a concerned resident of Parkside bringing up such matters in which Parkside should consider from your email. It's residents like you that make Parkside great. I want to apologize for not responding back to earlier. I had all intentions but got side tracked.

When you sent the first email of concern I had already apologized to President Purcival right after the November meeting and said I would make an official apology at the December meeting.

At December's meeting I apologized to the residents of Parkside for my outburst.

For the most part people are content when an apology is given and the person holds themselves accountable for their actions. And some don't. That is their prerogative.

Your email made me think not only what I said but the behavior of other Council members as well ie: newly elected members, Anna Guy and Scott Sidlow. What you are asking I consider it to be Political racism. You are asking for policy's and committees formed from one comment than I made, but not when both Anna Guy and Scott Sidlow actions in the past-nothing. Why now? Is it to try and discredit me from running again? Use against any of the republican candidates? Using this email and response you receive to twist my words around? You and a few select others are so intent in gaslighting what I said but not gaslighting the actions and behavior of both Anna and Scott. It goes both ways. Thus, not being bipartisan as you requested.

In the 5 years as a Council member I made one comment in which I regret saying and you and a few others have gaslighted this into something bigger than it should be.

Fortunately I have the integrity and maturity to publicly apologize for my comment. More than Anna Guy or Scott Sidlow has done. Apologies go a long way. Anna stares into space when a resident addressed her Twitter posts. refusing to answer any questions directed towards to her from residents.

This is nothing more than a witch hunt.

When elected to sit on Council we all become BiPartisan. For some reason the newly elected officials have chosen else-wise.

You requested that Council establish minimum standards of conduct. Parkside Council like all other small Boroughs and organizations use "Roberts Rule" and the "Sunshine Act" as a guide in conducting meetings.

For the record. The public and elected officials are more likely to participate in meaningful discussion if they are familiar with the governing body's agenda process and with its rules of procedure.

As for the formal complaint process with Borough employees. I believe you are speaking for another resident who has a personal issue with our employees. She has made this quite clear with her comments on social media. Any concerns with any Borough employee should be brought to the attention of the President of Council with FACTUAL documentation. On a side note how come all of a sudden Borough Employees are targeted. All of our employees have been working for the Borough for years. Not one complaint until the past 2 years. Perhaps we need to look at the common denominators who have an issue with one or more employees.

If a resident has any issues with an employee express your concerns with the President of Council via Email, letter, or a phone call along with factual proof.

Just how fair do you think an investigation in this town can be conducted? Who does the investigation? President of Council? The Mayor? The solicitor? (remember the solicitor is incompetent according to Anna Guy), Chief of Police? or do you suggest creating a position which would have to be a paid position where taxes would have to be raised. Why should the residents be penalized by raised taxes to only appease a few disgruntled or jealous residents.

Once again, a Political Witch Hunt.

If an Ethics committee is created would this committee pertain to "all" Council Members and employees, or just a few select that a few residents feel the need to gaslight and reprimand.

Ethically and morally I did the right thing. I apologized for my outburst. More than I can say than both Anna Guy or Scott Sidlow. They have shown their true colors for their lack of integrity as an elected official for Parkside. Once again we follow Robert's Rule for Ethics. And yes we all know how I detoured from Roberts Rule.

Where do you think funding will come from to pay for these committees. Bake sale? Basket of cheer? Designer Handbag Bingo? We are a small town working on a Resident based tax system. As you know, we do not have many businesses to help Parkside sustain.

Up to now with a small such group of residents that created the division for their own agendas Parkside never needed such committee. Ie Ethics Committee

There are a number of questions I have in evaluating whether an ethics commission will be useful for our Small community. Such as

1. What is your overall goal?
2. What do you want an ethics commission to do?
3. How would commission members be selected?
4. What powers would the commission have?
5. What resources are available to support the commission?

6. What decision-making process should you use to determine whether a commission is right for the community?

Each of these questions pertaining to establishing an ethics committee for Parkside needs to be answered and addressed. And once again where in Parkside will you find a resident who has an objective opinion. Will the Committee be made up of all Democrats, Independents or Republicans?

Will there be a Director of such committee? The Mayor? The President of Council? The Police Chief?

How many will represent the Ethics Committee.

In restoring civility within the borough it goes both ways-inside and outside the office.

I believe civility has been restored to the best it can be at this time. As for resident engagement, Council can only encourage resident participation. The first step was to raise the bar with recreation events. I took Parkside's events from half dead ducks in a bucket with a free pretzel and water ice to riding the bull and food trucks. My first event "Easter" went from 18 in attendance to 100. We ran out of eggs, first time in Parkside. Community day from 100 in attendance to close to 800 in my first year. This is when the residents became active within the community. I took the events directed at only children to something families could enjoy — both children and adults. All residents of all ages came out and enjoyed themselves. These events could never have happened without the awesome committee members for recreation.

You mention refraining from personal attacks in verbal/written communications. Personal and professional attacks come from both sides. Unfortunately all this animosity came from a resident that started Parkside's first Facebook page and posted wrong information about Council and the verbal attacks began. All because one man did not hear the entire story on recycling.

As for professional attacks, One resident said on social media Code Enforcer Capobianco is corrupt. The woman was asked to present factual proof. She failed to do so. Another resident, accused our building inspector of being rude and not knowing what he is doing, once again it was asked to present factual information to council. She was a no show. The damage was done. Once posted on Social Media it is a done deal. These two women lost all credibility.

You asked about training? As for training What sort of training do you suggest for this? And who pays for this training? The three newly elected officials attended Borough Council Camp last year. Apparently a few of them dozed off when civility and being bi-partisan was discussed. One does not need "training" to be on council. One needs to ask questions and learn from those that have held past positions. You will get more information from an experienced council member than at a training camp.

As for refraining from personal attacks in verbal/ written communication I believe you are speaking on behalf of the same resident that has a personal vendetta against an employee. To the point said resident took it to the County level, and County level dismissed it.

I would have made a public apology on Social Media as well, unfortunately that could not be done since Anna Guy made it her agenda to remove any and all Social Media pertaining to Parkside unless she had control and if said control was not given to her "Parkside is setting themselves up for liability." Thus, ensuring that only Anna Guys page on Social Media was the only page representing Parkside. Only to be used as a tool for a select group of residents to slander or bully other residents or Council Members. And to have the audacity to use the statement "Freedom of Speech". Parkside's Social Media page was shut down. Leaving only Anna's as a tool for one sided opinions.

Anna repeatedly made suggestive comments pertaining to bringing litigation against her Town and Council. This woman has no shame. How sad and not a good look for a Councilman threatening litigation to her own town over "Social Media".

One would think after viewing November's meeting one would be able to see just how provoking Anna Guy can be.

Why have you or others not asked Anna Guy to apologize to Jay Wills-Parkside's Solicitor when she slandered him as "incompetent" in a public setting at November's meeting?

Why haven't you or others demanded that Anna Guy apologize to the residents of Parkside when she referred to her neighbors as "GUN LOVING RACISTS NEIGHBORS" on social media. That comment is far more offensive than what I said. What about her comments about those that follow the Catholic faith.

Why are you and others not incensed that an elected official is a member of Antifa. Should she be brought up to an Ethics committee for this? Why is it that Anna Guy does not have to answer to residents when she is asked a question? She sits there blindly staring into space as well as denies saying or posting when confronted about such comments of which, screenshots of her actual tweets, have been posted on FB.

Why is it ok that Anna Guy refuses to do her part for Council? Yet continues to collect her paycheck for being sidelines-bringing nothing to the table, yet—people are ok with this. Let's not leave Scott Sidlow out. He too is collecting a paycheck to take space on Council. How can a Councilman slander his own Town's Police Department Cowards.

One of her platforms for Council was to have Council meetings televised. She was given this job in January 2020, her first month on Council. Each month after she was asked for a general report on having the meetings televised. Each month she had an excuse. In June when asked, she replied that she was not going to follow up and spend anymore time on this issue. She said "people no longer use cable, people stream". I asked if I could look into the matter and within one week I had Comcast scheduled for an assessment of borough TV channel and the following with help from resident Todd Bennett and Councilman Nick Capobianco we had microphones and camera installed throughout Council Chambers and a UTube station put in place for televising the meeting. Why is it ok that Anna Guy can refuse and not be held accountable. Instead we have residents that are clutching her make believe pearls, along with crocodile tears and stomping her feet like a petulant child defending Anna Guy.

Would this be considered an ethics issue?

I know this is a lot of information and lengthy response but I feel that this is a one sided statement from one fracture statement I made in November. Are you not concerned with all that Anna has said and not said along with Scott this past year This I feel is political racism and definitely not bipartisan. You cannot ask for measures to be put in place for one infraction that I did and not have them put in place months before when with the actions of both Anna and Scott have said or done.

Not to leave Scott Sidlow out of the mix. He refused the position given to him of "Recreation" he feels he is better suited somewhere else then planning parties. We all started on Council in a position that we may not have wanted. Sidlow deposited borough funds into a personal account which is illegal. When asked to return the funds he stalled. Who does this?

There is one topic you forgot to mention and to one resident it is a sore topic—"Bylaws". Any town or Borough of a certain number of residents Bylaws are not necessary. We, as other Boroughs and

Towns use the above laws mentioned. Parkside, from the beginning of the Boroughs incorporation, has used said laws in governing.

In conclusion what you are suggesting it is a matter of" all Council and Borough employees or nothing." Once again Bipartisan is preached but not practiced.

These issues should be placed on hold until after the elections and which both sides can be held accountable for their actions, or lack of participation.

Once again I thank you for your email and suggestions, it's residents like yourself that make Parkside great.

As with all correspondence my response to you will be shared with all of Council and supporting staff.

Sincerely,

Councilman Long

"Watching our town being destroyed by our own people is the saddest thing I've ever seen."

Eric Long

On 2021-02-22 13:51, Linda Higgins wrote:

FYI. If anyone has information to respond to this person, please feel free to do so.

Linda Higgins
Borough of Parkside

----- Original Message -----

Subject:2nd Concerned Citizen Letter to Council
Date:2021-02-19 13:52
From:dillon reeves <dillon.lsw@gmail.com>
To:office@parksideborough.com

February 19, 2021

Dear President Purvical and Members of Parkside Borough Council,

I submitted a letter to Parkside Borough Council on November 24, 2020 in regards to public comments made by Council Member Eric Long at the November 2020 Borough Council Meeting. In the public apology issued by Council Member Eric Long at the December 16, 2020 Borough

Council Meeting, Mr. Long expressed remorse for the offense his remarks may have caused, but not without describing Ms. Guy's perceived provocation. It was, however, a reasonable, if partial, resolution to the public affair.

In the 90 days since I submitted my original letter to council, no response has been made for the requests outlined below. Therefore, I am re-submitting the following items to be considered. If these items will not be considered or regarded by a member of council, I request that these items are presented as public comment. However, if there is a legitimate basis for not presenting portion(s) of this letter as it pertains to council affairs, please advise.

The items include:

- The formal establishment of minimum standards of conduct which clearly define and prohibit any and all forms of discrimination and harassment which meet or exceed relevant existing state and federal criteria;
- The adoption of a formal complaints process with reporting options and procedures for the fair investigation and resolution of complaints filed against borough employees;
- The formal consideration of an independent ethics commission or appointee to oversee the establishment of an official code of conduct policy;
- That council will take it upon itself to take immediate actions to restore civility in borough business, such as settling private disputes outside of public meetings, demonstrating bi-partisan cooperation, encouraging resident engagement and participation, voluntarily seek out appropriate training opportunities, and/or refraining from personal attacks in verbal/written communications.

I appreciate your consideration of the above items and all efforts undertaken to ensure the efficient, fair, and ethical administration of our borough and its diverse community.

Sincerely,

Dillon Reeves
215 West Chelton Rd
Parkside, PA

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Letter to a editor

elong@parksideborough.com

Mon 3/8/2021 10:41 PM

To: dillon reeves <dillon.lsw@gmail.com>; aguy@parksideborough.com <aguy@parksideborough.com>; Douglas Bull <dbull@cheltonroad.org>; Linda Higgins <office@parksideborough.com>; ncapobianco@parksideborough.com <ncapobianco@parksideborough.com>; Perry Sweigart <psweigart@parksideborough.com>; Shirley Purcival <spurcival@parksideborough.com>; ssidlow@parksideborough.com <ssidlow@parksideborough.com>; tdeitman@parksideborough.com <tdeitman@parksideborough.com>;

Good evening Mr Reeves

First of all I want to thank you for emailing about November's Council Meeting. I had started to email back to in November but got sidetracked with preparing for then Christmas Parade for then residents and then I came down sick. It was not until you resent the email in February I remember.

I respect you for your email and concern. I would like to sit down and meet with you and discuss the issues you wrote in your email to me concerning November's Council Meeting.

I had hope my response was sufficient enough, but, unfortunately it was not, and you felt the need to further your cause by sending a letter to the editor. As I stated in my response to you most just want an apology and acknowledgment of their concern.

We can meet at the Borough Hall at your earliest convenience. I find the Borough will be a neutral place to meet. Just so you know, I respect you for your email and concern.

If you feel more comfort having your wife Becca with you that is perfectly fine with me. It will be a pleasure to meeting you both in person vs. Social media (Facebook). I like to meet as many residents in Parkside as I can.

Once again, I look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you

Councilman Long

ps. I have copied all of Council per protocol as well as the Borough Secretary so this can be officially filed.

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Eric Long