

March 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:

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

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to adopt the 2/24/21 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

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

|                                 |    |          |
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| 1) License & Inspections        | \$ | 8,738.50 |
| 2) County Aid – 2020            |    | 2,430.00 |
| 3) Recorder of Deeds            |    | 4,885.22 |
| 4) 2020 Trash Liens             |    | 1,211.44 |
| 5) PD – Parking tickets/reports |    | 45.00    |
| 6) Comcast – Franchise Fee      |    | 5,317.21 |
| 7) Verizon – Franchise Fee      |    | 3,745.16 |

Tax Collection

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Tax Collector – Ed Fisher | 35,575.47 |
| Tax Claim Bureau          | 1.150.23  |

Regional Court

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| District Court | 55.97 |
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**Total income for February 2021 = \$ 63,154.20**

The Secretary read a report from Thomas G. Deitman, Treasurer/Financial Director for the Parkside Fire Company indicating the Fire Company's intentions for use of the 2021 First Quarter Stipend from the Borough. (A copy of the letter is attached #1)

The Secretary read a letter from Delaware County regarding FY21 Housing and Community Development Program Applicants List of Awards. Parkside Borough application was denied.

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**Mayor's Report: (Tom Deitman)**

Mayor Deitman did relinquish the Chair to President Purcival but will make his report later in the meeting.

**President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)**

President Purcival did read a prepared statement regarding Councilman Sidlow and requested a motion for him to resign from office. (Copy of statement attached #2)

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull requesting Councilman Sidlow to resign from Council; motion carried. Roll call vote: Guy – no, Sweigart – no, Sidlow – abstain, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Bull – yes, Purcival – yes

Councilman Sidlow refused to resign.

**Mayor's Report: (Tom Deitman)**

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported in February = 3. Leading categories: theft – 2, disorderly conduct – 1. Calls for service = 104. Leading categories: protection orders – 5, medical emergencies – 5, assist other agencies – 18, public service calls – 6. Accidents = 2. Motor Vehicle Stops = 30. Traffic citations = 16.

Mayor Deitman reported he received a packet from Sun Valley High School that contained the names of Parkside residents that will be graduating this year. The Borough offers a small scholarship (\$250 from the Borough and \$250 from Possenti Consulting = \$500) to a graduating resident of Parkside. He will review the submissions and will announce the winner around the June Council Meeting. Mayor Deitman will award the scholarship at an awards ceremony held by the School District.

Mayor Deitman asked Chief Murray to speak about the status of getting the department Accredited. Chief Murray indicated he sent a letter to the Delaware County Chiefs of Police Association regarding the Borough's interest in having our police department Accredited. We have all the necessary information to get started. Officer McKeown and Chief Murray are working on it.

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

Councilman Capobianco reported that all Borough vehicles underwent preventative maintenance for the month.

Councilman Capobianco is working on getting the Parkside Terrace parking lot handicap sign issue under control.

**Public Works/Property Report: (Nick Capobianco)**

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to adopt Resolution No. 1832 – Request for County Aid; motion carried.

Councilman Capobianco discussed the 2021 Road Program with Engineer Catania. Engineer Catania reported that the bids specs/applications have already gone out.

Mayor Deitman asked the status of the pending PECO project. Councilman Capobianco informed him it is still pending.

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

**License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)**

The following permits were issued for the month:

|                   |                    |          |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| <b>Building</b>   | <b>Residential</b> | <b>6</b> |
| <b>Plumbing</b>   | <b>Residential</b> | <b>5</b> |
| <b>Mechanical</b> | <b>Residential</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Electrical</b> | <b>Residential</b> | <b>2</b> |

**Use & Occupancy Inspections = 2**

**Reinspections = 3**

**Street opening permits: 1**

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

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**Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers)**

Mr. Powers reported he had four investigations during the month. There was a kitchen fire at 116 West Forestview Road where the resident's stove/oven was destroyed. The Fire Department and several residents put together to purchase a stove for the resident. Mr. Powers thanked everyone involved in helping these residents.

**Health inspector Report: (Rob Powers)**

Health Inspection registrations were recently sent out. The inspections will be completed within 30 days.

**Finance Report: (Doug Bull)**

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.

**Woodlot Project Report: (Doug Bull)**

Vice President Bull is looking into the requirements for signage at the Woodlot. He asked Engineer Catania to forward the requirements to him so he can obtain the proper signage.

Vice President Bull is looking into obtaining Grant money to abate poison ivy and other invasive plants in the Woodlot.

**Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)**

Councilman Sweigart reported that Saturday (March 27th) beginning at noon the Easter Bunny will be making his way through the Borough in a parade. Candy will be passed out to the local children.

**Recycling/MS4 Report: (Nick Capobianco)**

Total trash picked up in Parkside for the Month of February = 73.91 tons

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**Total recycle picked up in Parkside for the Month of February = 3.73 tons**

**Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)**

**The Treasurer received a total of \$ 222,703.39 to date.**

**There was \$ 96,517.93 in revenue deposits from March 14th to March 21, 2021.**

**Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)      **Progress****

**Solicitor's Report: (Jay Wills)**

**Solicitor Wills did clarify that neither Delaware County nor the Parkside Borough decriminalized marijuana. The Borough permits the law enforcement officer to only cite an offender, with a small amount in their possession, for a public health offense.**

**Due to COVID 19 the American Rescue Plan has been put into place for \$130 billion. Pennsylvania will receive a total of \$13.7 billion to be distributed to Counties and Municipalities for governmental services. Two direct payments will be made within the next 60 days and again in one year from now.**

**CALL TO CITIZENS:      None**

**Unfinished Business:      None**

**New Business:**

**Councilman Long announced the Hometown Heroes Program for Parkside Borough residents that have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. This will entail flags with pictures of the individual and general information to be displayed along Edgmont Avenue. The cost of the flag will be \$175 each and will be paid by the family of the Hero. The flags will measure 30" wide and 60" long. This effort is being chaired by Councilman Long with Mr. Bennett, Councilman Capobianco, President Purcival, Mayor Deitman and Maribeth McGettigan serving on the Committee.**

**Councilwoman Guy did thank Councilman Long for taking on this project.**

**Councilwoman Guy discussed two issues. One issue was regarding emails from March 2020 (Copy attached to these Minutes #3).**

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The second issue was her opinion on the issues recently brought out about Councilman Sidlow's lifestyle (Copy attached to Minutes #4).

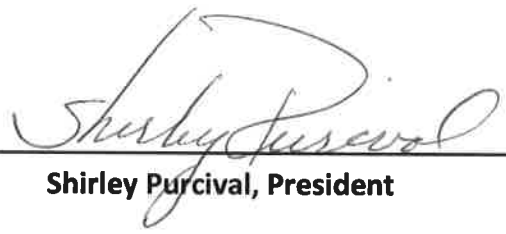
There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Capobianco, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

Attest:

  
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary

By:

  
Shirley Purcival, President

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# PARKSIDE FIRE COMPANY 1ST QUARTER STIPEND FOR 2021

Thomas Deitman

Sat 3/20/2021 1:12 PM

To: Shirley Purcival <jewels19015@verizon.net>; Borough of Parkside <boroughofparkside@hotmail.com>;

Cc: Jay Wills <johnwills402@aol.com>;

20 March 2021

The Honorable Shirley Purcival, President  
Borough Council, Borough of Parkside, PA.  
22 East Elbon Road  
Parkside, PA 19015

Dear Madam President:

To start, and on behalf of the officers and members of the Parkside Fire Company, I want to thank you, the borough council and the citizens of Parkside for the continuous and generous support shown to our organization. Under Commonwealth law, the Parkside Fire Company is required to provide the municipality with a statement of use of funds. This statement is limited to a disclosure of the use of only those funds provided directly to the fire company out of public tax dollars. This correspondence will serve to fulfill the requirement for the first quarter of 2021.

1. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is to be placed into the fire company Reserve-For-Replacement account to cover the cost of repair to the defective fire pump on Engine 45.
2. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to be placed into the fire company Reserve-For-Replacement account as a first installment to cover the cost of an up-grade to the company's computer and IT security systems starting in late 2021. As of now, the estimate for this project may be, in the area, of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) to twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.
3. Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) is to be placed in the fire company Reserve-For-Replacement account to cover the cost of mandatory testing of firefighting hose and equipment as laid-out by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and which will fall due during the second quarter of 2021.
4. Six thousand three hundred and seventy five dollars (\$6,375.00) will be spread upon the fire company general fund to cover the cost of insurance, building utilities, and other day-to-day expenditures as required.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Borough Secretary Linda Higgins and I respectfully request that she read same into the record at the March 2021 meeting of the Parkside Borough Council. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me either via e-mail or on my cell at 215-439-7174.

Regards,

Thomas G. Deitman, Treasurer/Financial Director  
Parkside Fire Company



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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Statement of Council President Shirley Purcival March 24, 2021 Parkside Borough Council Meeting**

#### **PARKSIDE DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF DISGRACED COUNCILMAN SCOTT SIDLOW**

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Over the past couple of weeks, Mayor Deitman and I have received profoundly disturbing reports from concerned residents about purported illicit activities occurring within the residence of Councilman Scott Sidlow. A resident directed me to an internet site called "Swinglifestyle.com" which identified Councilman Sidlow and his wife as Brookhaven swingers.

The site contained photographs of Councilman Sidlow and his wife and advertised that they would like to spend time with another couple to engage in an intimate sexual relationship that is a combination of swaps and foursomes. The site indicates that Councilman Sidlow is sexually adventurous, works from home, and welcomes mid-day guests who help him take a stress break from his job.

It further advertised that Councilman Sidlow and his wife love to smoke pot and that they have finished the basement of their residence as a comfortable place to drink, smoke and play. Finally, it encourages others who are interested in a night of partying and full swap or group play to contact Councilman Sidlow by instant message or email.

After viewing the internet site, I called for an executive session for all of Borough Council, the Mayor and our Solicitor to discuss these purported activities occurring within the Sidlow residence. At the meeting, Councilman Sidlow confirmed the authenticity, veracity, and content of the website advertisement. Perhaps more disturbing, Councilman Sidlow confirmed that two young children, ages 11 and 14, are simultaneously residing in the household.

Borough Council has referred this matter to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office for a thorough investigation in compliance with the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. This Council places the highest priority on the health, safety, and well-being of our most vulnerable residents including our children. We are also committed



to a comprehensive investigation by the Office of Children, Youth and Families into the activities occurring within Councilman Sidlow's household.

As elected public officials, we all take a solemn oath to obey the laws of the Commonwealth of PA. Councilman Sidlow's admission to illegal drug use within his home – where two children also reside – is unconscionable, a serious breach of the public trust, and a violation of his oath of office as well as the Crimes Code of the Commonwealth of PA. His behavior – as judged by any reasonable standard – is unethical, illegal and immoral. As I have said on many occasions, public officials are held to a higher standard of conduct than the average citizen. Councilman Sidlow's admitted conduct falls woefully short of that standard.

In light of these most disturbing revelations, the good citizens of Parkside Borough cannot help but call into serious question Councilman Sidlow's judgment, common sense, human decency and morality. His ability to serve as an elected leader in our community has been irreparably compromised. Accordingly, I am calling for Councilman Sidlow's immediate resignation from this Council and, in the event he chooses not to comply, I ask that this Council adopt a formal motion demanding his immediate resignation. I fully realize such a motion is non-binding; however, it is imperative that this Council state in a clear and unequivocal fashion that such an egregious abuse of the public trust by one of our elected officials is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

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The council president has taken great liberties with quoting my words both online and in meetings. I am compelled to address a statement she attributed to me in our last meeting to counter her complete misrepresentation of my words and their meaning.

At the last meeting, president Purcival claimed that I said that we are not a team.

Those were not the words I wrote and the context is necessary to understand why I wrote what I did.

Councilman Long wrote on January 9 last year

let me know when you want  
the folder that I have on  
Recreation. I have a few other  
things that go along with  
Recreation I can leave him at  
the Borough Hall for you for  
the next council meeting.

From: ANNA GUY  
3/24/21 mtg.

## Councilman Long wrote on March 9

As for the information I have there is not much. I had most of everything saved on my work computer and I do not work them anymore. In fact, the hospital was shut down, and all computer equipment either destroyed/deleted or cleaned. And I would not feel comfortable handing my files over to you. Todd and I took Recreation from a few days planning to weeks and months of planning each event. From 20 people (parents, children,) to over 200 attending. Parents no longer dropped their kids off and ran, now they are included.

These were my plans and ideas. When I started I was given a very very small folder. With no info. I built it from the bottom up. I had an awesome committee, the best one could ask for. It is now your turn to reorganize recreation in your eyes. I cannot turn over months of time and speaking and making deals over to someone else who will take the credit.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing what you create.

Within an hour, The council president replied all

Hi, the reasoning for committee changes every two years is to give everyone an opportunity to put their own spin on the committee and to learn each committees workings. Eric and his committee did a wonderful job, growing from nothing to the wonderful events that they created. I'm sure councilman Sidlow will also have a wonderful experience working with his committee and will do a great job creating his own style for each event that is planned. Starting from scratch creates new ideas and new thoughts versus following someone else's plan and thoughts and I understand and support Councilman Longs decision and logic.  
Thank you, shirley

After the council meeting during which Councilman Long and the council president reiterated that Councilman Sidlow would not receive any materials from Councilman Long, I wrote to the council president

MAR 26, 2020 AT 2:23 PM

Please don't tell me about how you want to work as a team. Both you and Eric made it clear that "getting credit" is more important than doing what is best for Parkside.

Despite president Purcival's claim, I **never** said we are **not** a team. Words matter. The truth matters. And the facts always support the truth.

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Councilman Sidlow's personal life is none of our business.

Cannabis is decriminalized in Delaware County, decriminalized in every state that surrounds Pennsylvania except West Virginia and legal for recreational use in Washington DC, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and now right across the river in NJ.

Pennsylvania's own Lieutenant Governor has been very vocal about his desire to legalize cannabis.

Alcohol is widely enjoyed in our society. 100 years ago, it was illegal in this country and prohibition is viewed as a disastrous chapter in our history.

Today, we have reached the point where the majority has moved on from the manipulation of movies like Reefer Madness that deceived an entire generation into believing that marijuana was as dangerous as heroin.

Let's not attempt to scandalize behavior that will be seen in hindsight as perfectly acceptable in a few short years.

The council president has been working hard to remove Councilman Sidlow and me from council and delegitimize us by removing our committees from us. She has dug up anything she can spin as negative about us so she can pressure us to resign.

The council president asked Councilman Sidlow to resign before the council meeting, saying that if he resigned, the matter would not need to be discussed in this meeting. She said she didn't want this "scandal" to result in bad attention for Parkside.

Those of us who were at the September meeting where I was ambushed with accusations know that the seat for the Delco Times reporter was held open in anticipation of him joining us by the council president and other council members. They wanted the press to put our borough on the front page.

*from: Anna Guy  
3/24/21 mtg.*

The mayor and council president and several members sent a letter to the editor a couple weeks ago and now the council president is attempting to scandalize Councilman Sidlow in an official council meeting knowing that this story could land Parkside on the front page again. Her actions betray her claims that she doesn't want unwanted attention on our borough.

She suggested that Councilman Sidlow could face criminal charges for intent to distribute a controlled substance, which is not at all supported by the facts. Solicitor Wills advised that the mayor is obligated to report Councilman Sidlow to Child Protective Services, which is a ridiculous suggestion. The council president and the solicitor both advised that this sort of news story is very attractive to journalists. They threw everything they could come up with at the wall in an attempt to get Councilman Sidlow to give up his seat.

I have to wonder what line they will not cross in an attempt to undo the election of two council members.