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A regular meeting of the Parkside Borough Council was held via ZOOM on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President 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	Chief Murray
			Secretary Higgins

Mr. Powers was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt the 3/24/21 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted;

Councilman Sidlow indicated he had a statement he wanted attached to the Minutes.

President Purcival explained that only information that was discussed or read at the meeting can be attached to the Minutes. Councilman Sidlow did not read the five-page statement he wanted attached to the Minutes.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Purcival – yes, Bull – yes, Capobianco – yes, Sidlow – no, Long – yes, Guy – no, Sweigart – yes. The motion to adopt the Minutes as submitted has passed.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

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

1) License & Inspections	\$	9,648.50
2) Police Department – park tickets/reports		165.00
3) Recorder of Deeds		4,601.10
4) Police – Raffle donation (Kim Roman)		1,026.00
5) Parkside Terrace – Parking Permits		50.00
6) PA 2021 Liquid Fuels		54,056.20
7) Treasurer of Del. Co. – Sheriff Sale		973.90

Tax Collection

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	383,408.38
Tax Claim Bureau	1,133.46

Regional Court

District Court	572.52
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Total Income for March 2021 = \$455,639.06

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The Secretary read a donation request from the Aston Public Library.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, authorizing a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Aston Library; motion carried.

A letter of resignation from Todd Bennett was read. Mr. Bennett can no longer do the Newsletter for the Borough. President Purcival suggested anyone interested in this position please send their Resume to Borough Hall. The Newsletter is to be produced twice a year, Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring.

Councilman Sidlow asked if letters were sent in by Matt Saunders and Ashley Roberts and if they were received why are they not being read at the meeting. President Purcival indicated that neither letter contained any governmental questions. The letters were political statements and personal opinions that are not allowed.

Mr. Wills did clarify that the submission of comments not containing governmental questions are not to be specifically read into the Minutes.

Councilwoman Guy asked how people state their comments. President Purcival explained that Council is to be non-partisan and may not discuss politics of any kind.

Mayors Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported in March = 6. Leading categories: thefts – 3, disorderly conduct – 1, Dui – 1, fraud – 1. Calls for service = 140. Leading categories: suspicious persons – 8, medical emergencies – 8, assist other agencies – 33, public service calls – 7. Accidents = 0. Motor Vehicles Stops = 34. Traffic citations = 10.

The Mayor did ask Chief Murray to speak about the progress with the accreditation process. Chief Murray reported progress and indicated the process is moving smoothly.

President Purcival did ask the Mayor about the status of the Sun Valley Senior Scholarship Program and if he has decided who will receive the award. Mayor Deitman indicated he will contact the School District to find out if they are proceeding with the Award Ceremony.

CALL TO CITIZENS: None

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Presidents Report: (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival reported that the Auditor General did examine and approved the Borough's yearly audit.

President Purcival did thank Councilman Capobianco for all the work he does to maintain the Borough, on his own time at his own cost. He has sprayed the entire Borough Building and all police vehicles to sanitize and keep COVID from our property. Councilman Capobianco has also repaired plumbing issues in the Borough building as well as paint the garage door and many other projects.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Rob Powers, Councilman Nick Capobianco and Mayor Tom Deitman were thanked by President Purcival for their recent assistance in the Borough when there was a power outage.

Flashers have been purchased for use during a power outage when officials need to direct traffic. This is to keep the individuals safe during the outage enabling them to be seen.

President Purcival reported that the Borough received \$5000 for the Green Region Grant through PECO . This grant is for use at the Wes Coale Memorial Park located at West Forestview and Edgmont Avenue. Mayor Deitman will speak, on film, regarding the award.

Governor Wolf announced his PA Move Over Low Income Housing. Recommendations are to be sent to the Governor's Office of Budgets.

Councilman Sidlow did rudely interrupt President Purcival at least seven times during her report. Councilman Sidlow also interrupted other Council members during the meeting. This is a violation of Roberts Rules of Order and is so noted.

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

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

The old car wash located on Edgmont Avenue in Parkside was hit with graffiti. The Code Enforcement Officer notified the owner of the property and they removed the graffiti.

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There was one swimming pool violation regarding stagnant water. This issue has been resolved.

Councilman Capobianco attended a court hearing for PECO and sub-contractors for working in the Borough without a permit. They pled guilty to all three citations.

Public Works/Property Report: (Nick Capobianco)

The Borough building was sanitized, including the police vehicles, by Councilman Capobianco, saving the Borough \$1000. (Formula 236 Terg-O-Cide was used)

Two leaking toilets in the police office were also repaired by Councilman Capobianco.

The street lines for children's crosswalk were painted on Edgmont Avenue. Mr. Powers drove the fire truck to block traffic while Road master Ryan Cornog did the painting in the street.

The speed bumps for Borough streets will be installed as soon as the manpower and proper tools are acquired.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, awarding the 2021 Road Program to the low bidder; Gessler Construction, Inc. out of Media, with a base bid and alternate price of \$64,643.20; Councilman Sidlow indicated he felt the money being spent on street repairs would be better spent on new LED street lights. President Purcival explained to Councilman Sidlow that in order to repair all the streets in the Borough at one time would cost \$200,000. The Engineer and Councilman Capobianco listed the streets that need resurfacing the most for the 2021 Road Program. Councilman Sweigart asked what the Base and Alternate bids mean. Engineer Catania did explain. Roll Call Vote: Purcival – yes, Bull – yes, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Sidlow – no, Sweigart – yes, Guy – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to adopt Resolution No. 1833 authorizing application for County Aid for 2021 in the amount of 2,430; motion carried. Roll call vote: Purcival – yes, Bull – yes, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Sweigart – yes, Sidlow – yes, Guy – yes.

Councilman Capobianco thanked Mr. Powers and Mr. Cornog for painting the crosswalk lines on the Avenue for the children to cross.

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Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart) Progress

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt Resolution No. 1834 declaring May 2 to May 8th, 2021 as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week; motion carried.

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

The following permits were issued for the month:

Building	Residential	16
Plumbing	Residential	2
Mechanical	Residential	0
Electrical	Residential	2

Use & Occupancy Inspections = 8

Reinspections = 2

Emergency Management Report: (Rob Powers) Progress

Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers) Progress

Health Inspector Report: (Rob Powers)

The Health Inspector, Mr. Powers, did inspect the Mr. Softee truck and a health and solicitation license was issued for sale of ice cream in the Borough.

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 did an assessment of the trees in the Woodlot. He did find several trees that are severely damaged. He will assess the situation and get back to Council with his recommendation.

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Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart asked Council their thoughts about going ahead and planning something for the 4th of July or just make the next event Community Day in September. President Purcival suggested everyone make suggestions regarding the possibility of having a small celebration for the 4th of July. This will be revisited at the May Council Meeting. Councilman Long indicated the 4th of July Celebration is inexpensive because all they need to buy is hot dogs and chips.

Recycling/MS4 Report: (Nick Capobianco)

Total regular trash picked up in Parkside for the month of March 2021 = 106.78 tons.
Total recycling picked up in Parkside for the month of March 2021 = 5.90 tons.

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

The Treasurer received a total of \$ 865,377.20 to date. There was \$ 247,721.36 in revenue deposits from April 2 to April 12, 2021.

Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania reported that the low bid contractor for the 2021 Road Program is Gessler and they have 40 plus years of being in business.

We have not yet received notification from the County that we can move forward with our lighting program on Edgmont Avenue. Once the Notice to Proceed is received the program can move forward.

Councilman Sidlow stated he understands three Municipalities are changing street lights to LED. Since Ms. Catania is the Engineer in at least one of those towns Councilman Sidlow would like to know how they can afford to do it and Parkside cannot. Ms. Catania suggested they are most likely applying for lower rate loans from the County. There is also an ECP (Energy Conservation Program). She is not sure how some of the towns are financing the project.

Councilman Sidlow stated he wants to replace the street lights in Parkside with LED. He did ask the Engineer to come up with a plan. President Purcival informed him that the street

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lights that are not working are being replaced with LED. Several have been replaced already. It is more cost effective for the Borough budget to do it that way. She also explained that Parkside is not eligible for a loan because we already have two loans. President Purcival suggested that Councilman Sidlow research possible grants (free money) for LED. If Councilman Sidlow researches the project it will save the Borough money that would be spent to have the Engineer do the research

Solicitors Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills indicated that at the February 2021 Council Meeting a representative of DELCORA spoke to Council about amending the current services agreement. At the February meeting Council tabled the matter. The PUC still has not taken any action on this merger. Mr. Wills suggested the Borough defer any further action until litigation is over.

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to postpone voting on the agreement for two more months, until litigation is over; motion carried. Councilman Sidlow believes Council should vote down AQUA.

Vice President Bull made a motion to amend Councilman Sweigart's motion to revisit the issue once the litigation is complete; motion carried. Roll call vote: Sidlow – no, Guy – yes, Sweigart – yes, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Bull – yes, Purcival – yes

The Solicitor will notify Council when it is appropriate to vote on this topic.

CALL TO CITIZENS: None

Unfinished Business:

Councilman Long reported that he has received 15 applications for the Hometown Hero Banner project. He indicated a total of at least 20 applications are required for the cost to remain at \$175/each. Vice President Bull indicated he can supply a bucket truck, if needed, for installation of the banners. Councilman Capobianco also indicated he can help with traffic control and Mr. Powers can get the fire truck for traffic control when installing banners, if necessary.

President Purcival thanked Councilman Long and his Committee for initiating the Hometown Hero project.

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New Business:

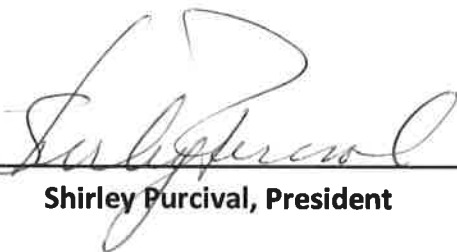
Councilman Sidlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Guy, to hire a human resources consultant for up to \$1500 to help the Borough develop standards of conduct, a formal complaint process, an investigation process, and a resolution process to deal with issues of concern regarding the actions of the members of the Borough Council or employees of the Borough; Roll call vote: Sidlow – yes, Guy- yes, Sweigart – no, Long – no, Capobianco – no, Bull – no, Purcival – no Motion denied.

President Purcival explained that the Borough follows State and Federal guidelines and cannot institute their own rules and regulations. Parkside Borough is a government/ municipality and must adhere to rules set by State and Federal guidelines. The PSAB can also direct Council how to handle personnel situations. President Purcival suggested Councilman Sidlow take the time to review State and Federal guidelines and to review PSAB rules and regulations.

Vice President Bull suggested the employee regulations covered under Beneserv be reviewed. It was explained that covers businesses and companies, the Municipality is covered under different rules and regulations.

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 8:17 p.m.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

By: 
Shirley Purcival, President

Attest: 
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary