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A regular meeting of the Parkside Borough Council was held in Council Chambers located at 22 East Elbon Road, Parkside, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Shirley Purcival. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following in attendance:

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

Treasurer Possenti was excused from the meeting.

President Purcival asked everyone in attendance to turn cell phones off and please do not text during the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of past Councilmember and President, Emilio Bonacquisti (Moose) who passed away recently.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to adopt the 8/26/20 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

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

1) License & Inspections	\$	9,080.50
2) Gallagher Insurance – refund		5,475.59
3) United Concordia Insurance – refund		38.30
4) Recorder of Deeds		2,608.02
5) Lien		407.22
6) PD – Parking Ticket		90.00
7) Comcast Franchise Fee		5,793.98
8) Verizon Franchise Fee		3,896.93

Tax Collection

Tax Claim Bureau	3,331.74
Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	22,817.12

Regional Court

District Court	108.84
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Total income for August 2020 = \$63,648.24
(Total does not include EIT/LST Tax)

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The Secretary read a release from Delaware County Council and District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer in response to a social media post by a Darby Township Commissioner. It did indicate that elected officials are to be held to a higher standard and should serve as role models for the community. A copy of the release is attached to these Minutes.

Mayors Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman did relinquish his time to President Purcival; however, he did request permission to visit his report later in the meeting.

CALL TO CITIZENS: (Agenda Related Items Only) None

President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival announced the completion of the 2020 CDBG project at the Woodlot. The Grant was received in the amount of \$93,600. Also a Greenways Grant was applied for an upgrade at Wes Coale Memorial.

The Council Meetings are now being taped and will appear, in their entirety, on YOU TUBE.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 12th at 6:30 p.m.

A Planning Commission Meeting was held on 9/17/20 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the DELCORA Act #537. Council stated their concerns and they will be addressed, by our Engineer, with DELCORA.

President Purcival addressed celebrating Halloween in the Borough this year. It was indicated that if everyone wears a mask and gives out wrapped candy it should be fine. No one wants to see the children miss out on the celebration. It will be at the discretion of the parents. Councilman Sweigart did agree the decision should be left up to the parents. Councilman Long agreed.

President Purcival addressed the concern of a resident that tax payer dollars were spent to advertise an unofficial Facebook page in the Borough Newsletter. The actual cost to the residents for this was \$.00541 per household.

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At this point in the meeting President Purcival did read a statement regarding a post on social media by a Councilperson that she feels is inappropriate. Statement is attached to these Minutes. Councilwoman Guy posted several unacceptable items on Facebook regarding her thoughts of Republicans being gun toting racists. This is a direct comment that indicates she does not support or represent all of her constituents. President Purcival also provided Council with other posts that Councilwoman Guy made on Twitter and other social media referring to ANTIFA. These comments clearly designate that Councilwoman Guy is not fit to serve all residents on Council. (A copy of this statement is also attached to these Minutes).

President Purcival asked Councilwoman Guy if she had any comments or apologies. She had no comment.

Councilman Long made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, requesting Councilwoman Guy's resignation from Council The roll call vote was as follows: Sidlow – no, Guy – abstain, Sweigart – no, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Bull – yes, Purcival – yes. The motion did carry.

At this time Solicitor Wills explained the procedure for following up on this. The entire packet of posts and tweets made by Councilwoman Guy will be sent to the Governor with a request he forward to the Senate for their review and possible removal of Councilwoman Guy from the Parkside Borough Council.

President Purcival indicated that Councilwoman Guy is the first Council person to be censured and first Council person in the history of Parkside to be requested to resign. At this point, President Purcival did remove Councilwoman Guy from all Committees and she will serve as Councilwoman At Large. The 9 months she has been on Council she has refused to take her position seriously and follow through with requests from Council. She seems to only want to serve her own agenda.

President Purcival did sign-off on having a Ballot Box installed at the Borough Building since security is high in that area.

Mayor's Report: (Tom Deitman)

At his time Mayor Deitman did address the Council regarding a comment made by a Borough resident, Judith Saunders. Ms. Saunders had indicated that Council is nothing but a bunch of "jackbooted locksteppers". Mayor Deitman did explain, to those that are unfamiliar with the term; it was a derogatory term referring to totalitarian government. She had no right to refer

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to anyone in that term. If that were the case, then no one would be free to post a BLM or Biden or Trump sign on their lawn. The Mayor also showed pictures of what a “jackboot” actually looks like. What Ms. Saunders is spewing is inflammatory rhetoric and totally baseless.

Mayor’s Report for August 2, thru August 31, 2020:

Crimes reported in August = 9; theft – 1, harassment – 1, burglary – 1, fraud – 1, public drunkenness – 1, assault – 4. Calls for service = 98; domestics – 8, medical emergencies – 9, assist other agency – 13, public service – 8. Accidents = 5. Motor Vehicle Stops = 6, Traffic citations = 2.

Mayor Deitman did report that several Trump signs were removed from residential properties. Mayor Deitman also had Trump signs removed from his property. He indicated if he finds whoever took his signs he will file criminal charges and will not accept an apology for the act. This is a free country and people are allowed to express their opinions on their property. The law will be enforced.

Junior Councilperson Report: (Sarah Powers) Ms. Powers was excused from the meeting.

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

All police vehicles have undergone general maintenance for the month.

Code Enforcement: Progress

Public Works: The Borough’s Roadmaster, Ryan Cornog, is looking into the cost for replacing the bed of Borough dump truck..

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Ordinance 563 – ice cream solicitors fee; motion carried.

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Resolution 1826 setting forth minimum qualifications for Borough Code Enforcement Officer; motion carried with the following roll call vote: Sidlow – no, Guy – no, Sweigart – yes, Long – yes, Capobianco – yes, Bull – yes, Purcival – yes.

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Councilman Sweigart asked if, in the future, all positions within the Borough will have a job description. President Purcival explained that is the plan.

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

L&I Report for 9/2020:	Permits issued	Building	8
		Plumbing	7
		Mechanical	0
		Electrical	0
	Use & Occupancy	2 Inspections	
		0 Reinspections	

Emergency Management Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers reported general progress for all reports (Emerg.Mgmt/Health/Fire)

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.

Vice President Bull reported that the budget preparation meeting for 2021 was productive and the next meeting is scheduled for 10/12/20 at 6:30 pm.

Woodlot Project: (Doug Bull) Progress

Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart) Progress

Recycling/MS4 Report: (Anna Guy)

Councilwoman Guy reported that a total of 10.94 tons of recycling were picked up in Parkside during the month of August 2020. Councilwoman Guy indicated she is looking for a place that will take the Borough's leaves. The previous compost facility is no longer open.

President Purcival did, at this time, remove Councilwoman Guy from the Recycling/MS4 Report Committee, pending termination. She did appoint Councilman Capobianco to head the committee from this point forward.

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Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

The Treasurer has received a total of \$885,022.73 to date. There was \$3,829.73 in revenue deposits from August 9, 2020 to September 9, 2020.

Engineer's Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania reported that we have the final invoice in the amount of \$27,045.00 to pay Ernel for work done at Woodlot under a Grant. The invoice will be sent to the County for payment.

A.F.Damon will start resurfacing in the very near future and plan on completing the work in one day. Residents on affected streets will get 2 days notice to keep vehicles off streets.

Ms. Catania indicated it is getting to be the time of year to apply for CDBG. We still have programs we can apply for.

Ms. Catania will have, at the November meeting, a list of potential CDBG projects for Council to choose from.

President Purcival asked Ms. Catania to prepare a resolution to apply for the Greenways Grant. Vice President Bull suggested possibly using the abandoned gas station for parking, etc. President Purcival explained that property was purchased but there is on-going court issues regarding the seller not disclosing the ground contamination issue.

Solicitor's Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills reported that the property at 2810 Edgmont Avenue was being rented and the renter was using the property as an Air B&B, among other issues. The court hearing is scheduled for 10/2/20 and Mr. Wills will be there with Councilman Capobianco representing the Borough.

CALL TO CITIZENS:

Dari Tumolo of 2802 Norfolk Lane indicated her Trump sign was stolen from her lawn and would like to know how she can get it replaced. President Purcival indicated she hoped someone will try to get Ms. Tumolo another sign. Also Ms. Tumolo wanted it on record that she believes ALL LIVES MATTER and she is offended by all the BLM signs in the Borough.

Unfinished Business:

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Councilman Long informed Council and the Police Chief that there are frequently 4-wheel drive vehicles coming through the Woodlot from Chester all hours of the day and night. Chief Murray indicated he will make the Officers aware. Chief Murray suggested that anyone hearing this to please call 911 immediately.


New Business: None

There being no further business, Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:



Attest: Linda Higgins, Secretary



Shirley Purcival, President

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Delaware County Council and District Attorney Respond to Social Media Post

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Released: September 4, 2020

Delaware County Council and Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer have been made aware of a social media post allegedly posted by an elected member of the Darby Township Commissioners. The social media post depicts two men with a gun pointed at the head of a police officer with the text "Does it have to come to this to make them stop murdering and terrorizing us?"

Delaware County Council and the Delaware County District Attorney condemn all forms of violence and intimidation. Violence and the threat of violence are not tolerated.

Elected leaders are held to a higher standard and should serve as role models for the community.

Now, more than ever elected leaders must work with law enforcement to develop and practice positive community policing and mutual respect between law enforcement and the public.

The social media post is not only threatening to law enforcement; it also continues to create a divide in our community. Violence only leads to more violence, and it is not a solution or justifiable. Promoting violence does not advance the movement to implement meaningful criminal justice reform that addresses long standing racial inequities.

Council and the District Attorney find it extremely troubling that an elected official would display a post portraying acts of violence. The actions displayed by this elected official do not reflect what Delaware County is as a whole- a community who stands together and has compassion for our fellow residents and respect for those who serve and protect our community. Elected officials of Delaware County are committed to providing leadership in police reform along with partners in law enforcement. We all lead by example, and expressions of hate and vengeance are inconsistent with the values of our community.

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Delaware County, presently covering over 184 square miles divided into forty-nine municipalities is the settled section of Pennsylvania

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Social media is becoming an important tool for public officials to communicate with their constituents and the public at large. It also provides private citizens with the opportunity to learn about the opinions, sentiments and feelings of their elected officials. Twitter and Facebook sometimes provide an unvarnished look into the true opinions and thoughts of our elected officials.

I have recently been forwarded and have found, screen shots of a Twitter account from a Parkside Councilperson that I find deeply disturbing and offensive. In the interest of fairness and due process, I want to give this Councilperson an opportunity to either deny the authenticity of the tweets or offer a heartfelt apology to all the citizens of Parkside Borough.

Under the Twitter user account of AnnaGuy19, there is the following tweet: "I am most afraid of the gun-loving racists in my neighborhood." Assuming the tweet attributed to Councilwoman Guy is authentic, which I have confirmed with her Twitter biography, it is incumbent upon her to name, specially which of her neighbors and constituents are so-called "racists." Failing to do so, and by direct implication, Councilwoman Guy has demeaned, insulted, and defamed all of our good neighbors and residents of Parkside Borough. Racism and racists are not to be taken lightly, and by making such an assertion, you have attacked the reputation and integrity of all your neighbors and constituents in our fine community.

Further comments such as: voters who voted for Trump are stupid, Parkside has a serious problem with racism, racist are attracted to the GOP, I lost all respect for anyone who voted for Trump, and when you posted a photo of a gun rights group carrying guns in Kentucky, you stated "I guess white hoods are out of style."

I believe you owe a heartfelt apology to your neighbors and constituents of Parkside Borough. You have made an outrageous claim of bigotry and we need to clear the air here and now. Tweets of this nature call into serious question your character and fitness to serve this wonderful Borough as an elected Councilperson.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The other purported tweet from Councilwoman Guy that equally disturbs me concerns the AntiFa political organization. Those of our residents who may be wholly unfamiliar with AntiFa, please allow me to provide you with some background information.

AntiFa is a radical, left-wing political movement that aims to achieve their objectives, in part, through violent direct action rather than through democratic policy reform. This may sometimes involve harassment, physical violence and property damage. Individuals involved in the AntiFa movement tend to hold anti-government and anti-capitalist views. The United States Department of Justice has opened a formal criminal inquiry into AntiFa as being the root cause for the violence that has erupted in some American cities. There have been calls in the United States Congress to label AntiFa as a domestic terrorist organization. Even Democratic party presidential candidate Joe Biden has publicly condemned AntiFa.

I have recently been forwarded a Twitter account screen shot of an Alex Cole who posted the following Tweet: "I have a confession, I am the leader of AntiFa." Shortly thereafter, Councilwoman Guy responded with the following Tweet: "Where's my paycheck?" - under the Twitter user account of AnnaGuy19.

Mr. Cole also referred to a "special meeting and to bring bags of canned soup." This refers to a protest in which cans of soup were thrown at the police. Mrs. Guy also has posted an Antifa flag and an article concerning Antifa on social media, with the comment "the demonstrators are the ones that need to be protected."

Assuming the Tweet attributed to Councilwoman Guy is authentic, which her biography indicates it is, such a request for monetary assistance from such an organization is bloodcurdling to say the least. Any affiliation with an organization that promotes physical violence and property damage must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Calling your neighbors and constituents "racists" is one thing, but to pledge political support or affiliation to such a far, left wing political organization, leaves no doubt that you, Mrs. Guy, are unfit to serve as a Borough council member.

Mrs. Guy, your views are strongly tarnishing and belittling everything this Council, both republicans and democrats, hold dear and represents as a governmental body, who are working to serve the best interest of all the residents of this borough, in a nonpartisan manner.

On behalf of all the residents of Parkside Borough, albeit Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, I call for your immediate resignation from this Council.