

BOROUGH OF PARRYVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Jason Smith, Council President at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Jason Smith, President; Dustin Wentz, Vice President; Donald Smith, Councilman; Monica Kunkle, Councilperson; Tom Kobal, Mayor; Cathy Hawk, Secretary

Absent: Patty Wentz, Councilperson; Dana Brubaker, Treasurer; Robert Frycklund, Solicitor

Prior Meeting Minutes

- June 19, 2023 – Motion to approve by D. Smith; 2nd by M. Kunkle. Motion carried

Treasurer's Reports

- June 30, 2023 – Motion to approve by M. Kunkle; 2nd by D. Smith; Motion carried

List of Bills

- July 17, 2023 – Upon correction of amounts of PPL, Addition of the Times News, Addition of another invoice for Robert Frycklund, motion to approve by D. Wentz; 2nd by D. Smith; Motion carried

Special Presentations

- Pres. Smith presented State Service Awards and shared sentiments about each person and the dedication of being a Public Servant
 - Dana Brubaker – 20 years of Service Thomas F. Crosswaite Award
 - Donald Smith – 10 years of Service – Cecil K. Leiberknight Award
 - Cathy Hawk – 10 years of Service – Cecil K. Leiberknight Award

Public Comments

- Linda Christman, from Save Carbon County – shared that 17 Carbon County municipalities have adopted the resolution, as well as the Carbon County Council of Governments (CCCOG)
 - Also discussed the original Right to Farm Act and would like to return to that
 - Pres. Smith stated that that we do not have a final resolution from our Solicitor as of this date
- Brian Bartholomew, owner of apartment buildings by the Fire Company and Post Office – shared concerns of feeling singled out for zoning issues
 - Wants camera taken out of tree
 - Shared concerns of dirt from the bulletin board being dumped over the stone wall
 - Pres. Smith stated that Mr. Bartholomew needs to contact Waste Management to remove the dumpster from our invoice and be put on his invoice
- Kathi Wolter – discussed special mulch for playground
 - Pres. Smith stated for the Playground Committee that P. Wentz stated she will be stepping down from the Committee and the Borough Council (no letter received)
 - Pres. Smith stated volunteers may be a challenge but he is willing to volunteer, and is all about safety of children
 - Playground needs to have a gate. K. Wolter stated that a lock may be a need due to vandalism, loitering and littering.

Department Reports

- A. Zoning and Building Code

- a. Draft for the Short Term Rental Ordinance: Special Meeting still needs to be scheduled with M. Sowers and Council to review together.
- B. Sewage Enforcement
 - a. Pres. Smith will work on documents for Barry Isett & Associates so they can work on an Income Survey for the downtown area for the Act 537 Plan
- C. Code Enforcement
 - a. Pres. Smith stated one property Atty. Frycklund will be sending letter.
- D. Solicitor
 - a. No report.
- E. Mayor
 - a. Pres. Smith informed Mayor Kobal that a truck will be parked at 131 Main Street for clean out purposes
 - b. Mayor Kobal was given a bill from a resident and gave to Pres. Smith who stated this has been addressed with the individual.
 - c. Mayor Kobal publicly thanked John Wentz, road worker, for cleaning up trees from storms
- F. Engineer
 - a. No report.

Board Reports

- A. Planning Commission
 - a. No report
- B. Zoning Hearing Board
 - a. No report.

Committee Reports

- A. Building and Lights – D. Smith
 - a. Cable box fire
 - i. Pres. Smith stated the power has been disconnected and there are electrical issues with the Borough building.
 - 1. Will be again applying for grants for a new building.
 - 2. Will need to get an electrician to address
- B. Health & Sanitation – J. Smith
 - a. Continuing to have issues with trash and/or recycling pickup. Road worker J. Wentz stated that sometimes vehicles are parked in the Alley and trash company can't get trash in alley
- C. Roads – D. Smith & Roadworker J. Wentz
 - a. J. Wentz stated that they worked a lot of hours cleaning up from the storms with trees and blocked storm drains. Mayor Kobal suggested that the fire company can flush out the drains if needed, however at this point J. Wentz does not believe that is needed.
 - b. Dump truck issues – Pres. Smith stated the vehicle will need to be replaced.
 - i. Pres. Smith and VP Wentz are working with Treasurer Brubaker with financing options
 - ii. Pres. Smith does not want to raise taxes for our residents, and Council tries to work within our budget but difficult at times
- D. Playground
 - a. Discussed earlier
- E. Canal Commission – M. Johnson & D. Wentz
 - a. No report
- F. Fire & Safety – M. Kunkle
 - a. Stated upcoming events.
- G. Finance & Budget – J. Smith
 - a. With tax bills going out, we will begin to see that income.
- H. Act 537 – J. Smith
 - a. Discussed earlier
- I. President's Report – J. Smith
 - a. No report
- J. Grants – J. Smith

- a. No report

Unfinished Business

- A. Short Term Rental Ordinance – discussed earlier and will have public meeting once finalized
- B. Sewage Sludge Resolution – discussed earlier
- C. Pres. Smith read publicly Ordinance 2023-04 regarding the issuing of permits for those with outstanding debt in the Borough
 - a. Motion to adopt by D. Wentz; 2nd by M. Kunkle. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. No report

Executive Session

- Entered into by Council only at 7:52p

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Wentz; 2nd by M. Kunkle; motion carried.

Submitted By:

Cathy Hawk

Cathy Hawk, Secretary

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Parryville Borough Hall