

**Lake City Borough Council  
2350 Main Street  
Lake City, PA 16423**

**February 8, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Jackson called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Officials Attending:** Mary G. Gollmer, Rex P. Jackson, Paul M. Nervo, Jeffery L. O'Melian, Douglas B. Straw, Karen E. Watson and Mayor Andrew J. Graves.

**Appointed Officials Attending:** Steve Halmi/Engineer, Kimberly A. Johnson/Police Chief, Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary, Craig Schlosser/Superintendent and John Stephens/Patrolman.

**Visitors:** Niccole Burtis, Chris Byers, Ginger Cinti, Mary Clark, Rick Dragoone, Yolanda Jefferson, Brenda English, Sally Foringer, Earl Gollmer, Douglas Harvey, Clarissa and Mike Hicks, Donna Komisarski, Karen Lutz, Joseph Meka, Leslie McDougall, Donald McMillen, Gregg Mitcho, Maryann Mook, Junior and Diane Perez, Robert Pier, Mary Ploszkiewicz, John Rawa, Rebecca Ricci, Robin Roberts, David and Susan Russell, Bettie Stephens, Gayle Smith, Myron Swanson, Josh Thayer, Brian Thornton, Justin Weiss and Brandon Zygai.

**Vacant Seat:** Chris Baker, Christopher Byers, Richard Dragoone, Douglas Harvey and Robin Roberts all submitted letters of interest for the vacant council seat. After a brief interview process Jeffery O'Melian motioned, to appoint Richard Dragoone, the motioned failed with a lack of a second. Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to appoint Douglas Harvey. All voted no except Douglas Straw and Karen Watson. The appointment failed. Paul Nervo motioned, Jeffery O'Melian seconded, to appoint Christopher Byers. Douglas Straw, Jeffery O'Melian and Paul Nervo voted yes. Mary Gollmer, Karen Watson and Rex P. Jackson voted no. Mayor Graves broke the tie with a yes vote. The appointment carried.

**Oath of Office:** Mayor Graves administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Byers and he took his seat.

**Karen Watson:** Reminded Council they need to be responsible when spending tax payer's money.

**Brian Thornton:** of 443 Edgepark Drive on the advice of his attorney did not address Council.

**Ginger Cinti:** of 2352 Lake Street asked when the last time employee performance reviews were done. She also, inquired when they were going to be done.

**Don McMillen:** Representing Engineered Plastics stated their water and sewer bill went from \$950 to \$7,800.

**Diane Perez:** of 2126 Rice Avenue asked when the rate increases went into effect.

**Yolanda Jefferson:** of 2233 Maple Avenue is concerned the rate increase will cause senior citizens to choose water over food.

**Karen Lutz:** of 1649 Twinoaks Drive wanted to know why the PUC did not send notices informing residents of the rate increase.

**Richard Dragoone:** of 1228 Cherry Street is concerned about the storm sewer system on Cherry Street.

**Mary Clark:** of 1704 Cherry Street was concerned about her high water and sewer bill.

**Country Gables Apartments:** David and Susan Russell representing Country Gables Apartments in Girard Township are requesting water service from the borough. At the last meeting Council wanted the township to be responsible for the water billing and did not accept the agreement. In order for Girard Township to become the billing agent they would have to become a water authority and hire a certified water operator. Council tabled taking action on the agreement until the engineer and solicitor could review the terms of agreement.

**Minutes:** Karen Watson motioned, Douglas Straw seconded, for the approval of January 11, 2016, Minutes. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Bills:** Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded to approve the February Bills with the exception of the invoices from D&B Custom Wiring. All agreed. Motion carried. The invoices for D&B Custom Wiring will be reviewed at the March meeting after further information is received.

**Rate Increase:** Steve Halmi explained the increase to water and sewer rates is necessary to fund mandated repairs at the water and sewer plants.

**Sewer Televising:** The Sewer Authority reviewed Council's request for assisting in the financing of cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer lines at the connection points for Girard Township. The Authority declined to assist in the financing of this project due to a lack of funds. Council requested Girard Township be contacted to assist in funding the project.

**Country Gardens:** Jack Clark sent correspondence through Girard Township requesting the following information:

1. Connection point for the sanitary sewer line.
2. Is water service available?
3. Rate confirmation.
4. Connection point for the water service.

Council will take further action after the engineer has calculated the estimated water rates.

**Council Wages:** Council decided not to amend the Salaries of Mayor and Council ordinance.

**537 Plan:** The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requested the 537 Plan be revised to show Girard Township's adjusted sewer gallons per day and the amended upgrade schedule. The upgrade schedule will be enforceable with Consent Order and Agreement. The Engineer presented Council with a Resolution revising the Wastewater Treatment upgrade schedule. Council tabled taking action on the resolution until the next meeting to ensure the schedule is feasible.

**Consent Order and Agreement:** Council reviewed the final Consent Order and Agreement issued by the DEP. The final agreement reduces the penalty and requires Council take action by March 1, 2016. Council asked the Solicitor to request an extension from the DEP on adopting the agreement until March 14, 2016. Council will take action at the next meeting.

**RBC's:** The Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority is seeking additional funding to replace the remaining rapidly deteriorating RBC's this year.

**Plow Driver:** Karen Watson motioned, Douglas Straw seconded, to hire a part-time plow driver. All agreed except Jeff O'Melian. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Operator Agreement:** A two year employment agreement for Douglas Burdick was present to Council. Mary Gollmer motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to renew the employment agreement for one year. All agreed, except Jeff O'Melian voted no and Chris Byers abstained. Motion carried.

**Community Center:** Chairman of the Community Center requested to purchase \$598.00 customized 40" x 96" letter sign for the Community Center from Sam's Club. The sign meets the requirements of C1 Zoning district. Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to purchase the customized sign. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Events:** The following events are scheduled for the Community Center:

February 28	Painting	11 a.m. until?
March 6	Painting	1 p.m. until 6 p.m.
March 13	Easter Bunny	2 p.m. until 6 p.m.
March 24	Movie Night	7 p.m.
April 16	Flea Market	10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
May 1	Mother's Day Expo	12 p.m. until 4 p.m.
August	Back To School Event	
October	Fishing Expo	
October 1 & 2	Fall Festival	All Day
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trick or Treat	6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Mary Gollmer motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Stacy L. Kibler  
Borough Secretary**