

Borough of Lake City

2350 Main Street

January 13, 2025

Call to Order: President Byers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Christopher G. Byers, Ginger L. Cinti, Thomas Eberle, Stacy L. Lesnett, Paul Orr, Joshua Sturgeon, Alan J. Watkins, and Mayor Andrew J. Graves were present.

Appointed Officials Attending: Edward J. Betza/Solicitor, Nickolas Henneberry/Patrolman, and Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary, and Ashley Letkiewicz/Patrolman.

Visitors Attending: Ellen Avlon, Gregg Mitcho/Girard Borough Council, and Tim Olesnanik/Lake City Fire Company.

Public Comments: Cheryl Winslow did not appear.

Water Bill Adjustment: Kenneth Hepler Jr. of 10061 Smith Street requested council consider adjusting his \$1,640.05 water and sewer bill after the borough discovered a leak underneath his mobile home. Paul Orr motioned, and Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to adjust the bill after showing proof the leak had been repaired with a plumber's bill. The motion failed after Paul Orr, Joshua Sturgeon, and Alan Wakins cast the only yes votes.

Late Fee: Robert Briggs requested Council to consider adjusting his \$682.74 in late fees. Robert has been making \$300 monthly payments on his water and sewer bill. Thomas Eberle motioned, and Stacy Lesnett seconded, to allow customers who are making monthly payments in the amount of ten percent of the bill to incur no late fee; if no attempt is made, the late fee will be added. All agreed except Ginger Cinti, Joshua Sturgeon, and Alan Wakins.

Minutes: Thomas Eberle motioned, and Paul Orr seconded, to approve the December 09, 2024, minutes as presented. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills for approval: Thomas Eberle motioned, Paul Orr seconded, to approve the January bills and ratifications. All agreed, except Alan Watkins, who abstained because of a personal conflict. Motion carried.

Police Department: Chief Wierzchowski had requested council consider asking Ashley Letkiewicz for her resignation due to her limited availability. Ashley stated she does have a full-time job but would like to remain a part-time employee. Ashley will contact the Chief with her availability schedule.

Traffic Stop Report: The mayor will have the chief add the reason for the traffic stop on the monthly traffic stop report.

Fire Company: The fire company signed an agreement to purchase a new fire apparatus in the amount of 1.3 million dollars. The new tanker pumper will arrive in 2028.

West County Paramedics (WCP): Fire Department personnel cannot drive West County Paramedics unless WCP has two members. Anyone can drive for WCP if both members are on board. If WCP has only one member, then only a rostered person can drive for WCP. This operational change was made after clarification from the Pennsylvania Department of EMS on what constitutes a "legal crew." WCP has two rostered members on their ambulance to run a call. If both members are present and the call requires more help, anyone with Emergency Vehicle Operator Course training from any fire department can drive our crew and ambulance to the hospital.

Mutual Aid Agreement: Ginger Cinti motioned, Paul Orr seconded, to accept the mutual aid agreement. All agreed, and the motion carried.

Martin Avenue Parking: Council will discuss possibly amending the winter parking ordinance to limit parking on Martin Avenue at the next meeting.

2011 International: The 2011 International is starting to have mechanical issues and the frame is starting to rot. The Borough Secretary will get some quotes for a new 650 or 750 with a wing plow for Council review.

Road Salt: Ginger Cinti motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to approve submitting a new road salt contract participation agreement with the Department of General Services (DGS). All agreed. Motion passed.

Plowing Procedure: Alan Watkins motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to apply 100% road salt on the entire length of the road. All agreed. Motion carried.

GAP Funding: Thomas Eberle motioned, Paul Orr seconded, to apply for the County GAP Program for the Billings Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. All agreed. Motion carried.

Recess: President Byers recessed the meeting to an executive session at 6:39 p.m. for the non-uniform employees.

Reconvened: President Byers reconvened the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Employee Duties: Alan Watkins motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to have the jetting, responsibilities, water meter installations, and valve exercising completed by one streets employee and one employee from the water and sewer department. All agreed except Ginger Cinti. Motion passed.

Foreman Job Description: Paul Orr Motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to remove the CDL requirement from the revised Foreman Job Description. All agreed except Christopher Byers, Ginger Cinti, and Stacy Lesnett. Motion carried.

Anniversary Date: Thomas Eberle motioned, Paul Orr seconded, to move the anniversary date of the Borough Secretary and Water/Wastewater Operator to January 1, along with the 3% percent raise. All agreed except Christopher Byers, Ginger Cinti, and Stacy Lesnett. Motion carried.

Foreman Position: Thomas Eberle motioned, Alan Watkins seconded, to offer the position of foreman to Joshua Blystone with a 90-day probation period. All agreed except Christopher Byers, Ginger Cinti, and Stacy Lesnett. Motion carried.

Streets Employee: Joshua Sturgeon motioned, Alan Watkins seconded, to advertise for a street employee. All agreed except Ginger Cinti and Stacy Lesnett. Motion carried.

Adjourned: Christopher Byers adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Stacy L. Kibler,
Borough Secretary**