

Borough of Lake City

2350 Main Street

November 11, 2024

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, Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary and David Wierzchowski/Police Chief.

Visitors Attending: Steve Fisher/DJB Group, Mike Kibbe, Gregg Mitcho/Girard Borough Council, Karen Orloff, and Ron Rogers.

Mike Kibbe: of 1854 Walnut Street appeared to request the sewer line on Walnut Street be cleaned on a regular basis. Council will have the Borough Crew add Walnut Street to their monthly jetting schedule.

Health Insurance: Steve Fisher of the DJB Group gave an overview of the renewal options for the 2025 employee health plan. Steve recommended renewing the current plan.

Minutes: Paul Orr motioned, and Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to approve the October 14, 2024, minutes as presented. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

Recess: President Byers recessed the meeting to an executive session at 6:21 p.m. for the police contract and personnel matters.

Reconvened: President Byers reconvened the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Police Contract: Paul Orr motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to accept the 2024-2026 police agreement, with a \$40 per week health insurance contribution. All agreed except Christopher Byers and Ginger Cinti. Motion carried.

Police Hire: Paul Orr motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to hire Matthew Ouderkirk for the full-time patrolman position, contingent on passing the physical and psychological exams. All agreed except Christopher Byers and Ginger Cinti. Motion carried.

West County Paramedics: Thomas Eberle reported that the West County Paramedics had an issue with drugs, not inventoried properly. Tom will bring the results of UMPC inventory audit to the next meeting.

Street Employee: Josh Blystone and Brian Sleigh submitted formal requests for a pay increase. Thomas Eberle motioned, Alan Watkins seconded, to propose a \$2.00 per hour rate increase for Joshua Blystone, contingent on Union approval. All voted against the raise except Thomas Eberle, Paul Orr and Alan Watkins. The motion failed. No action was taken on request submitted by Brian Sleigh.

Paul Orr motioned, Stacy Lesnett seconded, to advertise for a working streets supervisor, subject to union approval. All agreed except Thomas Eberle and Alan Watkins.

Budget: Thomas Eberle motioned, Stacy Lesnett seconded, to advertise the 2025 budget for public inspection. All agreed. Motion carried.

Tax Ordinance: Paul Orr motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to advertise the 2025 tax ordinance. All agreed, except Christopher Byers, Ginger Cinti and Alan Watkins. Motion carried.

LSA Resolutions: Joshua Sturgeon motioned, Paul Orr seconded, to accept the resolutions to apply for LSA grant funding for a police interceptor. All agreed. Motion carried.

Salt Spreader: Council would like to see the salt spreader operational, prior to deciding on purchasing a new spreader.

Maintenance Agreement: Paul Orr motioned, Joshua Sturgeon seconded, to accept a vehicle maintenance agreement with the City of Erie. All agreed, except Thomas Eberle and Alan Watkins. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Program: Council agreed residents could submit a request for sidewalk reimbursement, for a maximum of 4 squares, at \$30.00 per square, with proof of payment for work completed.

Insurance: Thomas Eberle motioned, Ginger Cinti seconded, to renew the Highmark PPO Blue Gold Plan. All agreed. Motion carried.

Adjourned: Christopher Byers adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Kibler,

Borough Secretary