

Lake City Borough Council

2350 Main Street

November 14, 2022

Call to Order: President Gollmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was audio recorded by Chief Wierzchowski.

Roll Call: Ginger L. Cinti, Christopher G. Byers, Thomas Eberle, Mary G. Gollmer, Jenny L. Potter, Alan J. Watkins, and Mayor Andrew J. Graves were present. Raymond H. Fisher was absent.

Appointed Officials Attending: Edward J. Betza /Solicitor, Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary, and David Wierzchowski/Police Chief.

Visitors Attending: Juston Cannon, Steve Fisher, Steve Furry, Gregg Mitcho, Roger and Cecelia Platz, Diane Polk, Stan Smialek, Paul Smith, and Tyler Youschak.

Stan Smialek: of 10167 Pettibone Avenue appear to learn more about the proposed fire tax. Mr. Smialek would rather see a flat tax rather than a real estate tax. The solicitor explained the law does not allow for a flat tax and recommended doing a millage increase not a fire tax. Council will meet with the fire company on January 23, 2022, for further discussion.

Scott Smith: of Lake City Paint is concerned there is not adequate fire protection in the event of fire. Juston Cannon President of the fire company explain to Mr. Smith along with the hydrants, tanker trucks are available if a fire were to occur. The water operator will meet with Mr. Smith to perform a flow test on the hydrant on Railroad Street.

Steven Furry: of 10144 Hall Avenue, indicated all his concerns were addressed and did not speak.

Health Insurance: Steven Fisher of DJB Group attended and gave an overview of the 2023 employee health insurance. Steve is recommending the Highmark PPO 1000 plan for 2023. Thomas Eberle motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept the Highmark PPO 1000 health insurance plan. All agreed except Mary Gollmer and Alan Watkins who abstained for a personal conflict. Motion carried.

Tree Removal: Karen Orloff of 10074 Smith Street and Dan Maher of 10044 Martin Avenue requested permission to remove dying trees. Karen Orloff also requested permission to replant a tree. Ginger Cinti motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to grant the tree requests. All agreed. Motion carried.

Minutes: Thomas Eberle motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to approve the October 10, and 31, 2022, Minutes. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Jenny Potter motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to approve the November Bills and Bill Ratifications. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payroll Ratifications: Thomas Eberle motioned, Ginger Cinti seconded, to approve the payroll ratifications. All agreed, except Alan Watkins, who abstained, for a personal conflict. Motion carried.

Julia Drive: The contractor is requesting to pave Julia Drive before November 24, if the asphalt plants remain open, and they can meet the temperature restrictions for asphalt paving. The engineer and condo association have no issue with paving this year. Christopher Byers motioned, Alan Watkins seconded, authorizing to proceed with paving. All agreed. Motion carried.

Garage Roof: Christopher Byers motioned, Alan Watkins seconded, authorizing to move forward with the garage roof amount not to exceed \$15,800 if there are three quotes. All agreed. Motion carried.

Water Rate Schedule Resolution: Thomas Eberle motioned, Ginger Cinti seconded, to approve resolution 11-14-22. All agreed. Motion carried. The resolution will take effect January 1, 2023, setting the new water rate at \$20.00 for the first 6,000 gallons of water and \$3.50 for any additional 1,000 gallons of water.

Sewer Ordinance: Ginger Cinti motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to advertise a public hearing to amend the sewer ordinance sections 52-21 and 52-22 service charges for residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial properties. All agreed. Motioned carried.

2023 Budget: Thomas Eberle motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to advertise the 2023 budget for public inspection. All agreed. Motion carried.

Act 57: Christopher Byers motioned, Thomas Eberle seconded, to advertise a public hearing to enact an ordinance to be in compliance with Act 57 of 2022. All Agreed. Motion carried. Act 57 requires tax collectors to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain qualifying situations.

Santa: The fire company will have a parade beginning at 5:00 p.m., and immediately following Santa will be available for photos on December 6th, at the Rice Avenue Fire Station.

Community Center: Council decide to keep the Community Center and revisit the issue in one year.

West County Paramedics: will only be using the fuel tanks in an emergency.

Mayor Graves: will attend the next school board meeting to find out what busing options are available for students walking to school and inquire about flashing school zone signs.

Adjourned: President Gollmer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Kibler

Borough Secretary