

**Lake City Borough Council**

**2350 Main Street**

**Lake City, PA 16423**

**May 9, 2016**

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

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

**Appointed Officials Attending:** Edward Betza/Solicitor, Kimberly Johnson/Police Chief, Stacy Kibler/Borough Secretary, Craig Schlosser/Superintendent and John M. Stephens/Patrolman.

**Visitors:** Ginger Cinti, David Garres, Donna Green, Christine Haaf, Denise and Courtney Hall, Michael Langer, Gregg Mitcho, Erin McClelland, Ashley Claypoole, Maryann Mook, Junior and Diane Perez, Mary Ploszkiewicz, John and Judy Rea, Bettie Stephens, Rich and Sue Zuck.

**Workmen's Comp Insurance:** Will Collins, Agent for Northwest Insurance, presented the 2016/2017 Workers Compensation proposal. He proposes insuring the Lake City Fire Company through the State Workers Insurance Fund. Removing the Fire Company from the Borough AmeriHealth Policy will decrease premium in the long term. Jeffery O'Melian motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept the Workmen's Compensation Proposal as presented. All agreed. Motioned carried.

**Tree Removal:** Karen Lutz of 1649 Twinoaks Drive requested permission to remove two trees within the right-of-way. Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to grant the tree removals. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Horse:** John Rea of 2645 Elk Street submitted an application for a permit to keep and maintain four miniature horses. The horses will be used for pet therapy for his granddaughter. The horses are up to date on their shots, they will be in double fenced in area, the feces will be removed from the property daily and they will be housed in 12' x 31' shed. Douglas Straw motioned, Paul Nervo seconded, to grant the horse permit as proposed. Christopher Byers, Douglas Straw, Paul Nervo voted yes. Jeffery O'Melian, Mary Gollmer and Karen Watson voted no. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion carried.

Michael Langer of 2946 Mechanic Street also submitted an application for a permit to keep and maintain one horse on his property. His property will be fenced, the feces will be removed daily and they will be housed in a 12'x28' building. Paul Nervo motioned, Douglas Straw seconded, to grant the permit for one horse as proposed. Christopher Byers, Douglas Straw, Paul Nervo, voted yes. Jeffery O'Melian, Mary Gollmer and Karen Watson voted no. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Karen Watson motioned, Paul Nervo seconded, to accept the April 11, 2016 Minutes. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Bills for Approval:** Karen Watson motioned, Paul Nervo seconded, to accept the April Bills. All agreed except Jeffery O'Melian. Motion carried.

**Resignation:** Rex Jackson submitted resignation of his seat effective April 13, 2016. Jeffery O'Melian motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept the resignation. All agreed except Douglas Straw. Motion carried.

**Council President:** Karen Watson nominated Mary Gollmer as President, Douglas Straw seconded the nomination. Douglas Straw, Karen Watson and Mary Gollmer voted yes. Christopher Byers, Jeffery O'Melian and Paul Nervo voted no. The Mayor broke the tie with a no vote. The nomination failed.

Jeffery O'Melian nominated Paul Nervo as President Christopher Byers seconded the nomination. Douglas Straw, Karen Watson and Mary Gollmer voted no. Christopher Byers, Jeffery O'Melian and Paul Nervo voted yes. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote. The nomination carried.

Paul Nervo took his seat as President.

Jeffery O'Melian motioned, and Mary Gollmer seconded, to advertise the open Council Seat. All agreed. Motion carried. Letters of intent will be accepted until 7:15 p.m. on June 13, 2016.

**Authorized Signatures:** Christopher Byers motioned, Jeffery O'Melian seconded, to appoint President, Vice President, and Treasurer as the authorized signers for the borough bank accounts. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Water Loan:** Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to commit to loan with Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie. All agreed except Christopher Byers and Jeffery O'Melian. Motion carried. The loan will fund upgrade project at the water plant in the amount of \$163,800 at 2.5% interest.

Douglas Straw motioned to advertise the water plant project for bid. The motion failed with a lack of a second. Council would like to meet with the Engineer on May 23, 2016 to review the specifications for the upgrade.

**Sidewalk:** Douglas Straw motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to accept the quote from Maher McConnell to replace 5' x 9' section of sidewalk at the Community Center at an expense \$590.00. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Recycling Bins:** Douglas Straw motioned, Karen Watson seconded, to purchase 100 32 gallon recycling bins at an expense of \$844.00. All agreed. Motion carried. The expense of the bins is covered by a recycling grant.

**Community Center:** Douglas Straw motioned, Jeffery O'Melian seconded, to purchase a refrigerator with Community Center funds. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Recess:** The Council President recessed the meeting at 8:29 p.m. to executive session for personnel and litigation matters.

**Reconvened:** The Council President reconvened the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Douglas Straw left the meeting.

**Police Department:** Jeffery O'Melian motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to promote David Wierzchowski to Chief of Police, and to hire a full-time patrolman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Adjourn: President Nervo adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Stacy L. Kibler**

**Borough Secretary**