

## Lake City Borough Council

2114 Rice Avenue

June 8, 2020

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

**Roll Call:** Christopher Byers, Ginger Cinti, Raymond H. Fisher, Mary G. Gollmer, Jenny L. Potter, Bettie Stephens, and Mayor Andrew J. Graves were present.

**Appointed Officials Attending:** Edward J. Betza/Solicitor, Steve Halmi/Engineer, Stacy L. Kibler/Borough Secretary, Robert Pier/Sewer Authority Chairman and David M. Wierzchowski/Police Chief.

**Visitors Attending:** Phil Culver, Thomas Eberle, Lisa Johnson, Jeffrey Markham, Gregg Mitcho, Rhonda Nicholes, Becky Sigmund, Michael and Michele Sliker, Al Youschak, and Coletta Zerbee.

**Nominations for Council Seat:** President Gollmer opened the nominations for the open Council Seat. Ginger Cinti nominated Thomas Eberle; Bettie Stephens nominated Michele Sliker. No other nominations were made. Thomas Eberle was appointed to the seat, with all agreeing, except Raymond Fisher and Bettie Stephens.

**Oath of Office:** Mayor Andrew Graves administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Eberle, and he took his seat.

**Nominations for Vice President:** President Gollmer opened the nominations for Vice President; Ginger Cinti nominated Christopher Byers. No other nominations were made. Christopher Byers was appointed Vice President after all agreed.

**Bank Signatory:** Raymond Fisher motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to appoint Ginger Cinti as an additional signatory on the borough bank accounts. All agreed, motion carried.

**Al Youschak:** owner of 10030 Smith Street, appeared but had no comment.

**Sewer Connection:** Phil Culver, of 10095 Eagle Street, asked Council for permission to connect to the sanitary sewer system. Raymond Fisher motioned, Ginger Cinti seconded, to allow the connection. A developers agreement will be prepared between the Borough, Sewer Authority, and Mr. Culver. The motion carried after all agreed.

**Engineer:** Steve Halmi presented Council with a sewer planning module for the Julia Drive and Eagle Street sanitary sewer connections. Council will review the module, and take action at the next meeting.

Bradley and Michelle Nuce, owners of 10139 West Lake Road, will also be making connection to the sanitary sewer system within the next couple weeks. The connection will be directional drilled to the last manhole at 1132 Lake Street. The owners have been advised on the pre-treatment standards for commercial properties.

The contractors installing a cell tower at 9843 Martin Avenue did not notify the borough prior to construction. An inspection of the site revealed a deeper and wider excavation, and considerable dewatering effort. These observations were cause for concern due to the close proximity to the

borough's water supply. As a result, a groundwater resource specialist was hired to protect the water supply. The contractor was required to minimize the quantity of hazardous chemicals on site, minimize the dewatering, relocate dewatering discharges away from the water supply, and prevent surface water runoff from entering the excavation.

**Tree Removal:** Josh Thayer, of 1631 Cherry Street and Jeffery Johnson, of 2483 Rice Avenue, requested permission to remove dying trees within the right-of-way. Christopher Byers motioned, Raymond Fisher seconded, to allow the removal of the trees. All agreed, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Ginger Cinti requested the minutes be amended to include the Streets Department May Report. The Borough Crew winterize the plows, prepared the lawn equipment for the mowing season, spring clean the Borough Properties, cold patched, repair yard damage for the plows, repaired water tower driveway, marked water valves, located and inspected curb boxes, jetted, and replaced a fire hydrant on West Lake Road. The Crew will schedule at least a half day of valve exercising each week, continue cleaning catch basins, maintain the Keystone Drive ditch, and repair remaining Borough driveways. Raymond Fisher motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to approve the May 11, 2020 Minutes as amended. Motion carried, after all agreed.

**Bills for Approval:** Christopher Byers motioned, Ginger Cinti seconded, to approve the June Bills. All agreed. Motion carried.

Ginger Cinti motioned, Christopher Byers seconded, to purchase a STIHL Kombi System with broom attachment. Motion carried after all agreed. The broom attachment can sweep a surface up to 24" wide. This multi-tasking tool is also compatible with other attachments.

**Police Department:** Mayor Graves gave Council a copy of letter given to the all officers regarding there daily reports. If Council has any questions they will contact the Chief, or Mayor.

**Fireworks:** Residents are urged to call the police if someone is setting off fireworks.

**Riots:** The Council President inquired if the department is trained to handle riots, and is there a need to purchase riot gear. The department is trained annually to handle riots. The Chief indicated riot gear is expensive, and was not in the budget.

**Bench:** President Gollmer asked if the bench had been installed in the interview room. The Chief said there is no room to install the bench. Interviews are to be kept as neutral as possible, and only one suspect should be in the office. If there are multiple suspects they should be taken to Girard Borough Police Department and placed in the cell. The Mayor has installed D-rings in the studs of the interview room. Council agreed the bench should be returned and better communication is needed between Council and Police Department.

**Paving Project:** Council opened and read aloud three bids received for the 2020 paving project. Cross Paving no bid, and Joseph McCormick Construction Company incomplete bid. Lindy Paving, Inc. bid \$263,142.45, Council tabled awarding the bid until the streets committee could review.

**Gas/Diesel Purchase:** The Erie Area Cog received bids from Melzer's Fuel Service, Petroleum Traders, and Harned Oil for the 2020-2023 Gas and Diesel Fuel. Melzer's Fuel Service, the current provider of fuel, was the lowest bidder. Ginger Cinti motioned, Raymond Fisher seconded, to accept the gas/diesel bid from Melzer Fuel. All agreed, motion carried.

**Fences:** Planning Commission will be updating the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, and will specifically look at the fence regulations.

**Paving Patches:** Everhart Asphalt submitted a quote to repair several areas of the borough. Council tabled the issue, giving the Borough Crew a chance to fix West Park Drive. The borough would have to rent a roller and loop. Christopher Byers motioned, Bettie Stephens seconded, for the Borough Crew to repair West Park Drive. All agreed except Jenny Potter, motion carried.

**Insurance Renewal:** MRM Property and Liability Trust 2020 renewal totals \$22,360. Christopher Byers motioned, Jenny Potter seconded, to accept the insurance renewal from MRM Property and Liability Trust. Motion carried, after all agreed.

**Engineer:** Council received an Engineering quote from Rabell Surveying and Engineering, and requested further details prior to making a decision.

**Water/Sewer Mapping:** The Borough received two GIS mapping quotes for the water and sewer systems from Rabell Surveying and Engineering, and Deiss and Halmi Engineering. Council tabled making a decision until the Sewer Authority could review the proposals.

**Lisa Johnson:** of 2672 Elk Street appeared, updating Council that the noise in her neighborhood is better. She glad Council is working on removing the horses.

**Fire Department:** Jenny Potter asked Council to consider donating their quarterly pay to the fire company. Jenny Potter volunteered to pay for the community yard sale ad, and to allow the dollar ad donations to go to the Fire Company.

**Streets:** Ginger Cinti reported the streets department has been mowing and trimming, jetted, cold patched, removed a tree and fixed the driveway at the Richardson Drive Lift Station, and mulched downtown. The Crew would like to rent a mini excavator to clean the Keystone Ditch, fix the sewer plant parking lot, and clear the right-of-way on Cherry Street Ext.

**Adjourned:** President Gollmer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Stacy L. Kibler,**

**Borough Secretary**