

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
REGULAR MEETING
OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Richard Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The attendance was as follows:

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present

Richard Mathews
Robert Verderaime
David Lillard
John Schubring via phone
Bruce Carr
Jessica Kraft via phone

Absent

L. Michael Wight

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC

Ronald J. Harris, Mayor

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary

Zachary Rice, Borough Solicitor

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2021, REGULAR MEETING

Following brief discussion:

*** R. Verderaime moved; B. Carr seconded, that the minutes of the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.

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No one addressed Council at this time.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3-2021: Exchange of Lot R-0041 for Lot RA-0030. The resolution was properly advertised following brief discussion:

*** B. Carr moved; D. Lillard seconded that Council adopt Resolution #3-2021: Authorizing the Exchange of Lot R-0041 for Lot RA-0030. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.

Resolution #4-2021: Exchange of Lot P-0084 for Lot R-0016. The resolution was properly advertised following brief discussion:

***R. Verderaime moved; B. Carr seconded that Council adopt Resolution #4-2021: Authorizing the Exchange of Lot P-0084 for Lot R-0016. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.

MAYOR'S REPORT – R. HARRIS

- Police Report – Chief Hileman reviewed the document with the following items noted:
 - ◆ Outlined the Peer Support available to officers
 - ◆ Drug use increasing; Opioid related DUI arrests rising significantly
 - ◆ Traffic and DUI enforcement will be increased over July 4th Holiday
 - ◆ Statistical Review
- Updates:
 - Primary Election Results noted
 - COVID-19 Update
 - ◆ Positive Cases:
zip code of 17320 is 499; Adams County is 7955
 - ◆ Increase from last report:
zip code of 17320 is 18; Adams County is 499
 - ◆ County COVID-19 Vaccination site will close July 1st
 - ◆ Adams County Government Buildings and Courthouse open fully to the Public

- Congratulated Jeff Wise, Municipal Services Supervisor on his retirement sharing a certificate of appreciation that will be presented to Mr. Wise
- Blood Drive was held on June 10, 2021:
 - ◆ 27 Donors
 - ◆ 25 Pints Collected
 - ◆ 75 Local Lives Saved
- Spring Yard Sale was held on June 12, 2021, in Borough Parking Lot. Small crowd participated in marginal weather. Thanks was extended to Jessica Kraft and family for helping and to Amanda Bell and Gayle Marthers for organizing the event
- Movie-in-the-Park was held on May 21, 2021, with excellent attendance. Next movie will be “Onward” scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021
- Library Programming spotlighting the Story Walk activity
- July 4th Celebration will be held Sunday, July 4, 2021, from 6pm – 10pm featuring the following:
 - ◆ Concert by “The Reagan Years” a 1980’s cover band
 - ◆ Rides for all ages; the zip-line and extreme air
 - ◆ Food Truck vendors
 - ◆ Fireworks at 9:45pm from atop Liberty Mountain
- In Requiem:
 - 19 Officers from various cities across the US were honored for their bravery following their Line-of-Duty deaths during the month of May 2021; Mayor Harris noted that 4 of those were related to COVID-19.

FIRE/EMS/EMA REPORTS

Reports were provided by Fairfield Fire Company and Fountaindale Fire Company for review; they were accepted with little discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS – BOROUGH MANAGER

Treasurer’s Report for May 2021.

Following brief discussion:

***R. Verderaine moved, D. Lillard seconded, that Council accept the May 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.

Personnel Update.

Members reviewed the memorandum of June 11, 2021, announcing that Brad Sanders of Carroll Valley has accepted the municipal services supervisor position with a start date of July 6, 2021. The memorandum also shared that Jeremy Whitmore, of Carroll Valley has been hired as a part-time summer laborer through August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grant Funding Updates.

Members reviewed the written report supplied by Marissa Price of GMS Funding Solutions outlining the various grants being managed by her agency. The report was accepted by consensus.

Property Maintenance.

Mr. Mathews shared that he and Mayor Harris met to discuss the proposed property maintenance flow chart for the enforcement process. Following discussion and further explanation of the content: Consensus of Members agreed to schedule a special meeting of Council for Wednesday, July 14 or Thursday, July 15, 2021, and invite Dave Hazlett, Gayle Marthers, Amanda Bell, and Chief Hileman to attend.

High-Speed Broadband Update.

Mr. Hazlett is working with Liberty Township and GMS Funding Solutions to apply for COVID-19 Stimulus grant money to move this project forward. He will update as information becomes available.

3 Willow Trail Update.

Mr. Hazlett has reached out to Adams County Tax Bureau, and he will continue to maintain contact with Mr. Ryan of Adams County Conservation and monitor the situation. Borough Solicitor, Zachary Rice offered confirmation that the property remains in the Adams County Repository at this time as it has not been approved for sale. This delay will allow the Borough to work with the County agencies to resolve the issues. Updates will be provided as they are available.

Sign Ordinance Update.

Borough Solicitor, Zachary Rice offered the following comments:

- Regulating the content of signs is often found to be unconstitutional; therefore, all references to political signage is recommended to be removed.
- The addition of language referencing a “personal expression sign” could be added that would be clearly defined and regulated based on the timeframe, placement and manner by which it is displayed and not on the content of the sign.
- There is state and federal case law to help define the parameters of the verbiage on said signs that allows for the prohibition of certain types of speech or content that is not protected under the first amendment. These parameters could be included in the ordinance to help meet constitutionality regulations of the ordinance.

Following much discussion; Members agreed by consensus to direct Mr. Rice to prepare a draft ordinance for review at the July 6, 2021, Joint Planning Commission meeting with Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Verderaime requested that the new Municipal Services Supervisor be asked to use the same report format developed by Mr. Wise. Borough Staff will make the request.

Dr. Schubring inquired about an incident where he observed a patrol car parked to the back of the Borough Building running for a lengthy time period; estimated at 30 – 45 minutes. He questioned if it was normal practice to have patrol cars idling for long periods of time while parked at the station. Chief Hileman explained that the numerous electronics used in the vehicles require them to be running or plugged in while idle. It is not typical to have an officer on-station for 45 minutes and leave the car running; they would typically plug it in.

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No one addressed Council at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. via a motion by D. Lillard and seconded by B. Carr that passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The Attendance Register is attached, numbered Page 4 and made a part of the Official Minutes.