

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

April 13, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence in remembrance of former council member, Josephine Gresko.

PRESENT: Marianne Gideon, Mark Hanley, Ralph Ewart, Allen Anderson, David Antonini, Solicitor Dennis Makel

ABSENT: Mayor Melodie Berardi

Minutes: Motion made by Ralph Ewart to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion made by Mark Hanley to pay the current bills. Seconded by Allen Anderson. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letters regarding sale of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Carmichaels

Notice of payment due from the Internal Revenue Service

Thank you letter from Flenniken Public Library for donation

Letter from Carmichaels-Cumberland Joint Sewer Authority regarding vacancy on the board

Administration

Minutes from 1855 to 1967 and 1988 to the present time have been digitally recorded.

Motion made by Mark Hanley that the Borough office will only be open on Monday and Friday.

The Secretary will monitor phone calls, emails remotely and respond to the same as needed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to authorize the Secretary to place an ad on the Borough website and Facebook page regarding the vacancy on the Board of the Carmichaels-Cumberland Joint Sewer Authority that interested parties should submit a Letter of Interest to the Borough office by May 1, 2022. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Hanley to pay the final payment for Q2-2015 and Q2-2016 to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$15,079.82. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to make a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Carmichaels Area Chamber of Commerce in memory of Charles & Liz Walker and Josephine Gresko. Seconded by Allen Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to issue the 2022 Business License to Triple M Garage. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to appoint Hugo Berardi as Vacancy Board Chair retro to January 3, 2022. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to place a half-page ad in the Tri County Borough Banquet Book at the cost of \$50.00. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

Streets

Purchase of replacement road signs – tabled.

Discussion regarding vehicles not adhering to the speed limits in the Borough. Mark Hanley will speak to Chief Smith about this matter.

LTAP is offering a free online webinar regarding traffic calming by the use of pavement markings. Email will be sent to Council regarding the date and time of webinar.

Ralph spoke with the Township regarding street sweeping for the Borough roads. They could begin first thing Thursday morning. He will speak with them also regarding the filling of potholes.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to amend the agenda for the purpose of making a Motion regarding contracting of street sweeping. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to contract with Cumberland Township to perform street sweeping at the same rate as 2021 at \$100.00 per hour. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Report emailed to Council.

After reviewing information in the report regarding the citizen complaint received regarding the condition of a fence in Old Town. Council agrees with Code Enforcement that this has been an ongoing issue since 2017 and is a civil matter between property owners and does not require the Borough Council or Code Enforcement to intervene.

Police – Report emailed to Council

The Secretary spoke to Jesse Caldwell regarding the evidence room of the former Borough police department and was informed that the D.A.'s office has made the decision that all evidence, records, etc., will be turned over to and handled by the Cumberland Township Police Department. Jesse Caldwell will meet with Chief Smith and the Supervisors regarding this and will turn over the key to the evidence room to Chief Smith.

Engineer – Report emailed to Council. Inspection reports of S. Market Street and Morgantown Street were received with a digital copy of said inspections.

Discussion regarding possible heavy hauling of the Marijuana facility, known as Harvest. Mark Hanley will contact Chief Smith regarding this matter.

Solicitor

Discussion regarding the sale of the water authority and the agreement between the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Carmichaels and Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to authorize the Secretary to submit a Right-to-Know Request to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Carmichaels. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jr. Council Person Program – the Secretary has contacted the school on five occasions with no response regarding this program.

Motion made by David Antonini to advertise the program on the Borough website and Facebook page. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried. David Antonini will write the advertisement and submit it to the office.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to adopt Resolution 3-2022 regarding appointment of the Zoning Hearing Board members. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mark Hanley to adopt the updated Emergency Operations Plan, along with Resolution 2-2022, Resolution RES0809 and the Promulgation. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion by David Antonini to adopt Ordinance 1-2022, Ordinance 2-2022 and Ordinance 3-2022 regarding Tax Abatements as proposed by the County. Seconded by Allen Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to continue the meeting to Friday, April 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer