

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Lemoine Borough Council Business Meeting Meeting Minutes— June 18, 2020

The regular business meeting of Lemoine Borough Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Present were Council members Rebecca Coleman, Joe Gargiulo, Kasha Griva, Gene Koontz, Jesse Monoski, Suzanne Yenchko and Council President Gale Gallo. Also present were Mayor David G. Beasley, Borough Manager Cindy L. Foster, Executive Assistant Jenn Erickson, Borough Engineer Mike Knouse and Borough Solicitor Anna Marie Sossong.

Agenda Revisions

1. Ms. Yenchko requested a discussion be added under Community Development, Parks & Rec Committee for potential use of grant money from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) Lemoine Mural Fund to be given to the Borough for a historical marker.

Public Comment

1. Although no public comment, Councilmember Sue Yenchko mentioned a disturbance from loud music and noise from an unauthorized car show taking place on City Island last weekend. Detective Friel reported on the event and on the West Shore Regional Police Department’s response. Suggested that residents continue to call when situations such as this arise. Ms. Yenchko suggested Council may want to reach out to neighboring areas to start a dialog on how to prevent these disturbances in the future. Ms. Gallo noted she would reach out.
2. Councilmember Gene Koontz mentioned that several residents have had some confusion regarding yard waste pick up. He requested we place a notice on our website and social media as a reminder to citizens.
3. Mr. Koontz also noted a constituent asked if it is legal to park a boat in regular parking spaces, specifically noting the 400 Block of Hummel Avenue. Ms. Foster will share this information with Code Enforcement Officer Ms. Rafferty, to further investigate.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Gargiulo, second Mr. Monoski and included the following:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Community Development/Parks & Rec Committee Meeting—March 12, 2020
 - b. Council Regular Business Meeting—May 21, 2020
 - c. Council Work Session Meeting—June 4, 2020
2. Approval of the financial reports for May 2020
3. Approval of the list of monthly bills for June as presented:
 - a. General Fund.....\$329,712.70
 - b. Fire Fund.....\$1,746.75
 - c. Stormwater Fund\$10,193.22
 - d. Sewer Fund.....\$186,365.60
 - e. Swimming Pool Fund.....\$1,634.12
 - f. Payroll Fund.....\$2,520.41

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Committee Reports

1. Administration

- a. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Mr. Gargiulo to accept the 2019 Audit as prepared by Maher Duessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Ms. Griva, to approve a teleworker policy for non-union employees. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Community Development/Parks & Recreation

- a. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Ms. Griva, to approve a Special Event Permit submitted by the West Shore Bureau of Fire to hold *Smoke in the Park* at Memorial Park on September 25-26, 2020, pending receipt of a certificate of insurance naming Lemoyne Borough as an additional insured. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Mr. Koontz, to adopt Resolution 2020-07 designating the Borough of Lemoyne’s intent to erect cross-street banners at two locations across state roads for the September 25-26, 2020 *Smoke in the Park* event. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Ms. Griva, to approve placement of an historical marker in Memorial Park recognizing the Susquehannock Indian archaeological dig adjacent to the park and, further, authorizing Councilmember Yenchko to complete and submit the required documentation to the PA Historical and Museum Commission on behalf of the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion by Ms. Yenchko, second by Mr. Gargiulo, to approve the Borough’s receipt of grant money from the Mural Project Fund through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) for an historical marker. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance & Zoning

- a. Motion by Mr. Monoski, second by Mr. Gargiulo, to adopt Ordinance 761 amending Chapter 358 of the Code of the Borough of Lemoyne regarding peddling and soliciting by adding a new section providing for the regulation of mobile food vendors. Upon further discussion, it was decided additional review is needed in the wording of this ordinance before it can move forward. Motion failed following a unanimous nay vote.

4. Public Safety

- a. Motion by Ms. Coleman, second by Ms. Griva, to adopt Resolution 2020-08 in ratifying the June 8, 2020 Declaration of Disaster Emergency. Mr. Monoski stated during open discussion that he believes it is important for our neighbors to hear that Black Lives Matter during this time. He noted that it is important that Council, as leaders of the community, to do their best to develop trust between all residents and local police departments. Mr. Monoski also commended the West Shore Regional Police Department on the efforts they are making to help build and preserve trust with the local community. After the question was called the motion carried unanimously.

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4. Streets

Ms. Gallo requested a late agenda addition to further discuss the proposal for renovations to the bottleneck. Senator Delozier reached out to Ms. Gallo regarding the Borough’s letter of support, in light of objections from surrounding areas and the resulting controversy. Our letter of support noted that the plans for improvements are not permanently established and urged that this opportunity be kept available as an option. Further discussion ensued explaining the importance of keeping an open mind and an open dialogue with neighboring communities to advance for possible future improvements. Ms. Gallo stated there are several upcoming meetings regarding this topic and Ms. Foster will forward that information on once it is received.

Adjournment

Following a motion by Ms. Coleman, second by Mr. Koontz, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Foster
Borough Manager/
Borough Secretary