

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Lemoine Borough Council Meeting Minutes—January 17, 2019

The regular business meeting of Lemoine Borough Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Borough Office. Present were Councilmembers Zachary Border, Daniel Green, Kasha Griva, Sue Yenchko, and Council President Gale Gallo. Councilmember Robert Rapak joined the meeting via conference call at 6:43 p.m. Also present were Mayor David Beasley, Borough Manager Cindy L. Foster, West Shore Regional Police Department Chief Michael Hope, and Borough Solicitor Michael Cassidy.

Public Comment—None

Special Presentation

1. In honor of his recent retirement, James A. Fair, former Maintenance Department Supervisor, was presented with citations from Representative Cheryl Delozier and Amy Holjes on behalf of Senator Mike Regan. Council President Gale Gallo and Mayor David Beasley recognized Mr. Fair with a proclamation and award in honor of his more than 29 years of dedicated service to the Borough.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved upon a motion by Ms. Griva, second by Ms. Yenchko, and included the following:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Community Development/Parks & Rec Committee—11/08/18
 - b. Council Regular Business Meeting—12/20/18
 - c. Stormwater Committee Meeting—01/03/19
 - d. Council Work Session Meeting—01/03/19
2. Approval of the financial reports for December 2018
3. Approval of the list of monthly bills as presented:
 - a. General Fund \$339,059.82
 - b. Stormwater Fund..... \$7,878.73
 - c. Sewer Fund..... \$146,428.74
 - d. Swimming Pool Fund..... \$464.00
 - e. Sewer Fund Capital Reserve..... \$18,206.61
 - f. Payroll Fund..... \$1,968.72

Committee Reports

1. Administration Committee
 - a. Mr. Border reported that three candidates have expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Borough Council created by Christine Purcell’s resignation. The candidates were each given the floor to provide background information and a brief statement on their interest in the position before fielding questions from Council.
 - i. **Joseph Gargiulo, 771 Pennsylvania Avenue**, expressed his interest in being part of the goal-setting process for Lemoine’s future noting he wants to improve communications between Council and members of the community. Mr. Gargiulo has attended Council meetings in the past as well as Planning Commission meetings and meetings concerning redevelopment of the middle school. He expressed his opinion that listening and being able to communicate

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information back to people are the most important qualities a Councilmember can possess. When asked if he would be able to separate himself from the concerned citizens group, Mr. Gargiulo stated that he felt no need to separate as we are all on the same side. He did understand, however, that as a member of Council he would be required to be objective and act in an ethical manner in accordance with the law.

- ii. **Jon Gilge, 917 Woodland Drive**, expressed his love of Lemoyne and its future potential. He has not been to meetings since his run for Mayor last year, mostly due to business obligations, but he now has more free time and will be available. Mr. Gilge did note he helps the community where he can having replaced the roof on the caboose at the Maple Street Park. He also agreed with Mr. Gargiulo that listening and offering solutions are the most important qualities a Councilmember can possess. When questioned about the major issues he sees facing the community, Mr. Gilge reported redevelopment of the middle school property and the sewer plant.
- iii. **Kelley J. Reese, 106 Hummel Avenue**, noted she is recently married, new to the community, is a first-time homebuyer, mother, and recent college graduate. She expressed her love for the pool and parks noting Lemoyne is her home and she has no plans to leave. Ms. Reese also agreed that active listening is important for Councilmembers and expressed her opinion that local government provides an important opportunity for people to have a say. She has not attended meetings or volunteered in the community in the past due to her busy schedule, but she now has the time and wants to serve. Ms. Reese felt priorities facing the community include absentee landlord issues, crime and the opioid crisis.

Mr. Border then opened the floor for nominations, following which he nominated Mr. Gilge; Mr. Green nominated Mr. Gargiulo. There were no further nominations.

- Following a roll call vote, Mr. Gilge's nomination was defeated by a 1-5 margin with Mr. Border voting aye and Mr. Green, Ms. Griva, Mr. Rapak, Ms. Yenchko, and Ms. Gallo voting nay.
 - Following a roll call vote, Mr. Gargiulo was appointed to the vacant Council seat by a 5-1 margin with Mr. Green, Ms. Griva, Mr. Rapak, Ms. Yenchko, and Ms. Gallo voting aye and Mr. Border voting nay.
- b. Motion by Mr. Border, second by Ms. Griva, to approve the job description for an Executive Assistant in the Borough Office. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Motion by Mr. Border, second by Mr. Green, to approve an amendment to the Lemoyne Borough Employee Handbook updating Section 6.8, Personal Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Motion by Mr. Border, second by Ms. Yenchko, to adopt Resolution 2019-01 indicating the Borough's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the municipal records manual approved on December 16, 2008 (as amended July 23, 2009), and authorizing the disposal of several records in accordance with this schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment—None

Council/Staff Comments

1. **Chief Hope** reported that the newly hired officers will be attending an upcoming meeting in order to meet everyone.
2. **Ms. Griva** thanked the police, fire department and maintenance crew in advance for responding to the storm coming this weekend.
3. **Ms. Yenchko** reminded everyone that the Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee meets on the second Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

After a motion by Mr. Border, second by Ms. Griva, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Foster
Borough Manager/
Borough Secretary

