

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish

In attendance were President Bodish, Mayor Burkner, Eisenhauer, Luckenbach, Sodl, Molitoris, Kern, Dreisbach and Solicitor Preston

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from workshop meeting of January 3, 2023 were approved as presented to council

All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** **Carried**

Hearing of persons present-

Anne Killen – inquired about the motion for the subdivision and inquired about planning meetings. She also asked what happens if the borough purchases the wrong body cameras, she asked if they will still give the grant. Sodl responded that the borough would follow all the guidelines that are required to receive the grant.

Benson – Read a letter from Lehigh Valley Rehab requesting an accurate account of unhoused people via an online survey. Benson read resignation letter from Fire Chief, Brandyn Bechtel. Benson received a plaque and letter thanking Borough and Council for their continued partnership as a PSAB member. Benson read a letter from Giant Food Stores they will be donating \$7,483.99 to the food pantry as a thank you for continuing to strengthen food insecurity in the community.

Mayors Report: Mayor Burkner asked council on behalf of Chief Emerich to set aside time at the beginning of next meeting to give COVID 19 merits and awards to Officers. Civil Service committee is still reviewing policies on polygraphs, agility, physicals, and promotions, they will vote and present to council.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dreisbach – Nothing to report

Kern – stated email was sent to council with meeting times for Vito.

Sodl – Mr. Sodl stated that he believes that Council as a whole should meet with Vito before individual committee meetings. Mr. Preston stated that it would need to be advertised as a public meeting. Meeting has been scheduled for February 3, 2023 9-11AM and individual committees to follow Mr. Sodl stated that the police training went well. Mr. Sodl recommended to council to consider approving Mr. Britt for Fire Chief after having a meeting with him.

Eisenhauer – Nothing to report

Luckenbach – Nothing to report

Molitoris – nothing to report

Bodish- stated at February meeting we should be able to go out to bid for truck route and still waiting for engineer to come back with new plan. Tree pick up two more Fridays, recycling and Metal on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Motion to add for approval to pay for the Body Cameras out of the General fund and General fund will be reimbursed once grant is received.

Motion by Sodl, Second by and Kern  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** **Carried**

Motion by Dreisbach, second by Luckenbach to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** **Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl to approve December 2022 Treasurers report.  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** **Carried**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Sodl to approve all bills as submitted to members of council  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to approve Tiffany Benson as Right to Know Officer.  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Dreisbach to approve waivers for length, width ratio and plan scale for the subdivision of property located at 26 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street based on Acela Engineers letter of approval with conditions.  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Eisenhauer to approve the \$175.00 fee waiver for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation (501c3) to use the Pavilion for their 5K Walk/8K run on September 9, 2023  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to approve Resignation of Brandyn Bechtel as Fire Chief.  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer to approve Joseph Britt as Fire Chief  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dreisbach, second by Sodl to approve Mark Schuster as Deputy Chief  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Dreisbach to approve Jacob Wertz as Assistant Chief  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Kern to approve to pay for the Body Cameras out of the General fund and General fund will be reimbursed once grant is received.  
All in favor **7**; Opposed **0** Abstain **0** **Carried/Denied**

Any other items for Discussion:

#### Next Meetings

February 3, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting 9-11AM

February 7, 2023 Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to adjourn meeting 8:00 PM.