

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH OFFICE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President John Karinch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Gerald Boughter, John Karinch, Steve Tribioli, Ron Ricard, and Mark Thomas.

ABSENT

Marie Tribioli, Al Brandt and Beth Yocum

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER QUESTIONS ONLY

Jeff Bamberger asked about meters being placed at the curb. John Karinch informed him that was only for new construction

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

REPORTS

There were no questions on the reports presented.

NEW BUSINESS

INTERMUNICIPAL SEWER CONTRACTS

Barb Henry stated that the sewer contracts with North Cornwall and West Cornwall date back to the early 1990s. With the Dairy Road project on the horizon, North Cornwall would like to rewrite the contract. Barb feels the West Cornwall contract should be revised as well. Barb would like permission to work with Solicitor Cleary to begin investigating the contracts. Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to allow Barb to begin the process of reviewing and revising the contracts. Motion passed.

CHANGING VENDORS FOR WATER METERS

Barb Henry stated that there were over 990 meters installed in 2003. Over the years those meters begin to slow down and water begins going unaccounted for. If that the amount of unaccounted water reaches a certain point, DEP will step in and ask you to work on lowering that number. Cornwall was approaching that number this year. Barb would like to switch from the current Sensus meters to Kamstrup meters as the borough begins the process of replacing the old meters over the next few years. Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to switch to the Kamstrup meter. Motion passed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Dutchess asked about the status of the Cornwall Center roundabout. John Karinch said they have not heard anything for at least two years. Tom Smith said he thought it was on PennDOT's twelve-year plan. Ron Ricard asked if that was something we could reach out about. Cody Rhoads will investigate it further.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019. Motion passed.

## REPORTS

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

### BUDGET REPORT

John Karinch read the revenues, expenditures and earned income tax revenue for the year to date into the record.

### SNITZ 2 PROJECT

John Karinch talked with Mr. Krall again but did not make much progress. John attended a meeting last week for the Snitz 4 project, which will start at the Blue Bird Inn and go through Karinchville, and learned that for the Snitz 2, if the project is reduced from two acres to one acre, the MS4 credits would not change. Therefore, he would like to propose to Mr. Krall that the borough purchases one acre from him for \$16,000 and that he is also exempted for five or ten years when, or if, the borough enacts a stormwater fee. After further discussion, Steve Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, for John to go back to Mr. Krall with another offer. Motion passed.

### BOROUGH-WIDE GARBAGE HAULING

Gerald Boughter said he got a lot of phone calls about wanting it to stay the way it is. He made a motion that the borough drops the idea. Mark Thomas agreed with Gerald. Steve Tribioli seconded Gerald's motion so they can move on. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS FOR THE OFFICE

John Karinch went over the proposed purchase of new computers. It would be three new computers, three battery backups and a new switch for the network. The total cost would not exceed \$6,020 and would come out of the 2019 budget. Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Gerald Boughter, to purchase the new computers from the 2019 budget. Motion passed.

### ADOPT 2020 FINAL BUDGET

Gerald Boughter made a motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to adopt the 2020 Final Budget. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2019-4

This was an amendment to the zoning ordinance (Chapter 14) and states “The requirements of this section shall not be applicable to working farm equipment and other working vehicles used in the Agricultural District but which are not used as a means of conveyance on public highways.” Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to pass the amendment. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2019-5

This ordinance is the intermunicipal agreement for Cornwall Borough Police to cover West Cornwall and Mt. Gretna. It is a two-year contract with a third-year option. Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the ordinance. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2019-6

This ordinance accepts dedication for the remaining portion of Palmer Street. Gerald Boughter made a motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to accept dedication. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2019-7

This ordinance establishes speed limits and stop signs for Palmer Street and several other streets in Goosetown. Steve Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to establish the speed limits and stop signs. Motion passed.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-10

This resolution establishes the 2020 tax rate for the borough at 2.25 mills. The borough code was amended to allow the tax rate to be set by resolution instead of ordinance if there was no change. Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to set the tax rate at 2.25 mills for 2020. Motion passed.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-9

This resolution sets the police’s contribution for their pension plan at 1% for 2020. Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to set the police’s contribution at 1% for 2020. Motion passed.

#### POLICE ADDITION FINAL PAYMENT AND RELEASE OF SECURITY BOND

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve final payment to M. Webster Construction and release his security bond contingent on the borough getting all the necessary paperwork. Motion passed.

#### STREETLIGHT, 322/BOYD

Resident Bob Peterson had asked about the possibility of adding a traffic light at the intersection. John Karinch said council had asked PennDOT in the past and were denied. Mr. Peterson hoped they could reopen the discussion and said one of the HOA members had a contact with PennDOT that they hoped to utilize. Council was amenable to allow Bob Peterson and the HOA to look further into the possibility.

#### BRAKE RETARDER STUDY ON 72

Ron Ricard said that a resident of Alden Place wrote him a letter asking to address the issue of the use of brake retarders on 72. John Karinch and Gerald Boughter said PennDOT turned them down the last time council requested a brake retarder restriction on 72. Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to have Cody Rhoads write to PennDOT to request a study be done. Motion passed.

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Mark Thomas recommended Sergeant Brett Hopkins to become Chief when current Chief Bruce Harris retires. Chief Harris will retire no later than May 2021.

The meeting adjourned into an executive session at 7:23 p.m.

The meeting convened into regular session at 7:34 p.m. Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Gerald Boughter, to approve a new, four-year police contract. Motion passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Cody Rhoads  
Secretary