

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 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

John Karinch, Marie Tribioli, Steve Tribioli, Ron Ricard, Al Brandt, Thomas Burton and Mark Thomas.

ABSENT

Gerald Boughter

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER QUESTIONS ONLY

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to accept the water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 council meeting with one correction. Regarding the Brake Retarder Study, it should be listed as Route 72 instead of 322. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020 REORGANIZATION MEETING

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Ron Ricard had a few questions about the difference in budgeted revenues compared to received revenues. John Karinch said that the borough doesn't have control over the revenues and the borough received 116% of the budgeted amount for Earned Income Taxes this year, which led to more revenue than the budgeted amount. Ron asked if that excess could be used to retire some of

the EIT loan. John said it could, but the board has focused on creating a rainy-day fund that they've rarely been able to do.

Steve Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the reports. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET REPORT

John Karinch read the revenues, expenditures and earned income tax revenue for 2019 into the record.

SNITZ 2 PROJECT

John Karinch spoke with Mr. Krall again recently. Mr. Krall is not ready to give a definite answer one way or the other.

CHICKENS IN MINERSVILLE

John Karinch said he received a complaint about chickens running loose in Minersville again. Chief Harris asked if the chickens are presently in violation of the ordinance. John said that they were. Chief Harris said that then the police will handle it as an ordinance violation then and said he will send an officer out to investigate the situation.

GOOSETOWN STORMWATER PROJECTS

John Karinch asked Steve Dellinger where the borough stood on the Goosetown Stormwater projects that relate to the Sunoco Grant. Steve said that they were in the process of setting up a meeting up to discuss the projects. John asked that they give an update at the next council meeting.

John mentioned that there is a possibility the borough will have to implement a stormwater fee at some point, especially if the Snitz 2 projects does not move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

CORNWALL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

John Karinch mentioned that Manager Cody Rhoads spoke with Jon Fitzkee, Assistant Director/Senior Transportation Planner at the Lebanon County Planning Department, about the Cornwall Center project that a resident brought up at the last meeting.

The feeling was that if the borough wanted to see improvements at the intersection in the future, they should commit their support to the project now. Chief Harris said that though there haven't been a high number of incidents, there are a lot of close calls as a lot more traffic moving through the intersection than in the past.

John said he doesn't have a problem with roundabouts and Ron Ricard said he feels they work well. Ron said the ones on 322 are aesthetically pleasing and function well.

Mark Thomas said he would like to see a third option introduced, such as closing Burd Coleman Road or making it a one way. He also felt people would not understand how to navigate a roundabout.

CORNWALL MANOR, REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT

John Karinch mentioned that ELA would continue to serve as the inspector until the completion of the project. Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to reduce Cornwall Manor's letter of credit in an amount contingent on ELA's report. Motion passed.

EXTENSION FOR BERNHARDT SUBDIVISION

Steve Dellinger stated that the developer grants council the extension or the borough would have to decide in 90 days. The developer is not ready to return revised plans, so they are granting the borough additional time. Thomas Burton asked how many lots this would create. Steve Dellinger said there would be three new lots with three houses on them. Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to accept the extension. Motion passed.

TEIKEN/LAURENZO PLAN

In this plan, Mr. Laurenzo would sell a 6,200 SF piece of his land on Valley View Drive to Mr. Teiken on Valley View Drive. Subdivisions are not permitted in that area, but Solicitor Cleary informed council they could grant the waiver conditioned upon the applicant presenting the deed of the Laurenzo tract with the perimeter legal description of its area after the subdivision saying that no further subdivision of any type would be allowed.

John Karinch stated that the planning commission was fine with that decision as this will not be a separate lot. Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to grant the waiver based on the conditions that Solicitor Cleary set forth. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2020-1

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to pass Resolution 2020-1, which appoints members to the Lebanon County Code Appeals Board. Motion passed.

CORNWALL COMMUNITY CATS PROGRAM

John Karinch gave an update on the program that was provided to council by Jen Wentzel.

POLICE STATION WORK

John Karinch stated that now that the interior work is done there is some work that should be done on the outside of the building. Chief Harris said he'd like to see some of the windows replaced as well. Cody Rhoads and Tom Smith will make up a list and then solicit proposals for the work.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary