

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH GARAGE

Council President John Karinch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Council President John Karinch, Council Vice President Ron Ricard, Marie Tribioli, Steve Tribioli, Al Brandt, Thomas Burton, Bruce Conrad, Mayor Mark Thomas and Manager Cody Rhoads

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

KRESGE WATER FORGIVENESS

The water committee recommended that council forgive the amount of \$1,129.03 due to the faulty meter pit. Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to grant the forgiveness. Motion passed.

PERMISSION TO CONTACT SOLICITOR

The water committee was asking permission to contact Josele Cleary about the issue of driveways sinking on Julia Lane, causing curb boxes to become exposed. Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to contact Ms. Cleary to devise a plan to address this issue now and in the future. Motion passed.

The next issue was the Cold Springs tank. John Karinch said that West Cornwall was not overly interested because taking down the tank, relocating it and reassembling it was not much cheaper than building a new tank.

Barb Henry gave an update on the historic preservation of the old reservoir. Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to have Ms. Henry contact Ms. Cleary to assess the ownership and technical issues of the Cold Springs property. Motion passed.

GOSCH PROPERTY, PUBLIC SEWER WAIVER

Due to the distance to the public sewer from the property, the owner was requesting a waiver to proceed with on-lot septic. Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to grant the waiver. Motion passed.

FURNACE STREET HYDRANT BREAK

Mayor Thomas said he had received a few complaints from residents not being notified of the hydrant break at Furnace Street. Since it was above ground, no boil water advisory was needed, but the borough will issue an alert if a similar situation arises in the future.

REPORTS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the director's water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Waltman, Karinchville, spoke about the benefits of the library and requested a donation from the borough again this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the reports. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

John Karinch had some concerns about the traffic during pick-up time at the elementary school. Chief Harris explained that so many parents are picking their kids up that traffic is backing up out onto Route 419.

Steve Tribioli, who works for the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, offered his input on the setup and execution of the plan in place. The feedback that he received was that it was much improved from the first week of school.

Both Chief Harris and Mr. Tribioli felt this plan was as good as it can get.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF HEALTH

Don Moyer, who has been serving as the chair of the board, addressed council. He said it has been hard to find volunteers and they do not have a quorum most meetings. Mr. Moyer reviewed what would take place at a meeting, said they very rarely got complaints and anything they did could be superseded by the county.

Steve Tribioli asked Mr. Moyer if he felt this was an antiquated group that was remnant of the past and no longer needed. Mr. Moyer said that he felt that yes, that was accurate.

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to disband the Board of Health. Motion passed.

DOLORES KERN, BURD COLEMAN GARAGES PIPE

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to have Solicitor Cleary draft an agreement stating that borough will fix the issue since they installed the pipe many years ago, but after the repair is complete it will be the owner's responsibility moving forward. Motion passed.

TICE LANE BRIDGE INSPECTION

Council reviewed the inspection report from Hanover Engineering. The estimate to repair the bridge was \$130,000. John Karinch felt it would be more prudent to replace the bridge rather than repair it.

Mr. Karinch asked Steve Dellinger if Hanover Engineering would back their design with their own liability if the borough used different contractors for the construction of the bridge. Mr. Dellinger said his understanding was that they have in the past, but he will verify.

There was discussion about the borough's liability regarding posting the road with a weight limit.

NEW BUSINESS

RON MORRISON

Mr. Morrison was following up on his complaint about Thomas Burton and was asking him to resign. Mr. Burton said he had no intention to resign. Mr. Morrison said he will return next month to ask for his resignation again.

John Karinch said he had heard that Mr. Burton commented to the applicant at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting that he should not have even bothered getting a permit and gone ahead with building it. Mr. Karinch said that this is inappropriate conduct for a council member. Mr. Burton did not recall making those comments to the applicant.

After further back and forth between Mr. Morrison and Mr. Burton, Mr. Karinch said that only the governor can remove a council member and Mr. Burton has said that he has no intention of stepping down.

PLANNING AND ZONING

John Karinch reviewed the issues between county planning and the borough. The planning commission met with Julie Cheyney last week and she was on board with the proposed changes. Any resident that wants a permit will have to first come before planning and zoning for approval. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to move forward with reinstating planning and zoning as presented. Motion passed.

NORTHGATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to sign the Northgate Stormwater Management Agreement between Cornwall Associates and the Northgate HOA.

Chet Bogar, president of the Northgate HOA, thanked Hanover Engineering, Jennifer Prunoske, Steven Dellinger and Josele for their work in getting the stormwater basin resolved.

139 REXMONT ROAD, PARKING APPROVAL FOR HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the parking for a home-based business located at 139 Rexmont Road. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$50K TO MS4 FUND

Since the money allocated in this year's budget was not used, John Karinch would like to transfer it to the MS4 fund for future use. Council agreed with that decision and no motion was needed.

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Ron Ricard felt council, or any borough meeting, should follow Roberts Rules of Order. He felt everyone should conduct themselves appropriately and be mindful of who is in the audience.

It was decided that council would review the information and discuss it further next month.

PALMER STREET

Marie Tribioli questioned whether the remaining portion of Palmer Street was dedicated. After learning that it was, Ms. Tribioli suggested completing a traffic study to get a stop sign installed at the intersection of Palmer and Walker.

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to conduct a traffic study for the purposed of erecting a stop sign at Palmer and Walker Streets.

KRALL PROPERTY

John Karinch said he spoke with Mr. Krall recently. Mr. Krall said he will let him know when the corn is down so Hanover can conduct their survey.

FASP AMBULANCE AT THE FIRE COMPANY

The fire company and FASP have tentatively reached an agreement to station an ambulance at the fire company seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary