

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into an executive session to discuss personnel at 6:30 p.m. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to reconvene the public meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REVISE WATER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to have Solicitor Josele Cleary revise the water rules and regulations to address the curb box issues. Motion passed.

REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### BURD COLEMAN GARAGES AGREEMENT

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to approve the agreement prepared by Solicitor Cleary and to send it to the owner of the Burd Coleman garages for their review. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### FURNACE STREET TREE ISSUE

The tree in dispute was recently taken down by the homeowner and no parties were present.

### BRAKE RETARDER STUDY, ROUTE 419

PennDOT recently approved a brake retarder restriction from the eastern borough line on Route 419 to the stop sign at the Root Beer Barrel. Cody Rhoads talked to the traffic engineer who performed the study and he agreed to borough could include the additional 200 feet between the new restriction area and the current restriction area of Cornwall Center to the western borough line on Route 419. Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to update the ordinance to include the brake retarder restriction. Motion passed.

### FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF CORNWALL

Brent Zimmerman (president), Dave Slater (vice president) and Jeff Marley (treasurer) were in attendance to represent the fire company. Mr. Zimmerman recently attended a finance committee meeting to discuss the financial situation and needs of the fire company.

The current pumper needs repairs to make it operation and a refurbishment of the truck would likely cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

John Karinch mentioned that the borough is willing to contribute to the refurbishment, including \$25,000 in the 2021 budget, but needs the borough to be put on the deed for the building. Mr. Karinch stated that the borough pays the mortgage but is not on the deed. He believes this would leave the borough in a precarious position if something were to happen to the fire company in the future. Mr. Marley stated that the fire company also has a mortgage on the building.

Thomas Burton felt the fire company need to step up their fundraising efforts. Mr. Marley said the fire company is down to 10 active guys and it is hard to ask them to fundraise on top of the training they do.

There was further discussion as to what would happen to the building under the current law should the fire company no longer exist in the future.

The fire company had requested council explore a fire tax like many of the neighboring municipalities do. Mr. Karinch said the finance committee did not approve of that idea because taxes were increased a few years ago to help with the EIT situation.

Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the \$25,000 in the budget for the work on the engine. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2020-4

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to adopt Ordinance 2020-4 which places a five-ton weight limit on Tice Lane. Motion passed.

#### ORDINANCE 2020-5

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to adopt Ordinance 2020-5 which eliminates the Board of Health. Motion passed.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-4

Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to adopt Resolution 2020-4 which sets the members contribution to the police pension plan at 1% for 2021. Motion passed.

#### ADOPT 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

John Karinch went over some of the additions for the budget, most notably the costs for turning the current meeting room into the manager's office, moving Barb Henry into the current manager's office and using the garage permanently for meetings.

Bruce Conrad discussed transferring funds to the recreation fund and what additions the borough could make to their recreation offerings to benefit the residents.

Marie Tribioli wanted to request a donation be made to the Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails. She said tens of thousands of people have been using the trail and it is the biggest recreation offering in the community. Ms. Tribioli reviewed what the donation could go towards, such as equipment and maintenance.

Mayor Thomas felt it was not the government's place to make a donation like that.

Mr. Conrad felt it was a proper donation because recreation benefits everyone.

Mr. Karinch asked Tom Smith about widening North Cornwall Road to make a walkway for people to safely walk from Karinchville to Toytown.

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to adopt the 2021 preliminary budget with the addition of the \$5,000 donation to the Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails. Motion passed.

#### APPROVE PERMIT FOR 219 KARINCH STREET, SHED

The property owner did not realize the planning and zoning commission was on the first Monday of the month and missed the meeting to get approved for a permit. Bruce Conrad, who is a member of the planning and zoning commission, spoke to the owner and felt the permit should be granted. Cody Rhoads spoke with Ray Fratini, chairman of planning and zoning, and he was fine with council granting that permit. Bruce Conrad made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve the permit. Motion passed.

APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL COMPATABILITY FOR 301 BOYD STREET

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the architectural compatibility for 301 Boyd Street for the purpose of installing solar panels. Motion passed.

APPROVE SWM EXEMPTION FOR 1301 DOUGLAS FIR

Steve Dellinger reviewed Jen Prunoske's recommendations for the addition of a garage at 1301 Douglas Fir. Al Brandt wanted to make sure that the stormwater runoff would not affect any downhill neighbors.

Bruce Conrad made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the stormwater exemption for 1301 Douglas Fir. Motion passed.

REQUEST TO CLOSE OAK STREET/FINCH ALLEY, 12/6 4-7 P.M.

The neighborhood requested permission to close the street and alley for a Christmas celebration. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the request to close Oak Street and Finch Alley on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. Motion passed.

KRALL PROPERTY

Mr. Krall is checking to see if it is more beneficial to complete the sale in 2020 or 2021.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2021

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to sign the engagement letter with Stanilla, Siegel and Maser to conduct the 2021 audit. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads  
Secretary