

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.  
AT CORNWALL UMC

Council President Bruce Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Council President Bruce Harris, Council Vice President Bruce Conrad, John Karinch, Al Brandt Thomas Burton, Beth Yocum and Mayor Mark Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Borough Manager Cody Rhoads, Highway Superintendent Tom Smith, Police Chief Brett Hopkins, Borough Engineer Chad Smith

ABSENT

Council Pro Tem Ron Ricard

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

None

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORNWALL JUNCTION AGREEMENTS

Bruce Conrad said it was discovered that there was a slight sag in one of the new lines. The agreements specify that once the development is near completion the line will be televised again. If there would be any progression, Landmark would make repairs before laying the final paving. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by John Karinch, to sign the agreements.

REPORTS

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Bondelid stated that he saw that the H+K property was sold and was wondering if anybody knew what was planned. Mr. Harris stated that no formal plan has been submitted to the borough. Mr. Rhoads said that the new owners requested to be on the agenda for the July planning commission meeting so it is likely they will give an idea then of what they are proposing.

Ron Laudeman asked about speed limit signs on Rexmont Road and stated that there is a speeding issue. Tom Smith believes there are speed limit signs in the area but will double check. Mr. Laudeman also asked about cleaning a drainage ditch along the right of way.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by John Karinch, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 and May 17, 2022 council meetings. Motion passed.

#### REPORTS

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the reports. Motion passed.

Mr. Harris read the budget report for May 2022.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### COMMITTEES

Mr. Harris asked if there was any movement on a committee for the comprehensive plan. Mr. Conrad stated that he will mention it to Ray Fratini, chair of the Planning Commission, again as he has given him a few names. Mr. Laudeman said that council should make the choices because he heard Mr. Fratini say at a meeting that he wants people on the committee who thinks the same way that he does. Mr. Laudeman was assured that council will choose a diverse committee.

Mr. Harris also mentioned the creation of a committee to work on a process for reporting zoning violations.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### REQUEST FOR REZONING – IRONMASTER ROAD

Louie Hurst has made a formal request to rezone his property on Ironmaster Road. Cornwall Manor owns a smaller, adjacent lot and has joined the request for rezoning. The request now must be sent to the Planning Commission and Lebanon County Planning Department. They have 45 days to review the request and make comments. Bruce Conrad made the motion, second by John Karinch, to forward the request to the appropriate parties. Motion passed 6-1 with Thomas Burton opposing.

##### ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-9 – APPOINTMENT TO ADMINISTER, REVIEW PLANS, AND CONDUCT INSPECTIONS UNDER THE UCC

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adopt Resolution 2022-9 which is an appointment to administer, review plan, and conduct inspections under the UCC. The borough will be using Commonwealth Codes but the resolution does not specify a particular provider and can be changed at any time.

Mr. Rhoads stated that the County Planning Department will still serve as the Sewage Enforcement Officer as Mr. Steckbeck felt nobody else had the expertise that Dave Siminitus, the current SEO, has.

#### HIRING OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Harris stated that a full-time officer was budgeted for the second half of the year. Shane Boerst has been a part-time officer for the past ten months and is the last remaining name on the Civil Service's eligibility list. Mr. Harris was recommending hiring Mr. Boerst as a patrolman grade-one starting as soon as possible. Mayor Thomas agreed with that idea. John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to promote Shane Boerst to a full-time position at the level of patrolman grade one. Motion passed.

#### AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF ALDEN STREET – AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 4 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to authorize the closure of Alden Street on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Cornwall UMC's Peach Festival. Motion passed.

#### COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Conrad stated that Barb Henry and Janelle Salem did a great job on creating a presentation highlighting the water system. Mr. Brandt seconded that comment and stated he learned quite a bit from viewing it.

Mr. Harris asked about the recreation committee working with Karla Farrell. Mr. Conrad stated that they will be meeting with her soon and look forward to working with her. Jo Roussey stated that Ms. Farrell is wonderful.

Irene Van Tassel said she attended the Fire Company open house and was very impressed. Mr. Karinch said he has received comments about how nice it is the fire company is sending representation to the council meeting each month and asked the firefighters in attendance to stand to be recognized.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads  
Secretary