

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, 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 and Mayor Mark Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Borough Manager Cody Rhoads, Highway Superintendent Tom Smith and Borough Engineer Steve Dellinger

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS  
REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Dutchess, 304 Spring Street, thanked Tom Smith and the road crew for the tree trimming along the roads. He also asked about a semi-truck that has been backed into the woods by the former Molly's restaurant since the borough has limitations on where trailers can be parked. It was determined that it was parked in West Cornwall, but the borough will verify that.

Dale Waltman, 221 Karinch Street, spoke in favor of the Lebanon Public Library and highlighted a few of the services they provide. He asked the borough council to consider increasing their donation in next year's budget. Mr. Karinch asked if he had any statistics related to borough users. Mr. Waltman said Michelle Hawk would be able to provide that.

Jo Roussey, 123 Pine Street, stated that she is a volunteer at the library and spoke highly of the services offered. She thanked council for past support and encouraged an increase in the donation.

Mr. Ricard asked if there was any update on safety signals at the Rails to Trails crossing. Mr. Rhoads said he will follow-up with the county about what improvements could possibly be added there.

Mr. Dutchess asked about the traffic that would be added with the warehouse being built on State Drive. Mr. Karinch said that the borough was told it was a fulfillment center and the truck traffic would not be as voluminous as you might expect.

Jeff Bamberger, 113 Pine Street, suggested straightening Route 419 as an improvement.

Cathy Jackson, 310 Spring Hill Lane, made a suggestion for placement of warning signs for the trail.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bruce Conrad made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 council meeting. Motion passed.

#### REPORTS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to approve the reports. Motion passed.

Mr. Karinch read the budget report.

Mr. Karinch read a letter from a resident on Bayberry Court commending Tom Smith and the road crew on the work they did related to the paving on their street.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### CORNWALL JUNCTION

Mr. Karinch wanted to address some items he saw on social media questioning why the borough allowed the development to proceed. Mr. Karinch stated that the tract of land has been zoned residential from the beginning. There was no rezoning done on the property. The development is being constructed according to the ordinance.

##### FIRE COMPANY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Rob Brady would like to schedule the first meeting for the feasibility study and would like to know what day and time would be best for those attending. It decided the finance committee should represent the council. Mr. Rhoads will relay the best dates to Mr. Brady and coordinate a meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ALDEN MANSION

Steve Dellinger requested permission to include Solicitor Cleary in the discussions about the possible uses that the perspective buyer is proposing. Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to allow Mr. Dellinger to work with Solicitor Cleary. Motion passed.

##### SUNOCO GRANT

Mr. Rhoads stated the original design for the Goosetown Stormwater Projects was not feasible due to various factors. The project also requires that a bog turtle study be completed, which is a cost that was not included in the grant. Mr. Rhoads requested that DEP allow the remaining grant money to be allocated to the Snitz 2 project, but that request was denied. That leaves the

following options. The borough can request that the grant be amended to include the bog turtle study, while lowering the construction allotment and increasing the engineering allotment or the borough can return the remaining funds to the state. Mr. Rhoads stated that if the funds are returned, it could harm the borough's standing when it comes to awarding future grants. Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to request the grant contract be amended. Motion passed.

#### 2022 MMOs

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to approve the borough's 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the uniform and non-uniform pension plans. Motion passed.

#### AUTHORIZE HIRE OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Tabled.

#### AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY GARAGE FURNACE

This was a budgeted item for 2021. The quoted price for replacement was \$11,342.58. Tom Smith stated the current furnace is over 30 years old and during the last maintenance it was suggested that it be considered for replacement. Mark Thomas felt that the estimate was too high. After further discussion, Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to solicit more quotes for the replacement.

#### STORMWATER EXEMPTIONS – 7 LYNCH, 305 SPRING HILL, 2371 CORNWALL, 8 CULVERT

Mr. Dellinger reviewed the projects that were recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to approve the stormwater exemptions. Motion passed.

#### AUTHORIZE SIGNING CORPORATE RESOLUTION – ARP ACCOUNT, FULTON

Mr. Rhoads explained that it was previously approved to open a separate account for the ARP funds. Mr. Burton asked if the borough went out of our way to obtain this money? It was stated that the borough did have to apply for the funds, which were allocated. Mr. Burton asked what strings were attached. Mr. Rhoads stated that the money is restricted to certain uses. Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve signing the resolution. Thomas Burton voted against. Motion passed 6-1.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads  
Secretary