

JIM THORPE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2021
MINUTES

Angela Nardini sang three songs to honor our Veteran's.

Presentation

Karen & John, from the Pharaohs Car Club of Jim Thorpe, Pa. were present. They have purchased a pedestal for the Waterborne Monument that is in Memorial Park. This will get the monument off the ground and prevent it from being run over in the future.

Roll Call of Members & Officials

Gregory Strubinger	Thomas Highland - absent	Joanne Klitsch
Jay Miller	Kyle Sheckler	Michael Yeastedt
Robert Schaninger - absent	Mayor Michael Sofranko - absent	Solicitor Nanovic
Police Chief Schatz	Public Service Manager Yaich	Manager Sterner
Borough Engineer - absent	Secretary McClafferty	

Mayor's Report

Announcements

2020 Recycling Grant Approved - \$4,285.10
Fall Tire & Electronic Recycling Report
Vacant position on the International Property Maintenance Board
2022 Appointments

SALDO

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch that Council forward the Lucas Request to the Planning Commission for their recommendations.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Mauch Chunk Parking waiver request SALDO – 390.B.I.2 – Driveway Turning Radius

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to approve the waiver request SALDO – 390-20.B 6 & 7 Contours.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Mauch Chunk Parking LDP as long as all of the conditions are met.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to grant a time extension for Kanick SALDO until March 31, 2022 and table the Waiver Requests SALDO Sections 390-11 & 390.5 – Minor Subdivision & Preliminary/Final Plan and SALDO Section 390-13-F3 – lot depth ratio

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Public Comment – limited to 1 minute per person – public is encouraged to submit public comments via regular mail, email or place in drop box at municipal office

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Thomas Klitsch, 606 Main Street they submitted a request for action and he would like a decision. He said Main Street has been a public road forever. It is on the Liquid Fuels map and the borough receives money for the road, and the roadway has been taken care of by the borough. He would like this issue resolved because of the home owner's association next to his place has been sending him bills that they are part of their association and they are not.

Borough Manager Sterner said we have sent them a letter with the information that we have to the Home Owner's Association.

Mrs. Klitsch said her attorney sent them the information that they have to the Home Owner's Association also. She requested that the borough continue plowing the road like they have been doing in the past.

Borough Manager Sterner said we should have our solicitor review all the documents and verify that the Borough owns the road

Todd Morris, 102 Center St, thanked council for meeting with the residents about the Front Street project. He is worried about the tree canopy being removed on Front Street and the amount of money it is going to cost the residents that live there for the project replacing sidewalks and curbing.

Mr. Miller said the borough is taking a different approach on the way we are constructing the roads. People have had their basements flooded, we need to address curbing and drainage issues. We didn't want to pass the expenses onto the residents, we took a really long look at this, this has to be done the right way.

Bob Ewashko, 40 West Broadway would like to know when they will be able to apply for a parking permit?

Borough Manager Sterner said the applications will be ready in the middle of December.

Ed McArdle, 622 Center Street, asked what is the latest on paint order?

Borough Manager Sterner said this is still on back order.

Ed McArdle spoke about the 700 block of Center Street having an open ditch and talked about when the roadway was paved in the 700 block of School alley and no curbing was put into prevent residents' basements from flooding.

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to appoint Brian Evans to the UCC Appeals Board.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Action

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2021.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2021.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

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MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2021.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the Expenditures from all Funds as presented.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the Treasurer's Report.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to approve Advertising the 2022 Proposed Budget.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Jay Miller to adopt Ordinance 2021-08, Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to approve the solicitor to draft the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Medical Marijuana Facilities; Ferris Wheel.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the solicitor to draft the Vehicle/Parking Ordinance – Proposed fine increase.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to adopt Resolution 2021-19 Police Officers Contributions to Police Pension 2022.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Jay Miller to adopt Resolution 2021-20 Auditor.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to adopt Resolution 2021-21 Procedures for Public Meeting.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to deny Henry Marin request for Parking.

Comments:

Mr. Miller believes the borough should be looking into a Parking Authority for the borough. Build a parking lot up on our property on Flagstaff Road on the curve. We will need startup money to start this, see if our representatives can help us with funding for this.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve Entech 4159 WO-11545 School St Paving & Improvement Project - \$14,800.00.

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

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MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the Blight Remediation Grant Project payment for Lehighton Borough – KCE Invoices - #179863 - \$4,776.00.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve advertising Demo Bid Specs.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve Palmerton Borough - Todd Green - Demolition Project invoice amount \$17,950.00.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Church Alley – N/A

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the High Street ARP Project DEP – GP-5 Permit application - No fee
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the High Street project E&S Plan - \$500.00 fee.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to approve the High Street Project Specs/Bidding.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Utility Action

Utility Accounts Lien Reports

- Active Utility Accounts Garbage & Others Lien Report (0)

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Jay Miller to approve the Active Utility Account Garbage Only Lien Report (1).
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Active Utility Accounts Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (0)

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Jay Miller to approve the Active Utility Accounts Water/Garbage Lien Report (1).
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Active Utility Accounts Water/Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (0)

Temporary Off Lien Report (0)

Inactive (0)

Uncollectible Accounts Report (0)

Utility Accounts Proposed Updates (0)

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to deny #7335 request, he is to be billed like the ordinance states.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Exoneration Request

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MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to approve the Exoneration Request from Linda Richards and Barbara Rodgers.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Committees
Administration

Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)

Borough Manager Sterner said everyone received the fees schedule this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Police

Buildings/Parks

1. Barry Isett & Associates grant assistance report

Emergency Services

Mr. Yeastedt gave an update on the new fire truck.

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Jay Miller to credit KME to do the graphics to the new vehicle.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Old Business

- A. Brummell Request – to take unopened portion of Quarry St.
- B. Readdressing Phase II
- C. Blight Landbank
- D. Facilities Projects
- E. Chipmunk Trail Addressing
- F. Stormwater Ordinance Update
- G. Parking Authority
- H. 2021 Street Project – Front Street
- I. 2022 Fee Schedule Proposed
- J. Klitsch – Request for Action

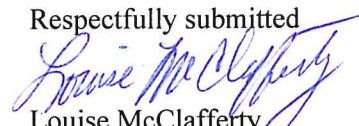
Executive Session

- A. Personnel
- B. Litigation

Adjourn

MOTION: Jay Miller second Michael Yeastedt to adjourn and go into executive session.
YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT 2 Bob Schaninger & Tom Highland

Adjourned at 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted

Louise McClafferty
Borough Secretary