

**BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Robert J. May, Council President
Mr. David W. Eggert, Council Vice President
Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Councilman
Mr. Steve Geibel, Councilman
Mr. Warren Lubenow, Councilman
Mr. Gregory Zawilla, Councilman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager
Mrs. Susan Eggert, Borough Secretary
Mr. Derrek Rhoads, Roadmaster
Ms. Joan London, Borough Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Mr. Ty Leinneweber, Borough Engineer, SDE
Mr. Barrie C. Kinsey, Borough Mayor

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Fritz, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Mr. Robert J. May, at 7:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the Thursday, April 8, 2021, meeting were distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the minutes. **MOTION:** Mr. David Eggert made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the treasurer's report and Ms. Leinbach indicated that the treasurer's report could be approved as presented and filed for audit. **MOTION:** Mr. Lubenow made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Mr. Eggert; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$517,576.93 **RESERVES:** \$76,595.16 **FIRE TAX:** \$41,741.46 **SEWER:** \$311,744.78 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$303,000.70

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: All bills requiring payment and ratification were presented to Council for approval. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the general fund total \$86,547.95. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the sewer fund total \$1,977.45. Bills requiring payment and ratification from liquid fuels fund total \$3,229.37. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the fire tax fund total \$4,109.78. Mr. Geibel asked if the amount for 911 fees was the entire amount to which Ms. Leinbach replied that it was only for the fire portion of the bill. **MOTION:** Mr. Steve Geibel made the motion authorizing payment and ratification of all bills presented; seconded by Mr. Eggert; all were in favor and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER - TY LEINNEWEBER, SDE

READING REAL ESTATE – Ms. London prepared the Approvements Agreement for Reading Real Estate escrow for installation of the sidewalks. The agreement was already signed by Mr. Jason Lutz and needs Council approval. The escrow will be setup in the amount of \$15,172.50. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing Council President, Mr. Robert J. May and Borough Manager, Ms. Allison Leinbach to sign the approvals agreement for the installation of the sidewalk for 3209 Oley Turnpike Road (Reading Real Estate); seconded by Mr. Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Leinneweber indicated that a legal description was given for the property and the final plan still needs to be filed with the County.

3001 PERKIOMEN AVENUE - There are supposed to be plans submitted for this property; nothing received as of today but Mr. Leinneweber will try to review in time for Planning Commission when the plans are submitted to discuss on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:30 PM. This will require a land development.

AVSC - They have been notified of the storm water management reporting process. We are awaiting the reports.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR - JOAN LONDON, KOZLOFF STOUDT

ORDINANCE 448 - Ordinance 448 is the Firefighter’s Tax Relief Ordinance. This was advertised on 5/7/21 but requires 30-days notice. This will be up for adoption at the June 10, 2021, meeting.

REPORT OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER - ALLISON LEINBACH

COURTESY DOOR TAGS - The courtesy door tags for high weeds and grass seem to be working for compliance.

490 PARKVIEW ROAD – The water has been turned off at this property for quite some time. The property has been broken into and is in a general state of disrepair and needs to be condemned, posted and boarded up. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing the property to be condemned, boarded up and posted as unfit for human habitation; seconded by Mr. Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE - ALLISON LEINBACH

RESOLUTION 849-2021 - Resolution 849-2021 authorizes the setup of an escrow titled 3209 Oley Turnpike Road Escrow for the escrow fund for Reading Real Estate’s sidewalk installation project. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion to adopt Resolution 849-2021; seconded by Mr. Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTS

MACI WAY - Three street lights have failed on Maci Way and will be replaced with LED. The lights have been ordered.

COMMUNITY CHURCH - Mr. Lubenow indicated that the house adjacent to Community Church’s parking lot has been using the right of way for parking and has actually been working on vehicles in the open and feels that this shouldn’t be allowed and is an eye sore for the church. There is also a similar problem on the Jacksonwald Avenue stub. It was decided to let the police ticket the vehicles and deal with any problems arising from these parking situations and not get the Borough Roadmaster involved.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will meet in May to review and sign the final plans for Reading Real Estate and review plans for 3001 Perkiomen Avenue if they are submitted within the next couple of days giving Mr. Leineweber time to review prior to the meeting.

SANITARY SEWER

MR. REHAB PROPOSAL - The Borough received a proposal from Mr. Rehab for light and heavy cleaning of the sanitary sewer system with costars pricing. It was noted that we should ask for a change order to include manhole inspections. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion accepting the proposal from Mr. Rehab for the light and heavy cleaning of the sewer system at the cost of \$57,580.00 as well as ask for a change order to include Manhole inspections; seconded by Mr. Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

RECREATION – DAVID EGGERT

PLAYGROUND PROGRAM - There was discussion about whether or not to hold a summer playground program. Mr. Eggert felt that there is no reason why we cannot hold a program since restrictions with the exception of masks are being lifted the end of the month. There was a discussion and Council decided to run the playground program morning and evening starting on June 14.

MUNICIPAL LANDS

HIKE OF THE LAND - Mr. Lubenow reminded everyone that he will be having his annual hike of the municipal lands on Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 AM.

HIGH TENSION LINES - Mr. Lubenow indicated that he has noticed that MetEd is removing the high tension lines and wanted to know if they would be removing the towers as well. Mr. Rhoads was directed to contact the municipal representative to get an answer to that question.

NEWSLETER

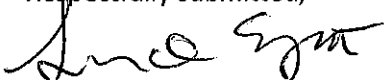
Now that a decision about the playground has been made a newsletter will be sent out hopefully the end of May or the first week of June.

LIBRARY LIAISON - REV BENNETHUM

The library is going to be opening a story walk that was created by a grant received from J P Mascaro. The dedication of this will be done on 5/28/21. On July 15, 2021, there will be a zoom webinar with author Daniel Sikora. The library is anticipating a reopening sometime in June.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mr. Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan D. Eggert
Borough Secretary