

***MINUTES OF THE
TOPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY May11, 2015***

Members of the Topton Borough Council met on Monday May 11, 2015 at 7:31 P.M. at Borough Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stauffer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present Mayor Biltcliff, Mr. Gehman, Ms. Lorah, Mr. Jost, Mr. Beck, Mr. Arndt, and Mr. Stauffer. Mr. Wagaman arrived late. Borough Secretary Marcus Dolny. Solicitor Joan London, Engineer Ryan Kern and visitors were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arndt the minutes of April 13, 2015 were approved unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Gehman, seconded by Mr. Jost the minutes of April 16, 2015 were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

June Ehrie addressed council via letter regarding a shut of notice and leak. The letter will be retained in her utility file, however other than offering a payment plan no reduction of fees will be considered.

Topton Swim Team submitted to council a letter in regards of the upcoming Need 4 Speed Invitational, and thanked the Borough for allowing them to host it.

Boy Scout Troop 585 requested permission to hold a series of Car Washes again. Mr. Wagaman made a motion to allow with a disclaimer that the Borough can cancel them if there is a draught concern. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Girls Volleyball requested to be able to use the parking lot as a drop off point for their clothing drive. Mr. Wagaman made a motion to allow, seconded by Ms. Lorah and passing unanimously.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – (Mr. Stauffer)

The 2015 Pool Staff was presented for approval. Mr. Arndt made a motion to hire at the rates of pay indicated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Hiring Patrick Gieringer for our seasonal grounds position at a rate of \$10.00 an hour was recommended. Mr. Wagaman made a motion to hire, seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Finance Committee – (Mr. Wagaman)

Mr. Wagaman made a motion to pay bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Property Committee – (Mr. Jost)

Working on bids for the new utility building at the water treatment plant, and still waiting on the completion and delivery of the new truck.

Parks & Recreation Committee – (Mr. Beck)

Swimming Pool is currently filling and minor issues are being addressed. Looking like we're ready to open.

Streets Committee – (Mr. Arndt) –

Looking into a possible agreement with Norfolk Southern to widen Centre Ave between Home Ave. and Main St.

Other matters discussed in engineer's report

Utility Committee – (Mr. Gehman) –

Majority of discussion to be covered in engineer's report.

Mr. Gehamn made a motion to purchase a new sampler for the sewer plant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Public Affairs Committee – (Ms. Lorah) –

Reminder that Street Fair is coming up this Saturday.

Mayor's Report –

NO REPORT

Secretary's Report

- Mr. Dolny recommended switching waste and recycling services to Republic. Mr. Wagaman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beck passing unanimously.
- Mr. Dolny entered into record letter from Longswamp Township regarding Water and Sewer usage.
- Mr. Dolny entered into record letter from Service Electric.

Solicitor's Report

- Ms. London reported that she has begun proceedings regarding 65 E. Washington St.
- Answer and new matter has been filed regarding Berks Lehigh Regional case. Looking to find damages sought.
- Planning Commission will be meeting on June 8th prior to Council meeting to finalize the handling of County Planning Commission letter.

Engineer's Report

1. Sewage Treatment Plant Copper Limit

The copper level remains well below the permit limit and now that warm weather has returned, Russ will continue to keep a close eye on the copper level and make any adjustments in dose rates as necessary.

2. Tipton Home Water Connection

Last week, we spoke with Steve Daniels at Diakon about their intentions regarding a connection to the Borough's public water system. Mr. Daniels advised that since meeting with the Borough in February, they have been in touch with Longswamp Township and the township has indicated that they have no objection to the Home connecting to the Borough's water system.

The next step is for Diakon to determine what expense they can expect to incur such as any fees, capital costs and user rates. They wish to get all the business terms and conditions out on the table and they are very much interested in continuing the dialog with the Borough so that they can make an informed decision. They are very much interested in continuing the dialog with the Borough so that they can have all the business terms out on the table; we can

expect to hear from them in the near future.

3. Influent Sampler and Flow Meter

Last month we reported that the automatic sampler for the treatment plant's influent had stopped working and is beyond repair. Russ has received a price quotation in the amount of **\$13,770.91** from Environmental Systems and Equipment Service, Inc. for furnishing and installing an influent flow meter and a refrigerated sampler so that flow proportioned samples can be collected as required in the permit. Environmental Systems and Service, Inc. is registered as a COSTAR Supplier.

Although, Russ had been able to collect the samples of the influent during the past month without too much difficulty, with warmer temperatures, the main concern now is that the portable unit is not refrigerated and the sample is to be kept at 4 degree Celsius (40 degree Fahrenheit). For this reason plus the fact that the portable sampler is quite old, it is recommended that a new sampler be purchased as soon as possible.

4. TV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Pipes

Prior to last month's meeting, Levan Pipe Services (formerly Captain Clog) had televised several sanitary sewer lines in the Borough. To date, Russ has not yet received the written report and video; therefore, a plan for repairing the defects that were observed has not yet been developed. One area where which had a number of defects was in Birch Alley at the Hess Gas Station.

5. DeLong and Trexler Water and Sewer Connections

A new water service has been installed from the water main in Weis Street.

A new sanitary sewer lateral remains to be installed. We have had a number of discussions with the plumber, Cliff Seewagon, about the sewer connection. Apparently, the new owners are considering the elimination of basement service due to the additional costs of the installation at the deeper depths. We have requested that the plumber contact our office and furnish a plan prior to scheduling the work.

6. Swimming Pool Sewer Connection

The Borough crew plans to connect the effluent line of the swimming pool's filtration system to the Borough's sanitary sewer system; thus eliminating the discharge of the backwash into Toad Creek as mandated by DEP. This work will be done prior to Memorial Day.

7. Toad Creek Improvements

Preliminary plans have been finalized. To be submitted to the Borough this week.

8. Topton Alleys

BIA completed the Core Borings and field work on 5/1/15. The report was submitted to the Borough on 5/6/15. BIA is preparing a recommended schedule and improvements for the alleys.

Old Business

ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion by Ms. Lorah, seconded by Mr. Wagaman

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on June 801,21 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcus V. Dolny
Borough Secretary