

***MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF TOPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 12, 2024***

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tipton Borough Council was called to order by Council President Polinsky at Borough Hall, 205 South Callowhill Street, Tipton, PA 19562 at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Miller, Council Members C. Cook, A. Falcone, D. Haney, K. Hassler, E. Polinsky, E. Stoudt, M. Stoudt, Solicitor Joan London, Engineer Charley Myers, PE, Borough Manager Stacy C. Milo, and Borough Administrative Assistant Terry Hook.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Polinsky noted for the record that an executive session was held on February 8, 2024, regarding personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 8th meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Stoudt made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hassler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Milo stated the Municipal Authority approved Municipal Authority Resolution 1-2024 in support of the Borough of Tipton Ordinance 05-2023, increasing Commercial and Industrial water/sewer rates.

Mr. Polinsky introduced Dr. Christine Lottes, who expressed her appreciation for all that the current Council members do for the Borough. Dr. Lottes referred to liability concerns expressed at the February 2023 Council Meeting relating to Ordinance 1-2023, which requires property owners, in the absence of a sidewalk, to clear a path in the grass adjacent to the street. Dr. Lottes indicated that a representative from her insurance company stated the Borough could be seen as negligent for forcing the creation of an unsafe walkway on the grass. Ms. London noted the insurance representative's background in Pennsylvania Law was unknown and should be considered when weighing their statement. Discussion ensued amongst Ms. Cook, Ms. Hassler, Mr. Polinsky, and Ms. Falcone. Ms. Falcone stated for the record only 69 of 783 properties did not have sidewalks, there are multiple ordinances requiring sidewalks that are not currently being enforced, and this was a safety concern for Borough residents and mail carriers. Mr. Polinsky noted that the topic under discussion was shoveling grass pathways, not sidewalk installation requirements. Mr. Haney stated he did not agree with shoveling grass, he stated unlike sidewalks, grass walkways are not prepared surfaces and cannot accept proper surface treatments. Ms. Falcone asked if the Council was interested in creating a policy stating the Borough will not enforce the sidewalk ordinances. Mr. Polinsky indicated he was not, stating there were other issues requiring the Council's attention. Discussion continued on concerns over enforcement with input from Dr. Lottes and Ms. London. Mr. Brian Fronheiser stated he did not agree with the inconsistent enforcement of ordinances. Additional conversation occurred on the existing sidewalk and/or curb ordinances and inconsistencies among ordinance enforcement. Mr. Polinsky called for a roll call vote. Mr. Haney made a motion to authorize the preparation of an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 1-2023. Ms. Hassler seconded the motion.

Nay - Ms. Cook, Ms. Falcone

Yay - Mr. Haney, Ms. Hassler, Mr. Polinsky, Mr. Stoudt, Mrs. Stoudt

The motion passed with a 5-2 vote. Ms. London stated she would prepare and advertise the ordinance for approval at next month's meeting.

Ms. Milo stated Mr. Steve Kline, the Emergency Management Coordinator, is required to update the Emergency Operations Plan every other year. Ms. Milo referred Council members to a copy of the plan, stating it is confidential, and noting that most of the required changes relate to staff and elected officials. Mr. Polinsky noted for the record the Emergency Operations Plan was submitted and accepted.

Ms. Milo requested approval from Council to execute the Tri Valley YMCA Contract for 2024, which authorizes payment of \$6,500 for the playground program. Ms. Falcone asked what the \$6,500 covers. Ms. Milo stated it is a subsidy to reduce costs for children participating in the program. Ms. Falcone asked if there were income requirements to receive a program subsidy. Ms. Milo confirmed there was not, and stated all program participants benefit from the subsidy. Ms. Cook requested a summary of the issues encountered with the program last year. Ms. Milo stated a Tri Valley YMCA supervisor acknowledged that staff members were not as organized with the curriculum last year, which allowed more free time for the children; this resulted in issues with mud in the restrooms and pavilion, and some additional trash around the playground equipment. Ms. Milo stated the Tri Valley YMCA supervisor indicated this would be addressed and corrected for the upcoming year. Additional discussion ensued among Ms. Cook, Ms. Hassler, and Ms. Milo regarding playground maintenance, communication with YMCA staff members, and Borough responsibilities as part of the agreement. Mr. Polinsky confirmed the \$6,500 payment was included in the budget. Ms. Milo stated a motion was not required, she just wanted to present the topic to Council prior to executing the agreement. Ms. Falcone stated for the record, that while she feels this is a wonderful program, she does not feel the residents of Topton should be subsidizing the individuals enrolled in this program without some documentation of financial hardship. Ms. Cook noted the contract includes verbiage about scholarships for families unable to afford registration fees. Ms. Falcone stated she supported scholarships for Topton families demonstrating hardship. Ms. Hassler stated she thought the registration, fee, and enrollment conditions would be addressed under the Tri Valley YMCA policies; Ms. Milo agreed.

Ms. Milo stated the Topton Volunteer Fire Company #1 2023 Year End Report had been submitted and was available for review in the Borough Office. Mr. Polinsky and Mrs. Stoudt noted there were a record number of calls last year; a total of 450.

Ms. Milo stated the Brandywine Community Library requested approval to use the Topton Park, pavilion and creek to hold a fundraiser on Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00AM-12:00PM; the event would be similar to last year's birthday party for Sheldon. Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to approve. Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milo stated Mr. Mark Miller requested approval to use the Weis Street parking lot on Saturday, April 6th, from 10:00AM – 3:00PM to host a pulled pork sandwich sale; all profits would benefit Lehigh Valley Organ Donor recipients. Mr. Polinsky confirmed he had spoken with Mr. Miller and the goal is to raise awareness and education for living organ donation. Mr. Polinsky stated anyone presenting a driver's license with an Organ Donor designation will receive a free sandwich; donations will be accepted. Mr. Stoudt made a motion to allow Mr. Miller to use the Weis Street parking lot. Ms. Falcone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milo stated Council received a request to appoint another Planning Commission member, Maryellen Monaghan. Mr. Leo Scott made a statement supporting Maryellen’s appointment. Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to approve Maryellen Monahan’s appointment to the Planning Commission. Ms. Falcone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

No report was submitted.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Focht was present and provided the following report on Fleetwood Police activities for January:

Activity Recap	No./Hrs.
Patrol Miles	1,049
Patrol Hours	117
IRF	18 / 8
Crash Investigations	0
Traffic Citations	12
Non-Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Checks	24 hrs.
Paperwork	2 hrs.
Vehicle Stops	32
Follow-Up / CI	7 hrs.
Court	2 hrs.

Citation Breakdown	No.
Speeding Violations	5
Inspection Violations	2
School Zone Violations	2
Stop Sign Violation	1
Registration Violation	1
Obedience to Traffic Control Device	1

Sergeant Focht reported other significant activity within the Borough included responding to a dispute between neighbors over parking where 2 adults were cited with disorderly conduct.

Sergeant Focht stated part-time officer James Pollock Jr. is currently in the FTO (training) program. Sergeant Focht stated Officer Pollock has 35 years of experience and is a retired detective from the Muhlenberg police department, who will be patrolling primarily on 2nd and 3rd shifts for Fleetwood Police.

Sergeant Focht stated a “Coffee with a Cop” event is being scheduled and will also include a fraud seminar. Sergeant Focht stated fraud cases are prevalent and simply saying the wrong thing on a phone call scam can result in significant losses.

Ms. Cook asked for information on the non-traffic citations. Sergeant Focht stated he did not have specifics, but explained that non-traffic citations are criminal in nature (ex. harassment, disorderly conduct), but are not misdemeanors or felonies; they usually involve a ticket and fine.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mr. Brian Fronheiser stated multiple streetlights are out throughout the Borough; he cited the following locations:

- Smith & Haas St (since November)
- Home Avenue (across from the Post Office)
- Pump Street (across from Borough maintenance building where they exit the school)
- Franklin Street

Mr. Fronheiser stated he and his wife walk frequently and these outages create unsafe conditions in the Borough. Mr. Fronheiser indicated he calls METED weekly to follow up on his tickets, but is just told the tickets remain open. Mr. Fronheiser was wondering if there is anything the Borough can do to expedite the repair. Mr. Polinsky thought the Borough may be able to submit tickets as well.

Mr. Fronheiser stated he has an issue with selective enforcement of ordinances; his opinion is either to enforce all ordinances or none. Mr. Fronheiser stated in communications with a District Judge 10 years ago, that he was advised only the Borough can enforce ordinances. Mrs. Stoudt stated the manpower to enforce ordinances remains an obstacle for the Borough. Additional discussion ensued briefly about ideal scenarios versus the reality of current priorities for the Borough.

Ms. Kristula stated the streetlight intended to illuminate the walkway from the Weis Street parking lot to the Borough office building continues to remain out and has been so for the last 2-3 Council meetings. Ms. Kristula also stated if the flag remains out overnight it should be illuminated, but is not currently. Ms. Milo apologized and made a note of Ms. Kristula's concerns.

Ms. Kirby stated with the Borough pool closing, she has observed an increase in the number of private pools being installed. Ms. Kirby expressed concern over the absence of fencing for approximately 8 pools, citing the drowning risk posed to children and animals. Mrs. Stoudt clarified with Ms. Kirby that the type of pools being observed were above-ground. Mrs. Stoudt stated that above-ground pools do not require fencing. Ms. Hassler agreed that above-ground pools 36" or higher are not required to have fences. Ms. London confirmed the ladder does need to be situated in a manner that prevents access.

Ms. Kunkel stated she noticed special events were no longer listed as a committee. Mr. Polinsky confirmed special events had been rolled into the Community Relations Committee. Ms. Kunkel stated she had been approached with inquiries and was wondering if any special event dates could be shared. Mr. Polinsky stated he was finalizing some remaining information, but would post information on the Borough website and Facebook pages as soon as it was ready.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. London introduced the amendment to Ordinance 03-2021, which updates the definition of PREMISES to include PRIVATE PROPERTY and street(s), alley(s), sidewalk(s), and walkway(s) adjacent thereto, and updates the definition of the Property Maintenance Code to reflect the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. Ms. London confirmed the changes were

advertised in the Reading Eagle on February 2, 2024. Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2024. Ms. Falcone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. London introduced the amendment to Parking and Traffic Ordinance 03-2003, which defines large vehicles as vehicles over 26,000 pounds. Ms. London stated motorized or non-motorized large vehicles having a registered weight of over 26,000 pounds are prohibited from parking on any street or alley in the Borough, except for loading or unloading. Ms. London continued stating the amendment prohibits motor vehicles without current license plates or current inspections from being parked or stored in a commercial zone lot unless in an enclosed garage and prohibits storing boats or trailers in the street. The changes were advertised in the Reading Eagle on February 2, 2024. Mr. Haney made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2024. Ms. Hassler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. London introduced a resolution, which authorizes the Borough to enter into the Eastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan. Ms. London shared additional information on the Joint Comprehensive Plan and the priority the County places on these plans. Ms. London stated the Borough's cost is capped at a maximum of \$6,000 for the multi-municipal plan, which also includes District and Rockland Townships. Ms. London stated the plan addresses land use and future land use patterns, with designated growth and preservation areas, and provides protection from exclusionary zoning challenges. Mr. Haney asked for assurances that Topton's priorities and goals will receive equal weight in this plan. Mr. Polinsky stated the Borough Planning Commission's Committee would represent the Borough as the plan was drafted. Mr. Scott agreed, adding at the conclusion of the 18-month planning process, a draft plan would be presented to Council for adoption. Ms. Falcone thanked Mr. Scott for his efforts and asked if any of the costs might be covered by grant funding. Mr. Scott outlined the grant application process, stating there is potential to receive as much as \$3,000 in grant funding, and indicated timely submission of the grant application by the first deadline of March 8, 2024, could improve the odds of receiving the maximum amount of grant money. Additional discussion ensued on prior experiences with the plan, the Borough's maximum contribution requirements, the intention to solicit feedback through a survey once the process kicks off, and the commitment of the Planning Committee to revisit the plan on an annual basis. Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2024. Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. London stated the next session with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 773 is scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2024.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Milo stated the public works building roof at 44 W Keller Street sustained wind damage on January 18, 2024. Ms. Milo stated the roof had already been scheduled for replacement, and that Mr. Myers would provide an additional update during his engineering report.

Ms. Milo stated the Borough is maintaining the TASA sidewalks, noting that large amounts of ice melt and salt are being utilized to do so.

Ms. Milo stated a meeting with Barry Isett & Associates was held to discuss both continued improvements along Oak Alley and dismantling the pool in the spring.

Ms. Milo stated auditors, Zelenkofske & Alexrod LLC, were on site last month working on the Borough's Financial Audits for calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Ms. Milo directed Council to the engagement letter from Zelenkofske & Alexrod LLC in their packets. Ms. Milo stated because the Borough expended more than \$750,000 of federal funds during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, federal regulations require a “Single Audit”. Ms. Milo stated the Borough’s current auditors have offered to perform this audit, noting that the cost is below the bidding threshold. Ms. Milo directed Council to page 7 of the engagement letter, which outlined a cost of \$7,500 for the Single Audit. Ms. Milo requested a motion authorizing moving forward with the engagement letter. Ms. Hassler made a motion to authorize the approval of the engagement letter. Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment and Conservation Committees – (Cook)

Regarding the SWPP, Ms. Cook deferred to Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers stated a DEP designation of the watershed (as justification for the signs) was required. Mr. Myers stated he would send that over to the PennDOT contact tomorrow.

Ms. Cook expressed appreciation to Ms. Hook for creating MS4 content for social media.

Personnel and Policy Committees - (Falcone)

Ms. Falcone stated there were no policy topics to discuss.

Ms. Falcone stated a strong applicant had been interviewed for the open Wastewater Treatment Operator position, but there were concerns about the alignment of the candidate’s pay expectations and what the Borough could offer (pay range of \$18-\$26/hour). Ms. Falcone was interested in offering the candidate the job, noting Mr. Lord is shouldering the entire workload currently. Mr. Polinsky agreed there was nothing to lose by offering the candidate the position. Council agreed to resume the offer discussion in the Executive Session planned at the conclusion of the Council meeting.

Ms. Falcone reiterated the request for an Executive Session after the Council meeting.

Streets Committee (Haney)

Mr. Haney stated he had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – (Hassler)

Ms. Hassler requested a motion to approve the bills and transfers as presented. Mr. Stoudt made the requested motion. Mr. Haney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On-Line Bank Account Balances as of 2/12/2024:

General Account:	\$ 161,412.86
Water Account:	\$ 157,801.76
Sewer Account:	\$ 110,379.96
Reeds Beds – Sewer	\$ 5,007.78
Payroll:	\$ 4,944.65
Recreation/Park Project:	\$ 300,142.82
Liquid Fuels:	\$ 285,516.44

Fire Fund:	\$ 66,582.44
Ambulance Fund:	\$ 18,683.06
ARPA Funding:	\$ 84,166.52

Community Relations Committee – (Polinsky)

Mr. Polinsky stated he had met with some community organizations about upcoming events and indicated he would keep everyone posted as plans progressed.

Ms. Falcone shared details on her long-standing relationship with the Kutztown Rotary and was excited to advise that the Borough is within the Rotary's service area. Ms. Falcone stated that in honor of their 100th anniversary, the Kutztown Rotary was interested in partnering with the Borough on a project and that the partnership would include a level of financial support. Ms. Falcone stated discussions were getting underway to have something prepared for 2026. Mr. Polinsky noted this would coincide nicely with the Borough's 150th anniversary. Ms. Falcone encouraged everyone to share their ideas on ways to best utilize this offer of support. Mr. Polinsky offered to be the Borough's point of contact for the Rotary members.

Property Committees – (E. Stoudt)

Mr. Stoudt stated he notified Mr. Schuman & Mr. Wagaman that if he had not heard back from them by tonight, he would propose moving the t-ball field back across the creek to the previous location just to keep the project moving forward. Mr. Stoudt stated he proposed utilizing Borough staff and the existing equipment. Mr. Stoudt asked Ms. Milo to provide an update on the availability of the Borough employees for this project. Mr. Stoudt clarified that 45' infield dimensions were appropriate for a tee-ball field, and he asked to be present during the set-up. Ms. Falcone and Mr. Stoudt noted Mr. Schuman & Mr. Wagaman were well-intentioned, but were understandably busy with other priorities.

Mr. Stoudt stated he, Mr. Myers, Mr. Bryan Smith, Mr. Polinsky, and Ms. Milo met last week to discuss the plan for dismantling the pool. Mr. Stoudt stated the conversion project should commence this spring.

Mr. Stoudt stated he had received a proposal for logging the watershed property. Mr. Stoudt indicated he had spoken with a 2nd forester today, who had submitted questions on areas he might need to avoid. Mr. Myers stated that trees next to each spring should not be disturbed. Mr. Polinsky asked Mr. Myers if this would fall under "best practices" for the industry, Mr. Myers confirmed it would. Discussion ensued on whether a single logging event or a phased approach was preferred. Mr. Stoudt stated the forester asked if there was any interest in an herbicide application to encourage tree growth. Mr. Myers stated the Water Protection Act requirements would likely prohibit the use of any effective herbicide. Mr. Myers agreed with Mr. Stoudt that the water supply area would remain the Borough's primary concern, and recommended putting verbiage to that effect into any forestry contract.

Mr. Stoudt stated Mr. Myers and Ms. Milo reviewed the quote received for the public works building roof and asked Mr. Myers to provide additional details. Mr. Myers stated four COSTARS companies were contacted, but only one provided a proposal. Mr. Myers stated the proposal included canopy replacement, shingle roof replacement, and membrane roof repair; repair to bring the membrane roof up to code would cost \$151,000. Mr. Myers stated the Borough's insurance would cover approximately \$20,000 for the membrane roof repairs. Mr. Myers suggested quickly putting the canopy and membrane roof out for bid, with the

objective of having the bids available for review at next month's Council meeting. Mr. Myers recommended reaching out to local roofers about the shingle roof. Mr. Stoudt made a motion to authorize Barry Isett & Associates to prepare and advertise a request for proposal for the canopy and membrane roof. Ms. Hassler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Utility Committee – (M. Stoudt)

Mrs. Stoudt reminded everyone that water/sewer bills are due Wednesday, February 28th. Mrs. Stoudt stated there were no payment plans currently in place, 2 meters were replaced since last quarter, a list of 'zero reads' was being investigated and the new meter on order for Deka was expected to arrive in March.

Mrs. Stoudt stated a motion was requested to authorize the Council President and Borough Manager to execute the contract for the East Barkley Street Water Main Small Water & Sewer Grant in the amount of \$185,000. Discussion ensued on the need to modify the scope of the project to meet the lower-than-requested award amount. Mr. Myers stated it was still necessary to accept the contract. Ms. Milo confirmed the contract required all costs to be incurred by September 30, 2026. Mr. Myers stated construction would need to begin no later than the spring of 2026. Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to approve the execution of the contract for the East Barkley Street Water Main Small Water & Sewer Grant by the Council President and Borough Manager. Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Falcone asked for the amount of the grant. Mrs. Stoudt confirmed it was for \$185,000. Ms. Falcone asked for the number of zero reads. Mrs. Stoudt confirmed she was not able to confirm, but a list was available. A brief conversation ensued on meter issues.

Mrs. Stoudt stated she, Ms. Milo, Ms. Schoonover, Ms. Hook, and Ms. London met before the Council meeting to discuss the water/sewer invoice collection process. Mrs. Stoudt stated a minor adjustment will be made to the Borough's current process to address situations where the landlord is paying the water/sewer bill. Mrs. Stoudt stated the change relates to posting at a tenant's property and notifying the PA Department of Health, but occurrences of this specific type of instance are rare. Ms. London clarified this change is related to the guidelines outlined in the Utility Service Tenant Rights Act or USTRA; the measures outlined are intended to prevent innocent tenants from having their utility service discontinued without an opportunity to pay and then deduct from their rent. Ms. London provided additional details on the Borough's current processes prior to service termination, stating the Borough's procedure provides as much or more notice than the law requires.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. PADEP Sewer and Water

- a. Preparing DRBC and PADEP reporting.
- b. DRBC submitted
- c. Chapter 94 due to PADEP 3/31/2024

2. Authorizations Needed/Pending

- (1) Water Supply Well – we will seek authorization for each stage.

3. Water Supply Well

Task I: Feasibility Study	
A. Site Feasibility	\$5,000.00
B. Site Evaluation	\$7,500.00
Task II: Site Survey	\$7,500.00
Task III: Well Construction Specifications	\$5,000.00
Task IV: Well Drilling	\$60,000.00
Task V: Pump Tests	\$15,000.00
Task VI: Final Design of Water Improvements	\$50,000.00
Task VII: Final Permitting of Water Improvements	\$10,000.00
Task VIII: Construction of Final Water Improvements	\$200,000.00
 Total Estimated Cost	 \$360,000.00

Tentative Schedule:

Task I: Feasibility Study	
A. Site Feasibility	
B. Site Evaluation	Working with PADEP
Task II: Site Survey	January 2024
Task III: Well Construction Specifications	February 2024
Task IV: Well Drilling	April 2024 – June 2024
Task V: Pump Tests	July 2024
Task VI: Final Design of Water Improvements	TBD after Grant Applications and Award
Task VII: Final Permitting of Water Improvements	TBD after Grant Applications and Award
Task VIII: Construction of Final Water Improvements	TBD after Grant Applications and Award

4. DEP MS-4

a. MS4 Annual Report to DEP – MS4 status reports were sent on 1/29/24 for Borough review. Isett to coordinate follow up meeting with the Borough to review remaining task items to be completed before June 30th.

b. Perennial Stream Work – No change. Request meeting to review options to phase sections of the stream improvements with potential grant.

5. Grants:

- A. East Barkley - \$385,000, Small Water & Sewer
 - a. \$185,000 was awarded for the project on 12/19/2023

6. Public Works Building Roof

- a. Received on quote for the work but it is too high, recommending that the main membrane roof be bid out. The shingle roof can be quotes as it is less than \$20k.

7. Washington Street Pumping Station

Received Grant award, contract with grant agency signed.
Bid delayed due to issues with PADEP.

8. DCNR – Oak Alley Project

Isett team met with the Borough on the Oak Alley project and Swimming Pool project on 2/9 to go through the plans. Oak Alley plans will be finalized for bidding (with Callowhill Street Calming).

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Stoudt stated there was no change from last month on the Hometown Heroes banners.

Ms. Kunkel stated a communication was sent from Ms. Milo regarding the Center for Excellence in Local Government being held at Albright College on March 14, 2024. Ms. Milo stated the keynote speaker will speak on EMS / Emergency Medical Services.

Ms. Kunkel stated that the Topton Ambulance had 226 billable calls last month.

Ms. Cook stated she had nothing to report for the Topton Borough Preservation Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed to Executive Session for union negotiations and personnel matters at 8:40PM. Mr. Polinsky stated any vote when Council returned would be related to the pay scale for the public works employee position.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned from Executive Session to return to the meeting at 9:20PM on a motion by Mr. Haney, seconded by Mrs. Stoudt. Ms. Hassler made a motion to approve the pay rate for Mr. Andrew Long at \$26.00 per hour for the public works/wastewater treatment plant position, subject to all pre-employment backgrounds checks. Mr. Haney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Stoudt made a motion to adjourn at 9:28PM, seconded by Mr. Stoudt. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular Borough Council meeting will be held on March 11, 2024, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy C. Milo, Borough Manager/Secretary