

**TATAMY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Tatamy Borough Council was held Monday, April 5, 2021 via teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Robert Hayes.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present at the meeting: Daniel Dewey, Robert Hayes, Pamela Pearson, Kristine Porter, Robert Wagner, and Frank Young. Also present were Mayor Christopher Moren, Amanda Pearson, Jr. Council member, David Jordan, Solicitor, Peter Layman, Esquire, Ryan McGinley, Public Works Supervisor, and Keith Snyder, Police Chief. Citizen Charles Bartholomew was present for a portion of the meeting. Joseph Rago, and Deanne Werkheiser, Secretary/Treasurer were absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Hayes asked if there were any comments from the floor regarding agenda items. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Daniel Dewey to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March Treasurer's report was deferred.

DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS

A motion was made by Frank Young, seconded by Kristine Porter to approve the Disbursements and Receipts. Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee Chairwoman Pamela Pearson gave the report. Council had copies of the March 31, 2021 meeting minutes.

1. Preliminary Capital Blue Health care rates were received and are slightly favorable to actual and budget.
2. PMRS Update was given; this is the first year we are eligible for reimbursement. Our AG-385 report was submitted.
3. 2021 American Rescue Plan Act funds were discussed; Tatamy anticipates receiving approximately \$120k. Clarity was requested by Mayor Christopher Moren on potential uses from Susan Wild's office and the County DCED Director. This is to be used for COVID related expenses; half to be received this year, and the balance in 2022.
4. Sick wages and disability insurance were discussed. Under the 2020 FFCRA, employers are to pay up to 80 hours for COVID related absences. Due to the unique circumstances of the pandemic and the above

grant, which is a unique funding source for these expenses, a motion was made by Frank Young, and seconded by Daniel Dewey to extend sick pay for another 80 hours to affected employees. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ACH payroll bank limits were discussed, and a motion was made by Pamela Pearson and seconded by Daniel Dewey to raise the limit from \$15k back to the original amount of \$25k. Motion passed unanimously.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Capital Improvements Chair Pamela Pearson stated that the Capital Improvements Plan committee met on Thursday March 18, 2021. An update on the Salt bin beautification project was given. Ryan McGinley spoke with John Soloe regarding installment of an 8' vinyl fence and he received a quote from Advantage Fencing for \$9,500. This quote was for 192 feet of fencing & an access gate between buildings. It did not include a gate on the front of the salt bin's entrance. The proposed source of funds for the fencing will be the Recreation Fund; the salt bin entrance gate will be handled separately and funded from Highway Aid. A motion was made by Pamela Pearson and seconded by Frank Young to spend up to \$11,500 for the fencing and access gate to be paid from Recreation Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Chair Daniel Dewey stated the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday March 18, 2021. There was no report or minutes available at this time.

WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Workplace Safety Committee meeting for March was cancelled.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Ryan McGinley gave the report. A used pickup truck and snowplow was purchased for \$1,500. The Public Works team made needed repairs on the truck and will be picking up the logos. Pictures were shared and the truck looks fantastic.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Company President Kim Albert was not present. Kim Albert submitted the Chief's report for March 2021 indicating 243.7 man-hours with 16 activities. There was an Easter Bunny parade on Easter Sunday, and a Memorial Day service is being planned for this year which will also include a parade. Council is invited to join and participate in the parade.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Christopher Moren gave the Police Incident report for March, stating there were 120 incidents. Our first quarter 2021 coverage was 65%, which was down 5% vs. last year due to availability and scheduling challenges. Coverage for April is scheduled at 71%. A second part time probationary patrol officer is in the process of being hired; Sergeant Phil Cohen's official retirement date is projected to be April 14, 2021.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission- Chairman, Mark Cloeren was not present. The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Zoning Officer- John Soloe was not present.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Zoning Hearing Board – Chairman, Larry Kish was not present.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Daniel Dewey and seconded by Kristine Porter to appoint Peter Layman as Tatamy Borough Solicitor due to the retirement of David Jordan. Motion passed unanimously and the Council thanked David Jordan for his many years of service to the Borough.

SEWER AUTHORITY

The Sewer Authority Chairperson Stephen Riegel was not present. Mayor Christopher Moren reported that the new Pennsylvania American Water agreement is now in effect, and they will be taking over shut offs.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1 UGI anticipates completion of their work on April 6, 2021. Residents who wish to hook up will need to call UGI directly. North Tatamy line is expected to be done later this year.
- 2 A speed study done for Palmer Township on Commerce lane was received from Langan. The study recommends 25 MPH which coincides with what Tatamy would like to see as the posted speed. David Jordan researched and informed that until the roads are turned over speed limit signs can be posted that meet PennDOT's standards, and rules of the road can then be enforced. Signs recommended to be posted from Trolley Line to 8th. Mayor Christopher Moren will reach out to Mr. Jim Chrin on this topic.
- 3 An update was given on the cross walk project across Main Street which is needed for the trail extension project to begin. A motion was made by Frank Young to proceed with the PennDOT required cross walk improvements to be funded with Recreation Fund. Daniel Dewey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Robert Hayes indicated he will inform Brien Kocher at Hanover Engineering we should commence work.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Frank Young and seconded by Kristine Porter to approve the amended police contract. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Chief Keith Snyder indicated he has received speeding complaints on Shelley Street. Looking into options such as "kids at play" signs, and getting the speed indicator sign up and running, which could also be used on Bushkill Street. Also discussed potentially adding two stop signs on Chief Tatamy when the new development is completed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Hayes asked if there were any comments from the floor. None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Hayes stated nothing was received.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1 Council meeting Monday May 3, 2021.
- 2 State Ethics forms are due May 1, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Kristine Porter to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Robert Hayes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pearson, Acting Secretary