

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

The regular meeting of the Tatamy Borough Council was held Monday, June 7, 2021 at Llantrisant Retreat and Wellness Center 336 Bushkill Street Tatamy, PA. 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, Joseph Rago, Robert Wagner, and Frank Young . Also present were Mayor Christopher Moren, Amanda Pearson, Jr. Council member, Brien Kocher, Engineer, Peter Layman, Solicitor, Deanne Werkheiser, Secretary/Treasurer, and Ryan McGinley, Public Works Supervisor. Citizens Larry Kish, James Pallante, and Brandon Best were present.

Robert Hayes acknowledged and thanked Amanda Pearson for her time as Jr. Council person. Amanda graduates from Nazareth High School this week. Tonight will be Amanda's last Council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Frank Young to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deanne Werkheiser gave the May Treasurer's report.

Balance of General Fund as of 5/1/21	\$361,076.59
Deposits: 5/1/21-5/31/21	\$69,370.75
Disbursements: 5/1/21-5/31/21	\$61,653.17
TOTAL	\$373,405.37

Bank Balances: Fidelity Bank as of 6/2/2021

Checking	\$363,622.96
Savings	\$37,833.56
Refuse	\$41,168.42
Highway Aid	\$32,009.92
Operating Reserve	\$85,266.94
Recreation Fund	\$272,250.59
All other Accounts	\$125,681.89
Building, Grant, Paving, Police Vehicle, Relief, Truck/ Equipment, Broad St. paving- UGI	
The total balance of all funds for the Borough	\$957,834.28

Escrow	\$16,865.69
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A motion was made by Robert Wagner, seconded by Frank Young to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Checks paid out between meetings General Fund- May \$61,653.17
 Unpaid Bills Details \$33,054.08
 General Fund- \$13,663.29 Escrow- \$11,245.92 Highway Aid- \$8,144.87

A motion was made by Frank Young, seconded by Pamela Pearson 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 June 2, 2021 meeting minutes.

1. Northampton County LSA grant awarded for \$50,000.00. For Police vehicle and sweeper attachment for skid steer.
2. Awaiting quotes for Public Works building alarms and security cameras.
3. HVAC upgrades to be done with American Rescue Plan funds. Tatamy to receive \$112,000.00. Half in 2021, half in 2022. Robert Hayes stated he knows a firm who specializes in this. A brief discussion ensued. A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Daniel Dewey to have DMG Associates compile HVAC specifications, up to \$2,500.00. Motion approved unanimously.
4. 2022 budget submissions due by June 30, 2021.
5. Police are looking into purchasing body cameras.
6. Awaiting quotes for disability insurance.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Capital Improvements Chair Pamela Pearson stated that the Capital Improvements Plan committee meeting was held on May 20, 2021. Pamela gave an update on projects.

1. Salt bin /Broad Street park fencing is on back order.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Chair Daniel Dewey stated the Public Safety Committee did not meet in May.

WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Workplace Safety Chairman Deanne Werkheiser gave the report. Council had copies of the May 27, 2021 meeting minutes.

1. Certification of renewal was received.
2. Election of officers was done. They will remain the same.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Ryan McGinley gave the report.

1. Met with Sealmaster to get quotes for material to seal the basketball courts. Would use recreation fund money and work would be done by the Public Works department. A motion was made by Daniel Dewey, seconded by Pamela Pearson to repair the basketball courts up to \$10,000.00. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Pamela asked about freshening up mulch at the parks. Ryan responded they are working on it.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Company President Kim Albert was not present. Kim Albert submitted the Chief's report for May 2021 indicating 227.40 man-hours with 9 activities and 1 incident. There was a walk through of the Martin Guitar building.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Christopher Moren gave the Police Incident report for May, no report at this time. Coverage for June as scheduled 73%. Looking into body cameras to protect everyone.

Mayor Christopher Moren gave the Mayor's report for May.

1. Memorial Day Service was held. Very nice turnout. Otherwise, a quiet month.

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 stated there was nothing to report at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brien Kocher, Engineer stated he had two items to bring before Council.

1. Brien stated Council had copies of the summary of the May 18, 2021 Tatamy Trail meeting. We are waiting on Penn DOT and DEP permitting. Both grants expire December 31, 2021. Northampton County will give no more extensions. The DCNR grant is possible to extend until 2022. Northampton County will have a new round of funding that opens April of 2022. Resubmitted the trail crossing to Penn DOT. They are looking at it as an intersection. Brien suggested that Tatamy should bow out of the Northampton County grant and request an extension with DCNR. We will need to work with Forks Township for flashing lights on the east side of the Main Street bridge. Brien will contact Sherry Acevedo if Council is in agreement with withdrawing from the grant, to see what is needed or if there is a form. Pavilion cost are up \$5,000.00 due to lumber cost increases. A brief discussion of signage ensued.
2. Tuskes letter of credit reduction for Phase 3 of Tatamy Farms. Recommended release is \$319,197.45. A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Kristine Porter to approved security reduction for Phase 3 of Tatamy Farms per Hanover's May 25, 2021 letter. Motion approved unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Peter Layman, Solicitor stated he has two items to bring before Council.

1. UGI gas line agreement for North Tatamy. The installation of the Main will be done in the grass area, right of way, instead of the street since the installation is being done by boring. The agreement calls for \$5,000.00 escrow for inspections. Road openings done by boring which needs Council approval since boring is not allowed by the Zoning Ordinance. Ryan stated staging can stay at Braden Park as long as it does not interfere with the locations needed for the Bushkill Stream Restoration Project starting in mid-June. Brien Kocher sent his comments to Peter and has nothing further to add. Ryan asked about restoration of road cuts. Brien responded base and wearing course after 60 days per

Ordinance. Robert Hayes asked about the agreement meeting all ordinance requirements. Peter Layman stated boring is what will be done, allowed with Council approval. He also needs all of the maps from UGI to attach to the agreement. Ordinance 175 needs to be attached when sending to UGI. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Broad Street UGI agreement. Moving equipment from roadways at the end of the workday will be added to the agreement. Brief discussion on inspection costs and who will inspect, restoration process, and how to protect the residents.

- 2 Declaration of Taking- A condemnation resolution for the Steckle Estate was done at the January Council meeting. There is still another small piece that is required for the Main Street widening project. That is what the declaration of taking is for. Robert Hayes will sign.

SEWER AUTHORITY

The Sewer Authority Chairperson Stephen Riegel was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1 The draft Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan updates were emailed to Council by Robert Wagner for review. Comments should be submitted to him. Robert stated Planning Commission will be reviewing tomorrow at their meeting.
- 2 Tatamy is following CDC guidelines for masks.
- 3 Tatamy Farms extension requested for Major subdivision until August 31, 2021. Council accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Kristine Porter represented Tatamy at the DEP zoom hearing for Hercules Cement request to dig 50 feet deeper. This will take the quarry depth to sea level. It will take five to ten years to exhaust. Hercules foresees no issues. They did acknowledge water is seeping back into the quarry from the Bushkill Stream. They are saying the Tatamy section of the stream is intermittent but not the sections above or below it. BSC, Trout unlimited, Wildlands Conservancy, etc. spoke as well. Kristine stated that Tatamy wants to work with Hercules, but it is not an intermittent stream. There have been businesses along the creek for hundreds of years. Flooding was the issue in the 1800's, not running dry. Written comments being accepted until June 16, 2021. Restoration language suggested to be part of granting of the permit. Kristine stated she also attended the Karst Geological meeting. Discussed the loss of revenue with the trail that runs along the creek if it runs dry. Potential loss of revenue from recreational tourism. Brief discussion ensued.
- 2 Robert Hayes stated that the Hope property project was discussed at Capital Planning. Looking at RCAP grant and low interest loan for funding. They discussed buying as much property as possible. He would like a sense of Councils opinion. A brief discussion ensued. Council agreed that we should speak with Hope regarding purchasing more land.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Hayes stated there was none at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1 Council meeting Tuesday July 6, 2021 at Llantrisant.
- 2 Office closed Monday July 5, 2021
- 3 Fireworks Saturday July 3, 2021 at Hope Lutheran Church
- 4 Sgt. Phil Cohen's retirement party June 26, 2021 at Hope Lutheran Church

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pamela Pearson, seconded by Daniel Dewey to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm. Robert Hayes adjourned the meeting.

An Executive Session was called at 9:25 pm to discuss legal strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne Werkheiser, Secretary / Treasurer