

**LORAIN BOROUGH / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Harold Berkebile, Jr. President Harold Berkebile, Jr. led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Michelle Misner. Council members in attendance:

Mr. Harold Berkebile, Jr.	Mr. John Custer	Mr. James Fresh
Mr. Gary Hoffman	Mr. Michael Hammers (by phone)	

Also in attendance:

Mayor George Randolph	Solicitor Alex Svirsko	Engineer Ken Mesko
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**Minutes**

A motion was made by John Custer second by Gary Hoffman to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2012 Regular Council Meeting as written.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Treasurer Report**

Michelle Misner reviewed the following reports with Council:

- December Balance Sheet
- December Deposit Detail
- December Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- December Transaction List by Vendor
- December Municipal Authority Reports
- December Payroll

A motion was made by John Custer second by James Fresh to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Tax Collector Report**

Carol Petry submitted the following Tax Collector Report for December 2012:

\*R.E.: \$1064.84      \*P.C.: \$27.50

Berkheimer's submitted the following Tax Collector Report for December 2012:

\*EIT 2012: \$4761.91

A motion was made by John Custer second by Gary Hoffman to accept the Tax Collector's Report as written.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Correspondence**

PMAA Roster sheet for 2013 is completed and will be submitted.

Restitution report to be submitted to the District Attorney in regards to the damage done at the Park. The amount is for \$1,000 and requires an estimate to be submitted for the amount of the repairs to be done.

Atlantic Broadband submitted rate change schedule.

The Cambria County Election Office submitted a primary election form to be submitted. This will be completed and returned.

The Cambria County Planning Commission submitted a rate schedule.

A letter was sent to the Borough from Senior Life Johnstown regarding keeping the alley behind 432 Ohio Street clear of snow so the agency is able to pick a resident up when needed.

FEMA sent a letter stating that the Hazard Mitigation Plan was accepted and a copy of the resolution was sent along with it.

PA Association of Boroughs sent a letter regarding nominations.

A letter from Sunoco Logistics was sent regarding the petroleum pipelines.

All correspondence was reviewed and no action was taken at this time.

### **Citizen / Visitor Comments**

Mr. Ronald Poraszky had a complaint about a rut made by the plow truck during the last big snow. This is at 439 Ohio Street. James Fresh will take a look at it and speak with the road crew about it. He would like the rut to be fixed. It was briefly discussed among the Councilmen that there should be no complaints accepted from residents on the street or via home phone. All calls need to be directed to the office phone number and recorded on the answering machine for Council to review and handle. Complaints regarding the state roads (Ohio Street and Oakland Avenue) cannot be handled by the Borough. PennDOT is responsible for the clearing of the state routes.

### **Fire Chief Report**

No Report.

### **Mayor / Police Report**

Mayor George Randolph reviewed the Police Report submitted by the Johnstown Police Department for the month of December 2012. There were 9 calls and no arrests were made. There are two hearings, both on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Burns and Daniel Stephen are the defendants. The properties in question have garbage and debris as well as an unregistered trailer on the Burns property.

### **Sewer Report**

Ken Mesko stated the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and Department of Environmental Protection reports are due soon and he is working on them. Sewage compliance report requests were

received and were given to Ken to complete and submit. Ken submitted two compliance certificates and payments to Michelle Misner. There is a website where flow monitoring can be tracked and he will have summary reports for the next meeting. Bridge damage will be reviewed soon on the Highland Drive Bridge. PA-1-Call will need to mark around the bridge in the Spring so it is officially determined what the pipes around the bridge are for.

### **Park Commissioner's Report**

Gary Hoffman reported the lights at the Park were inspected and it seems to be a bad sensor causing the problem. Penelec will be contacted to know for sure who owns the light and to determine the fix. It was requested that the road going up to the Park be plowed once the Borough is plowed.

### **Streets, Lights, Safety**

James Fresh contacted Morton Salt Company and there is a slight drop in the cost. There seemed to be confusion as to where the salt is delivered from when he spoke with a representative at Morton Salt. They stated the salt was shipped from "Crescent" and when he tried to clarify if the representative meant "Cresson," this person confirmed "Crescent." It was unsure at the meeting whether or not there is a "Crescent" in Pennsylvania. They will allow to have the salt picked up and delivered by a company we select. The dump truck had 4-Lo issues with the 4x4 and it has been fixed. The sheds were cleaned out and the intersections may be cleaned up soon. They are working on keeping the streets as wide as possible when there is snow built up. They are keeping up with the roads to control the melt flow.

### **Borough Property**

No Report.

### **Housing, Ordinance, and Printing**

No Report.

### **Finance, Taxes, and Appeals**

No Report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Alex Svirsko was given the restitution letter from the District Attorney. The DA determined a \$1000 amount and an estimate is going to be drawn up to be sent back with the form. Gary will write up an estimate and it will be given to Michelle by the end of the week to be sent to the DA's office. Regarding the salt contract, the base salt prices, per ton, are adjusted monthly and aren't out of line compared to other companies selling salt. The deadline for the CoStars Salt Bid is March 15, 2013.

### **Special Committees**

No Report.

### **Unfinished Business**

The COG Dues and Services Invoice is still on the table and in discussion. Alex Svirsko is still working on comparing different services. Mark Walker and the County agency allows to pick and choose ordinances we want enforced. COG does not allow choice of ordinances they enforce and they don't enforce all of our ordinances. Alex states the Borough may have more control with other agencies, but is not sure of the overall costs that could be involved. The big concern comes down to additional charges should any magistrate filings be required with a new agency in place. Alex will work up a comparison list for the next meeting. The discussion regarding paying the COG fees due has been tabled until the February meeting.

The Atlantic Broadband charges were handled and is to be billed correctly now.

Mike Hammers and Gary Hoffman will meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> to set up login information and provide some training on how to monitor the video feed of the Park security system.

Alex Svirsko will request delinquent lists from the Water Company regarding sewer rental fees that are still due.

The sewer account numbers cannot be changed to track delinquent accounts because it's tied into the water accounts. The Tax Property numbers could probably be put on the bill in a new space on the bill, but it can't be used to track delinquent accounts.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by John Custer, second by Gary Hoffman to increase the Park Rental Security Deposit to \$100.00 from \$75.00. All other rates for 2013 will remain the same.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

A motion was made by Gary Hoffman, second by James Fresh to authorize have Harold Berkebile, Jr. sign the restitution form for the District Attorney.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

### **Good of the Borough**

No Report.

### **Bill Approval**

A motion was made to pay all the bills listed in the Unpaid Bills Report by John Custer second by Michael Hammers.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Hoffman second by John Custer to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Submitted by:

Michelle Misner – Secretary / Treasurer