

LORAIN BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 16, 2017

President Berkebile called the Regular Meeting of the Lorain Borough Council to Order at 4:05 P.M. and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll was taken by the Secretary, Tamra J. Ramos, CGS, CMC.

Council Members in Attendance:

Harold Berkebile
Mike Hammers

Gary Hoffman
John Raspotnik

John Wolfe

Absent:

Todd Huff

John Custer

Mayor Florence Berkebile

Also in Attendance:

Engineer Ken Mesko

Solicitor Alex Svirsko

Minutes:

Councilman Hoffman made a motion second by Councilman Raspotnik to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 Lorain Borough Council meetings.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Report:

Tamra Ramos Secretary/Treasurer submitted the following reports for Council's review and approval:

- * July 2017 Balance Sheet
- * July 2017 Deposit Detail
- * July 2017 Transaction List by Vendors
- * July 2017 Municipal Authority Reports
- July 2017 Payroll

A motion was made by Councilman Raspotnik second by Councilman Wolfe to accept the July 2017 Treasurer's Report as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Tax Collectors Reports:

Veronica Clites — \$-0- in real estate tax for July 2017, \$ 200.00 Per Capita Tax for July 2017 and \$30.00 Occupation Tax for July 2017.

Berkheimer Tax Collectors reported collecting 1% Tax in the amount of \$3,348.30 less disbursements in the amount of \$141.40 for the month of July 2017.

A motion was made by Councilman Wolfe second by Councilman Hoffman to accept the Tax Collectors Reports as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Correspondence:

A copy was received of the minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting of the Cambria County Building Code Enforcement Agency Executive Board. If anyone wants to see the minutes, please see the secretary.

An email was received from the Cambria County Building Code Enforcement Agency to advise that no building permits were issued in the borough during the month of July 2017.

A letter was received from Jo Anne Ranck, Director of the Cambria County Tax Claims Bureau forwarding a list of properties in our borough which are being offered for sale at the annual Cambria County Upset Tax Sale which is to be held on September 11, 2017. This list was passed around for Councils information and review.

Citizens | Visitor Comments:

Stephen Hanik of 395 Lunen Street told council he was back again about the tree on Klancher Street by his property that is half dead and he told council he is tired of picking up the debris from this tree which is causing a potential safety hazard if it were to fall down and he wants the borough to cut this tree down. Mr. Hanik also told council there are several trees whose branches are hanging out over the roadway and his property which he would also like the borough to trim these branches off to prevent them from falling down during the winter season. It was noted that these tree limbs are 20 to 30 feet high off the ground. There was a discussion about this problem and President Berkebile advised that council will have to get a cost estimate to cut this tree down and to trim these branches back. Councilman Wolfe advised he had an estimate for \$500.00 to partially cut this tree down. President Berkebile suggested getting a quote to trim the mentioned trees back off of the roadway.

Mr. Hanik also complained about the house at 385 Lunen Street which is vacant and the door is partially broken down which needs to be boarded up to prevent people (bums) from going into it. Mr. Hanik told council he checked with the tax collector and she told him this property belongs to the borough. President Berkebile advised the borough doesn't own any property so Solicitor Svirsko was to contact the County to see who owns this property and to also contact the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency to come in and look at the condition of this property this property.

Mr. Hanik also complained to council that the rather large hole in Lunen Street still needs to be repaired and also complained about the grass not being cut at this property. Mr. Hanik also suggested that the borough needs to get after the borough residents to cut their grass and clean up their yards.

Mr. Hanik told council that he was appalled at Councilman Hammers vulgar language at last month's council meeting and suggested to President Berkebile that he left the meeting get out of control and that he should have "called" Councilman Hammers on his language. Councilman Hoffman advised that Councilman Hammers had served in the Army and has some PTSD and his wife was also ill last month and he had been taking care of her and his children and was under extra stress from changing jobs and he told Mr. Hanik he should not judge other people until they have walked in their shoes. Mr. Hanik continued talking about the matter and Councilman Hoffman told President Berkebile the meeting is out of his control and that he had better things to do than sit here and listen to this so he excused himself and left the meeting.

Adjournment:

President Berkebile declared the meeting closed at 4:30 PM due to the lack of a quorum since Councilman Hoffman had left the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tamra J. Ramos, CGA, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer