

**LORAIN BOROUGH/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2015**

President Harold Berkebile, Jr. called the December 29, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Lorain Borough Council to order at 6:00 PM and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken by the Secretary Tamra J. Ramos, CGA, CMC

Council members in attendance:

Harold Berkebile, Jr.
Ken Gibson

Mike Hammers
John Custer

John Wolfe

ABSENT:

John Raspotnik

Gary Hoffman

Also in attendance:

Solicitor Alex Svirsko

Engineer Ken Mesko

Minutes

Mike Hammers made a motion second by Ken Gibson to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Report

There was no Treasurer's Report as the borough computer was being fixed.

Tax Collectors Reports

Veronica Clites, Tax Collector's Reported she collected no taxes for November 2015.
Berkheimer Tax Administrator's report for November 2015 * EIT Tax \$5,299.21

A motion was made by Ken Gibson second by Mike Hammers to accept the EIT Tax Report for November 2015 as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Correspondence:

None

Citizen / Visitor Comments

None

Fire Chief's Report

None

Mayor / Police Report

Mayor Florence Berkebile was absent but everyone was given a copy of the Stonycreek Township Police Department's report for Lorain Borough for the month of November 2015. It was noted there were 28 calls/incidents handled by the Police during the month of November 2015.

Sewer Report

Engineer Ken Mesko gave council copies of the flow meter reports for November 2015 and noted there were a couple rain events during the month of November.

Engineer Mesko asked the council's permission to prepare the Semi-Annual Report for DEP.

Engineer Mesko advised there are 25 to 30 homes that his employees have not been able to enter to obtain the necessary information for the borough's sewer project. Engineer Mesko advised that he will be sending out certified letters to these property owners who have not given his firm access to their properties.

Engineer Mesko advised the necessary easements for the sewer project should be ready for the February 2016 Council Meeting and then the borough will be able to apply for funding from PennVest for the borough's sewer project.

Park Commissioner's Report

Gary Hoffman was unable to attend today's meeting but submitted a report pertaining to the Park. Gary Hoffman advised that he had viewed the proposed park fund budget and that he approves of this budget. Gary Hoffman advised he had no report for the park because it's closed for the season.

Gary Hoffman gave the following somethings for council to think about having a separate Flea market only and having a separate craft fair only as these two events should be held on different days and different times and not be held together.

Gary Hoffman advised that we have not heard anything about Thunder in the Valley Camping at the park from the FOP. Gary Hoffman is asking if council is going to offer camping for this event? Also who is going to take charge of it? And who is going to work it?

Streets, Lights & Safety

John Wolfe told council that everything is running smoothly with this department.

Borough Property

No Report.

Housing, Ordinance, and Printing

No Report.

Finance, Taxes, and Appeals

No Report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Svirsko advised he had read the Budget Report for the borough. Solicitor Svirsko asked Engineer Ken Mesko if the borough is testing under slabs for the sewer project to which he advised Yes.

Engineer Mesko and Solicitor Svirsko advised that they will be working on standards and guidelines for the sewer project.

Special Committee's

Nothing

Unfinished Business

The proposed 2016 Budget Ordinance for the borough. Solicitor Svirsko advised that he had advertised the 2016 Budget Ordinance. John Custer made a motion second by Mike Hammers to adopt the 2016 Budget Ordinance as it was prepared.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mike Hammers made a motion second by Ken Gibson giving the Engineer Ken Mesko permission to file the Semi-Annual Report for DEP as requested.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

New Business

Solicitor Svirsko is to advertise the Reorganizational Meeting which is to be held on January 4th, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

Good of the Borough

Nothing.

Bill Approval

A motion was made by Ken Gibson second by Mike Hammers to approve the bills that were paid between the meetings of November 18, 2015 and December 29, 2015 and to also pay all the bills listed on the Unpaid Bills Reports dated December 15, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Adjournment

There being no further business to tend to, a motion was made by Mike Hammers second by Ken Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 PM.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Respectfully submitted by:



Tamra J. Ramos, CGA, CMC
Secretary / Treasurer