

PARKEsburg BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Todd Brade at 7:08 p.m.

Roll call was held. Council Members present were Council President Todd Brade, Council Vice-President Sharon Wolf, Council Member Nick Ohar, Council Member Monique Baylor, and Mayor John P. Hagan, II. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Murtagh, Borough Solicitor John Carnes, and Borough Manager Rochelle Gresh. Council Member Mark Agen, Council Member Margaretta “Rhett” Lipscomb, and Council Member David Mellema were absent.

An executive session was held from 6:30-7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel. No decisions were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** to approve the agenda was made by Baylor and seconded by Ohar. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting was made by Ohar and seconded by Baylor. All in favor.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Officer Ceremony – A ceremony was held to honor the official retirement of Patrolman First Class Craig Yeckley. Mayor John P. Hagan, II gave a speech mentioning Officer Yeckley’s significant presence and contribution to the success of this town. Police Chief Ryan Murtagh presented Officer Yeckley with an award and thanked him for his honorable years of service.

Arro Engineering- Andrew Tuleya and Jeb Rosenberger from ARRO Consulting Inc. held a very lengthy discussion with council regarding stream restoration. Mr. Tuleya reminded council members that the EPA is enforcing requirements of the Clean Water Act resulting in the MS4 Program. The PA DEP issues MS4 permits on five-year cycles for qualifying municipalities which requires the implementation of stormwater management to minimize the impact of runoff. The Borough plans on meeting this requirement through the Restoration of Buck Run through Minch Park. This project will provide the Borough with a natural, beautiful, functioning water feature while meeting the regulatory requirements of the MS4 program. Mr. Rosenberger discussed the design concept for the project with council members and stated the entire TMDL requirement would be satisfied by the Minch Park project.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer - Written report was submitted to council.

Police Chief Report- Written report was submitted to council.

Public Works Department- Written report was submitted to council.

Fire Chief Report – Written report was submitted to council

Fire District Administrator- Written report was submitted to council.

Code Enforcement -Code Inspections Inc.- Written report was submitted to council.

Mayor – No report

Borough solicitor – No report

Treasurer's Report – Written report was submitted to council.

General Fund for February 2025

- Fulton - \$230,303.56
- PLGIT - \$24,323.81

Borough Manager – Written report was submitted to council. Borough Manager Gresh informed council members that Michael McClay had resigned from the Historic Commission.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A MOTION to approve the bill list as presented and payment of all recurring bills and payroll was made by Baylor and seconded by Ohar. All in favor.

A MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2025 in the amount of \$482,820.46 was made by Baylor and seconded by Ohar. All in favor.

A MOTION to retroactively accept the resignation of Officer Yeckley on March 19, 2025, was made by Baylor and seconded by Ohar. All in favor.

A MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-23 to apply for the Chester County CRP to match the First Avenue grant for road repair was made by Baylor and seconded by Wolf. All in favor.

A MOTION to approve emergency staff coverage MOU was made by Wolf and seconded by Baylor. All in favor.

A MOTION to purchase a 5500 Dodge Ram Dump/Plow truck through liquid fuels was made by Wolf and seconded by Baylor. All in favor.

Borough Solicitor Carnes informed council members of two upcoming Zoning Hearing Board applications. Oaks Ministry is scheduled for March 31, 2025, and the second is Parke Mansion scheduled for April 2, 2025.

A MOTION for the Borough Solicitor to attend both Zoning Hearing Board applications was made by Baylor and seconded by Ohar. All in favor.

A MOTION for Parke Mansion's extension to the vesting period for two years until July 3, 2027, was made by Ohar and seconded by Baylor. All in favor.

Minch Park – After thoughtful consideration, Octorara Area Little League has decided to explore alternative field arrangements for their teams this spring season.

A MOTION to approve Special Event permits for the Final Friday May 30th and August 29th, Christmas on Main, and NYE Duck Drop was made by Wolf and seconded by Baylor. All in favor.

Public Comments (*Limited to three minutes*) - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS- None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:28 p.m., Council Member Baylor needed to leave the council meeting. As a result, the council did not have a quorum and the meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Harner
Borough Secretary

2025 Council Meeting Schedule:
“3rd Thursday of each month”
Next Meeting: April 17, 2025

