

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Deputy Mayor Gerry Baldonieri called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:30 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Gerry Baldonieri asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Gerry Baldoneiri asked all for a moment of silence.

The City Manager read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present

Eric Bartels – present

Robert Forish – present

Ralph Jenko – present

Jim Kelley – absent

Christine Weller – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – absent

Also present were the following: John Greiner, Partner/Associate Solicitor; Michael Gray, Director of Public Works/City Manager; John Sleasman, Chief of Police; and John Brasile Fire Chief.

Mr. Forish moved to adopt the June 10, 2019 minutes, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 5-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$255,382.02
Total Payroll	<u>131,070.75</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$386,452.77

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MAY 2019

Treasurer's Report

See attachment "A"

Police Report

See attachment "B"

Public Works Report

See attachment "C"

Fire Report

See attachment "D"

Code Report

See attachment "E"

Tax Collector's Report

See attachment "F"

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the June 24, 2019 special voting meeting, second by Mr. Jenko.
Vote 5-0.

Mrs. Weller moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 5-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford

No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley

No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels

No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Jenko, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller announced that the 4th of July celebration was a wonderful event. She had thanked all persons who were involved in making this event happen.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels

No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – Carl Bollinger

Mr. Bollinger announced beginning July 1st, 2019 people will begin to see a rate increase on their sewage bills from \$2.30 for 15,000 gallons to \$2.50 for 1,000 gallons, customers will only pay for what they use. Mr. Bollinger advised that work will begin within the next couple months on replacing a 16” line on Lincoln Avenue to the Plant. He further urged residents and customers to check the Latrobe Municipal Authority website for more information.

Library Board – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Revitalization – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Mike Gray, Director of Public Works

- Advised that PennDOT will be closing SR 981 the weekend of July 12 – July 15 with a rain date scheduled for July 19 – July 22 to remove and replace the superstructure over the Unity Run Channel Culvert.
- PennDOT had also completed the resurfacing on Lloyd Avenue, Main Street, and Depot Street.

- Victor Paving will commence paving Josephine Street and Pine Street in August.

Police Department – John Sleasman, Chief of Police

- 1) Chief thanked all Officers, Region 13, and the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety for their assistance with the Fourth of July celebration.
- 2) The First Annual Latrobe Police and Company No. 5 appreciation dinner sponsored by Bethany Church on Avenue B will take place on July 14, 2019 at 11:45am. The fee for this dinner is \$8.00 per person free for members of the Department and their families. All proceeds will benefit the Latrobe Police Department.
- 3) Chief urged all residents to come join us at the City of Latrobe's National Night Out on Tuesday August 6, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will take place at the Latrobe Memorial Stadium.
- 4) The Chief advised that they are getting very close with the donations and fundraising to purchase an Intoxilyzer for the Department.

Fire Department – John Brasile, Fire Chief

- 1) Chief advised that the Fourth of July Celebration went very well with few complainants regarding the noise of the fireworks and pets.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer

- No report

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels to authorize the Solicitor to advertise notice of the City's intent to act upon the street excavations ordinance at the next meeting of Council. Approved 5-0

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-28

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the agreement between the City of Latrobe and the Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School for a School Resource Officer. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 5-0

RESOLUTION 2019-29

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the memorandum of understanding by and between the City of Latrobe and the Latrobe Police Department Collective Bargaining Unity amending Article XXV concerning School Resource Officer. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 5-0

RESOLUTION 2019-30

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the memorandum of understanding by and between the City of Latrobe Police Department and the Greater Latrobe School District. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 5-0

ORDINANCE 2019-6

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending City of Latrobe Code Chapter 256 Section 46 concerning the removal of Minehan Avenue from the one-way highways schedule and making Minehan Avenue a two-way highway. Mrs. Weller moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-31

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the appointment of Roxanne Shadron as the City of Latrobe Secretary and Director of Administration and Finance. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 5-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko to authorize the City Solicitor to research and prepare an ordinance regulating the storage of materials on trailers in the right-of-way. Approved 5-0

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller to authorize the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance amending the City Code concerning fire pit permit re-application and penalties for non-compliance. Approved 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christine Weller, Council Member

- 1) Asked the City Manager if the problem that was reported at the last Council meeting was taken care of regarding debris along River Avenue at Castle Co-Packers. Mr. Gray reported that Ann Powell has been in contact with management at Castle Co-Packers and the Complainant. Mr. Gray stated that it had been cleaned up and organized.

Deputy Mayor Gerry Baldonieri

- 1) Asked the City Manager what the status is with the radio tower bid. Mr. Gray advised that the bid was advertised in the Latrobe Bulletin and we are waiting to receive those bids.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked if anybody inquired about the Fourth of July Committee, Chief Slesman advised that he spoke with Carol and nobody has approached her at the present time. Council Member Weller announced that she would like to see Isaac McDaniel

from the Banana Split Committee get involved with the Fourth of July, although, Mrs. Weller could not confirm if he would be interested.

Council Member Forish announced that Carol approached the Fire Department about taking over the Fourth of July, Mr. Forish along with Chief Brasile stated that the Fire Department has not yet decided on taking over the committee.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Cassandra McCune from 509 Main Street spoke about what the City Police Department is going to do about speeding vehicles on Main Street. Chief Sleasman advised that the Police Department is actively ticketing motorists who are speeding and performed traffic enforcement throughout the City.

Douglas Sterrett from 1010 Alexandria Street spoke about removing a no parking sign in front of his residence that is never enforced. Mr. Gray responded that he will be discussing this issue along with other complaints regarding parking along that block at the next agenda meeting. Mr. Sterrett also spoke about removing the traffic signals on Ligonier Street from Chestnut Street to Weldon Street as all they do is waste your time sitting in them. Mr. Gray advised that next year all the traffic signals in the Downtown Business District will be replaced and properly timed to reduce the congestion that currently takes place.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Advised that he submitted the 2019 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant. This grant will be used to install electronic flashing school zone speed limit warning devices along Lincoln Avenue, Cedar Street, and Ligonier Street.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report.

Mr. Forish made a motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 5-0.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gray, City Manager