

REGULAR MEETING OF McKEAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the McKean Borough Council was called to order on November 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m., by President Dolores Oblinski as previously advertised.

ROLL CALL

Members Present were Rose Scouten, Lance A. Aylsworth, Bernard Feltz, Dolores Oblinski, Mayor Weslee Clapper-Krepps and Secretary Teri Dillen. Member absent was Eric Morgan.

CITIZEN COMMENT -None

MINUTES

Bernie Feltz moved to approve minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting, second by Lance Aylsworth with Lance, Bernie and Dodi voting yes, Rose abstained.

TREASURER REPORT

Bernie Feltz moved to approve Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2022 subject to audit, second by Rose Scouten and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Lance Aylsworth moved to approve payment of bills from the Listing of Bills November 2022, second by Bernie Feltz and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Commonwealth of PA Dept. of Auditor General-Liquids Fuels Audit 2022-filed
- McKean Hose Company-Minutes & Financials for November 2022-Noted
- County of Erie-Planning & Community Development-DCNR circuit rider grant application-Noted
- Municipal Authority of Middleboro-Minutes-Noted
- Penelec-LED Streetlights-12 lights in the system to be installed. No dates given. -Noted

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MAYOR

Roads-9022 Paula Way/request ditch cleaning. Thank you to Borough for line painting crosswalks.

Ways and Means-Roof/front/sidewalk finished. Will replace 2nd floor lights with LED.

Finance-\$461.56 interest earned in October.

Mayor-None

Zoning-9142 Drown Ave. New modular home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lance Aylsworth moved to advertise that the proposed 2023 Budget is available for public inspection and that the proposed 2023 Budget shall be considered for final adoption at the Council Meeting scheduled on December 12, 2022, second by Bernie Feltz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Lance Aylsworth moved to approved the LEWSCO Snowplowing estimate for the 2022-23 season at a cost of \$49.00 per service, second by Bernie Feltz and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bernie Feltz moved to enact the following resolution, second by Rose Scouten and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 6 -22

ACT 57 OF 2022 PROPERTY TAX PENALTY WAIVER PROVISIONS

A **RESOLUTION** of the Council of McKean Borough, Erie County to implement Act 57 of 2022.

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022, and takes effect on October 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Act 57 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the act, or not later than January 9, 2023, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector of McKean Borough comply with the provisions of Act 57 and this resolution for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them within this resolution unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Additional charge: Any interest, fee, penalty, or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

Qualifying event:

1. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.
2. For manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a manufactured or mobile home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the manufactured or mobile home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

Tax Collector: The elected tax collector for McKean Borough, Erie County, any authorized or designated delinquent tax collector, the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau, or any alternative collector of taxes as provided for in the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the "Real Estate Tax Sale Law," an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

WAIVER

The Tax Collector shall, for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, grant a request to waive additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer does all of the following:

- A. Provides a waiver request of additional charges, on a form provided by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, to the Tax Collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event;
- B. Attests that a tax notice was not received; and
- C. Provides the Tax Collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:
 1. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
 2. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and

D. Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2022 by the McKean Borough Council.

McKEAN BOROUGH

Attest: _____
Teri Dillen, Secretary

Dodi Oblinski, President

Rose Scouten, Vice President

Weslee Clapper-Krepps, Mayor

MSA Premier Sports owners Thomas Nies and Jay Perkins attended the meeting to discuss the benefits of the approved seven (7) soccer fields on West Road for all the residents in McKean. They offered when not in use for scheduled MSA soccer tournaments, they will make the property available as an extension of REC Park. Mr. Nies and Mr. Perkins requested approval for McKean Borough to apply for an ECGRA Parks, Fields and Trails grant in the amount of \$25,000, that has been brought to their attention as available by Tom Maggio, AICP Grants Manager for Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. There will be no matching funds required from the Borough if the grant is approved. The grant application needs to be submitted by November 17, 2022.

Rose Scouten moved to approve that McKean Borough file the ECGRA Park, Fields and Trails grant application for MSA Premier Sports complex due by November 17, 2022 for the amount of \$25,000.00, second by Bernie Feltz and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Cooper updated Borough Council on the progress of the pedestrian bridge connecting REC park and the property adjoining the soccer fields and McKean Elementary School. The permits have all been filed and engineering completed. Grants will be applied for to cover the funding shortfall. REC park will be installing security cameras to deter vandalism that is on the rise in the area. The REC authority may be requesting an additional amount to help fund the cost of installation and ongoing maintenance.

Bernie Feltz moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. with no objections.

IMPORTANT DATES

Regular REC Authority Meeting: (Township Building) November 17, 2022

Regular Borough Meeting: December 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Sewer Authority Meeting: December 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Dillen, Secretary

BUDGET WORKSHOP

A budget workshop was called to order at 6:45 by President Dodi Oblinski as previously publicized and took place at the McKean Borough Municipal Building.

Members present were Dolores Oblinski, Lance A. Aylsworth, Bernard Feltz, Rose Scouten, Weslee Clapper-Krepps, Mayor and Teri Dillen, Secretary.

The following funds were reviewed and balanced as follows: General Fund - \$136,161, Road Fund - \$16,936, Proprietary Funds - \$137,976. Total Budget - \$291,073.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

ADJOURNMENT- With no objections the Budget Workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Dillen, Treasurer