

## REGULAR MEETING OF McKEAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of Borough Council was called to order by President Dolores Oblinski on December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. as previously advertised and took place at the McKean Borough Municipal Building.

### ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present were Dolores Oblinski, Lance A. Aylsworth, Joe Cimino, Eric Morgan, Rose Scouten, Weslee Clapper-Krepps, Mayor, and Teri Dillen, Secretary.

### CITIZEN COMMENT – AGENDA

### MINUTES

Eric Morgan moved to approve minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular meeting, second by Lance Aylsworth, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### TREASURER REPORT

Eric Morgan moved to approve Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2023 subject to audit, second by Lance A. Aylsworth, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Eric Morgan moved to approve payment of bills from the Listing of Bills December 2023, second by Rose Scouten, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### CORRESPONDENCE

County of Erie-Total Taxable Assessment for McKean Borough is 23,282,970-Noted  
REC Authority-Minutes of October 2023 and Treasurer Report of Sept. through Nov. 2023-Noted  
Middleborough Authority Minutes/Treasurer Report-Noted  
McKean Hose Co. Minutes November 2023-Noted  
Request for 2024 McKean Community News Letter from Borough by 1/15/2024-Noted

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MAYOR

**Roads**-Pedestrian signs installed for McKean Elementary crosswalk

**Ways and Means**-This is the last year the Laughlins will install Christmas snowflakes, Rose is working on how they will be installed going forward. Snowflakes lights will be stored in the Borough basement.

**Finance**-Interest for November-\$961.77

**Mayor**-None

**Zoning**-None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Weslee Clapper-Krepps has given the budget approval

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 6-23

**A RESOLUTION** of the Borough of McKean in the County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, herein after set forth, during the year 2024.

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of McKean, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that for the expenditures and

expenses for the fiscal year 2024 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2024 for the specific purposes set forth as follows:

Total Funds Available for Appropriation: **\$355,878.00**

**Revenues**

Taxes	\$75,980.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 5,900.00
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 450.00
Interest Earnings	\$ 7,600.00
Rents and Royalties	\$41,500.00
State Shared Rev.	\$18,448.00

**TOTALS** **\$149,878.00**

**Expenditures**

General Government	\$ 38712.00
Ways and Means	\$ 23520.00
Roads and Highways	\$ 74650.00

**TOTALS** **\$136,882.00**

Budgeted Capital Reserves \$218,996.00

**Total Budget** **\$355,878.00**

Enacted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023  
By the McKean Borough Council

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Attest:

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Teri Dillen, Secretary

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**RESOLUTION NO: 7-23**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Borough of McKean, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2024.

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the McKean Borough Council, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That the tax will be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Borough of McKean subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2024 as follows:

Tax rate for the general purposes, the sum of .94 mills on each dollar assessed valuation.

That any resolution or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.

Enacted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023  
By the McKean Borough Council

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ATTEST:

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Teri Dillen, Secretary

Eric Morgan moved to approve Attorney Pat Kennedy as Solicitor for the Borough of McKean for FY 2024 at rate of \$130 per hour, second by Lance Aylsworth and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Lance Aylsworth moved to set and advertise the McKean Borough Council Organization and Regular Meeting will take place January 2, 2024, and following Regular Meetings to take place the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m., beginning February 12, 2024, and the McKean Borough Planning Commission to take place the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. as needed. Sewer Authority meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 p.m., second by Eric Morgan and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**-Ron Bole attended to review the issues he sees with the McKean Hose Co. Council reiterated that they are aware of the issues. Many efforts are being considered State wide to correct the decline of volunteerism and increased costs within Hose Companies, and the issues that arise from both. One local effort that Rose Scouten spoke of are the continuing meetings with other Municipalities and Hose Companies to work on mutual aid solutions.

Carrie Swain expressed a concern that McKean Borough homes are majority rentals. She also talked about the need to enforce the penalties if homeowners will not keep sidewalks clear when it snows. Eric Morgan stated a solution will have to be addressed in the near future for the safety of residents. A solution may be to increase taxes to cover the hiring of seasonal companies to clear the sidewalks during winter months.

Eric Morgan moved to adjourn, second by Joe Cimino, with no objections at 6:45 p.m.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Organization and Regular Borough Meeting: January 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

REC Authority Meeting (Township Building): January 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Sewer Authority Meeting: January 22, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Dillen, Secretary