

BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE
MINUTES GENERAL MEETING
Pennsbury Village Community Room
June 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Brenda George convened the General Meeting at 6:30 pm. A quorum was reached with the following members of Council present: Vic Carelle, Barb Cinpinski, Nicholas Honchar and Carolyn Waldner. Steve Stecko was unable to attend. Also present were Mayor Lucy Harper, Borough Manager Bob Wable, Solicitor Christopher Voltz, and Engineer Clint Reilly.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Sabatowski of 544 Carriage Circle inquired with the board the procedure to address a neighbor's dog that constantly barks. Mayor Harper instructed John to call the Carnegie Police first, who will observe and try to peacefully resolve the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved, then the police can call Animal Control.

Carolyn McGurk of 748 Carriage Circle inquired whether dumpsters can be altered, such as a double lock system or a "handle" concept, which could prevent raccoons from entering the dumpsters. She explained a recent accident whereby a raccoon jumped out at her while she opened door of the dumpster, which caused her to fall and eventually go to the emergency room. The board explained the Borough does not own the dumpsters, so any and all alterations would need approved by Valley Waste. In addition, the Borough will be completing a bidding process for a new trash removal contract late this year, and as part of the specs, we can inquire what preventive measures do vendor's dumpsters have to prevent wildlife from entering the trash receptacles.

III. MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The May 14, 2024 Public meeting minutes were unanimously adopted on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Barb Cinpinski. Upon a motion by Vic Carelle and seconded by Nick Honchar, Council voted to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Caucus meeting, with Carolyn Waldner abstaining. Accounts Payable ending May 31, 2024 in the amount of \$28,330.67 were unanimously approved on a motion by Carolyn Walder and seconded by Barb Cinpinski.

IV. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

MAYOR - Lucy Harper

Mayor Lucy Harper reported 354 police calls for the month of May 2024 with the following of note:

Description	Number of Occurrences
Disorderly Conduct - Public Places	1
Harassment	1

Mental Health	1
Suspicious Activity	2
Barking Dogs	2
Animal - Other	3
Traffic/Parking Problem	2
Patrol Action - Pennsbury Patrol	303
Patrol Action - Foot Patrol	1
Patrol Action - Business Check	1
Patrol Action - Bank Check	1
Patrol Action - Welfare Check	1
Assist - Ambulance	2
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Target	31
TOTAL	354

In addition, Mayor Harper announced the Memorial Day wreath dedication was a success and well attended.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT - Steven Stecko/Brenda George

Steven Stecko - Unable to attend

Brenda George - No Report

MANAGER - Bob Wable

Bob Wable requested to have Tuesday, July 2, 2024 as a vacation day, with no objections from Council.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported \$44,555.73 Real Estate tax payments received in April, 2024.

ACT 511 TAX COLLECTIONS - Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported \$4,318.94 in Earned Income Taxes for the month of April, 2024.

REFUSE FEE COLLECTOR: Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported \$1,742.50 in Refuse Fees were collected for the month of April, 2024.

ENGINEER - Clint Reilly

Clint Reilly indicated he has met with MRC Recreation regarding the Playground/Sports Court project as preliminary designs are underway and drainage plans for the Park are being evaluated. Finally, Clint indicated he continues to develop an Act 537 plan for Pennsbury Village STP by the end of 2024, which is a requirement from the DEP, and continues to address all NPDES project work items.

SOLICITOR – Christopher Voltz

Christopher Voltz - No Report since the Cargill contract extension is later on the agenda.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS - Steven Stecko

Steven Stecko was unable to attend.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Vic Carelle

Vic Carelle - No Report.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Barbara Cinpinski

Barb Cinpinski reminded everyone of the upcoming Summer Food Drive scheduled for Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 am to Noon. Collection will take place at the top of the hill in the entranceway.

CONDO REPORT - Various

Since Marita Haubrick was scheduled to attend the June Condo meeting but has resigned from Borough Council, Vic Carelle, who is scheduled for July, will need to take her place.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Lucy Harper

Mayor Harper reported the electronic speed check signs have been installed in the Borough and are fully functional. In addition, she indicated the numerous gun shots recently heard within the Village came from a private residence in the Country Club Estate area of Robinson Township, as apparently they have installed a target shooting range on their private grounds.

FINANCE - Nicholas Honchar

Nick Honchar indicated financial records look good, but inquired whether Bob Wable has contacted Jordan regarding their refuse collections, as it appears the collected amount is behind as compared to 2023. Bob Wable indicated he did contact Jordan regarding delinquency rates but has not received a response.

SAFETY INSPECTION/ADMINISTRATIVE

No Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Brenda George

Brenda George - No Report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

STP NPDES Permit/Project Update

Engineer Clint Reilly indicated we continue to be in a holding pattern regarding this initiative. A two year time extension on the mandated effluent limitations for total residual chlorine (TRC) and dissolved oxygen (DO) has been approved. The revised schedule includes a July 1, 2026 start date and a December 31, 2026 completion date (March 1, 2027 for compliance with effluent limitations).

Road Repair Project 2024

Clint Reilly indicated the following four bids have been received regarding various summer road work within Pennsbury Village:

VENDOR	BID BOND	DOLLAR AMOUNT
T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving	10%	\$33,759.66
El Grande Industries, Inc	10%	\$30,185.80
Friend Surface Solution	Certified Check - \$4,215.64	\$42,156.40
Stefanik's	10%	\$49,414.00

Pending review of the above bids by NIRA, on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Vic Carelle, the board unanimously accepted the bid from El Grande Industries, Inc.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Accept Resignation of Pat Franks, Inspection Coordinator

On a motion by Barb Cinpinski and seconded by Carolyn Waldner, the board unanimously approved the resignation of Patricia Franks as Inspection Coordinator.

Accept the Hiring of Rhonda Mack as Inspection Coordinator

On a motion by Vic Carelle and seconded by Barb Cinpinski, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Rhonda Mack as Inspection Coordinator.

Approval to Sign Amendment to the 2022 Cargill Corp Agreement to Extend the Time Period to store Road Salt until December 31, 2024 to Reduce Salt Storage Costs.

On a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Vic Carelle, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Amendment to the 2022 Cargill Corp Agreement to extend the time period to store Road Salt until December 31, 2024 to reduce salt storage costs.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL

No new business was discussed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

In response to the STP and road repair reports given by Engineer Clint Reilly, Jim Riley of 730 Carriage Circle questioned if road repaving will be given a priority this summer and if the Borough is considering all options regarding the feasibility of operating the STP. Clint Reilly indicated that, other than the road work which was approved through the bidding process during the meeting, extensive road paving is on hold within the Borough due to a more higher priority related to the STP. Clint also explained the STP

is functioning without issue, and the cost to decommission the STP would be extreme and passed to all residents of Pennsbury Village.

Chris DeMatty of 438 Country View Court questioned if any progress had been made regarding the restaurant opening soon. Resident Rhonda Mack indicated the restaurant should reopen this summer as a sandwich/sports bar environment.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 pm, on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Nick Honchar, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Wable