

REGULAR MEETING OF PALMERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

AMENDED MINUTES MAY 25, 2023

Terry L. Costenbader, President of Council, called the duly advertised meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Terry L. Costenbader, Council President
Kris W. Hoffner, Council Vice-President
Richard L. Nothstein
Andrew J. Hollywood
Cory Kepner
Holly F. Hausman Sell
William A. Gallagher

Don Herrmann, Mayor
Timothy Kromer, Police Chief
Autumn Canfield, Borough Manager
Christal M. Benninger, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jenny Y.C. Cheng, Esq.

VISITORS

Joseph Federanich, 418 Princeton Avenue; Brian White, Palmerton Police Department; Shawn Leadbetter, Palmerton Police Department; Kevin Buck, Palmerton Police Department; Drew Snowberger, TV-13 Cameraman; Terry Ahner, Times News.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF VISITORS

Joe Federanich asked Council if they were any closer to getting the Ordinance for the Bandstand drafted. Cory Kepner said they are working on revisions and hopes to have the first draft at next month's meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY

Kris Hoffner reported:

1. On motion by Kris Hoffner, second by Cory Kepner and voice vote, Council approved Fire police assistance at the Lehigh Township Tool Extravaganza Event on April 22, 2023.
2. On motion by Kris Hoffner, second by Cory Kepner and voice vote, Council approved fire police assistance at the Lehighon Borough Wine on the River Event May 6, 2023, with a rain date of May 7, 2023.

FINANCE

Richard Nothstein had no report.

BUILDINGS/RECREATION

1. On motion by Cory Kepner, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved the following use requests. The approvals are subject to scheduling and availability:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Crusaders for a Cause	4 th Street at Park	Carriage rides (load/unload)
Tammy Recker	Park/Bandstand	Prom in the Park

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Andrew Hollywood reported:

1. The street sweeping program began April 1st and will run through October 31st. Andrew Hollywood reminded everyone that the fines have increased for parking tickets.
2. Address considerations for the Dog park 21 Alley L Palmerton, Pa 18071

SEWER/SOLID WASTE/WATER

William Gallagher reported:

1. Spring hydrant flushing began April 3rd and will run until all hydrants are flushed. Only one hydrant will be flushed at a time.

PERSONNEL

Terry Costenbader no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. On motion by William Gallagher, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council reconvened their regular meeting at 8:50p.m.
2. On Motion by Holly Sell, seconded by Cory Kepner and voice vote 6-1, Andrew Hollywood dissenting, Council approved to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Department regarding 12-hour work shifts to define the parties as the Palmerton Borough Council and the Palmerton Police Benevolent association, and to add number 8 as presented to the agreement.

(Motion added)

3. *On Motion by Kris Hoffner, seconded by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved the hiring of Carolee Boyer, Code Enforcement Officer, effective immediately at a rate of \$19.00 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours per week.*

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Cory Kepner and voice vote, Council adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christal M. Benninger
Recording Secretary

Autumn Canfield
Manager/Secretary