

REGULAR MEETING OF PALMERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

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
Michael J. Ballard
Andrew J. Hollywood
Cory Kepner
Richard L. Nothstein
Holly F. Hausman Sell

Don Herrmann, Mayor
Timothy Kromer, Police Chief
Donna I. McGarry, Manager/Secretary
Kimberly A. Rodrigues, Recording Secretary

Absent: Kris W. Hoffner
Jenny Y.C. Cheng, Esq.

VISITORS

Greg Aaron, 426 Franklin Avenue; Lori Shoenberger, 1037 Princeton Avenue; Jared Cebrosky, 445 Princeton Avenue; Lisa Snell-Kern, 220 Edgemont Avenue; Drew Snowberger and Chris Stager, TV-13 Cameramen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF VISITORS

No comments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Richard Nothstein had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/BOROUGH CODE

Holly Sell had no report.

BUILDINGS/RECREATION

Cory Kepner reported:

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>
Joe Federanich	Naval Quintet	Bandstand
Palmerton Preschool	Elmer Valo Field	Farm Animal Program

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Andrew Hollywood reported:

1. The dog waste receptacles have been ordered for the dog park and are expected soon.
2. Thank you to Todd Merkel and the Public Works crew for their hard work in keeping the Park so beautiful.
3. The Bike Patrol seems to be a success in town and was a good idea to bring back.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE/WATER

Michael Ballard had no report.

PERSONNEL

Terry Costenbader reported:

1. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved Devin White and Justin Herrmann as temporary summer employees at a rate of \$10 per hour.
2. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Michael Ballard and voice vote, Council approved the transfer of Franklin Haas from the Water Department to the Public Works Department.
3. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Michael Ballard and voice vote, Council offered full-time employment to Ross Greenzweig as a Water Department employee under the current contract expiring August 2022. Mr. Greenzweig must pass a pre-employment physical prior to starting work.
4. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved a \$3,000 salary increase to Chief Timothy Kromer, along with an increase in comp time from 40 hours to 50 hours through the end of 2022.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Don Herrmann reported:

1. The first annual Palmerton Day held on July 3, 2022 was a success and those in attendance had a good time. Thank you to Officer Leadbetter and the Leighton Police Department for their car seat safety check, and to the Fire Department and all the other area first responders for their participation and attendance.
2. A reminder to families to be respectful of property in the borough, especially the bandstand area in the park. In the past week there is video of young individuals throwing large amounts of trash in and around the bandstand as well as individuals shooting water pellet guns in the park and sleeping in the bandstand at 1:30 in the morning. Detective Buck was made aware and the Police Department was able to identify the individuals and will be sending out citations to parents. A 24 hour video feed into our police station may help with future vandalism.
3. The Police Department will be applying for 2 License Plate Reader's (LPR's) in the future. These devices would be another benefit in the proactive approach of policing our town.
4. Thank you to our Police Department and EMS for their response to the incident near Lehigh Avenue on Monday, and to those municipalities that responded including Franklin Township, Walnutport and Lehigh Township and also the Pennsylvania State Police.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Timothy Kromer had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Holly Sell and voice vote, Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Rodrigues
Recording Secretary

Donna I. McGarry
Manager/Secretary