

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2020

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on June 3, 2020 at 7:00p.m. via Free Conference Call.

Following a prayer and flag salute led by Mayor Wardlow and The Acting Municipal Clerk called the roll

Roll Call showed present:

Mary Ann Wardlow	Mayor
Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steve Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson
Eric Wilcox	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor	
Sean S. Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer	arrived on call at 7:08pm
Angelique Rankins	Business Administrator	
Marsharee A. Wright	Acting Borough Clerk	
Tyrone Wakefield	Public Work Supervisor	
Captain Plenty	Public Safety	

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Acting Borough Clerk read that the meeting had been properly publicized as to the time, date, and place, in accordance with P.L. 1985, Chapter 231.

REMARKS BY CITIZENS - Please state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Open Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

- NONE

It was moved by Pollard and seconded by DeAbreu to **Close Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2020

It was moved by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Minutes**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 53-2020 – Establishing the Revised Travel Policy
2. Resolution No. 54-2020 – Authorizing Advertisement to Solicit Bids for Landscaping Services
3. Resolution No. 55-2020 – Adopting the 3-year Cooperative Agreement with Camden County CDBG 2021-2023
4. Resolution No. 56-2020 – Authorizing Street Name Change – Pine Avenue to Pine Street
5. Resolution No. 57-2020 – Authorizing Refund for Certificate of Occupancy Overpayment

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Deabreu to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda and Payment of Bills to include resolutions No. 53-2020 through No. 57-2020**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BOROUGH CLERK

APRIL 2020 - \$1,865.33

CONSTRUCTION

APRIL 2020 - \$70,653.81

TAX COLLECTOR

APRIL 2020 - \$226,520.07

PRO CHAMPS –

Defaulted Mortgage Property Registration

APRIL 2020 – \$3,200.00

2020 YTD TOTAL \$12,400.00

COLLECTOR OF SEWER RENTALS

APRIL 2020 – \$10,377.83

DOG ACCOUNT

APRIL 2020 – \$2,475.51

MUNICIPAL COURT

APRIL 2020 – \$5,617.03

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **accept the Financial Reports.**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

REMARKS BY MAYOR: Thanked all volunteers, first responders, the citizens who help with the lunch distribution to the Seniors, there has been over 7K meals given out to 140 Residents. Mayor Thanked Tyrone and the DPW Department for all their hard work and cleaning up the town after the storm.

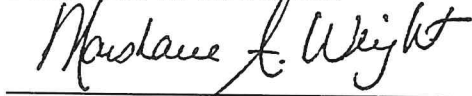
REMARKS:

- **Councilman DeAbreu** – Thanked DPW for their hard work and acknowledged their clean-up efforts of the recycling items and debris due to the afternoon storm
- **Councilman Lee** – Thanked First Responders. He offered his and co-council's availability to citizens. "We're around, We're available" He announced a Peaceful Protest to be scheduled for June 7th at 2pm. He suggested that Mayor and Council support the community as this is not a political event and event will be held in a decent order.
- **Councilman Pollard** – Thanked DPW for their work with the storm today. He stated Mayor & Council should Support the Young people, Let them Speak and get things of their chest to hold this Peaceful protest in decent order in honor of George Floyd and countless others killed due to police brutality.
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – none
- **Councilman Wilcox** – Acknowledged and stated his appreciation to DPW for their work in the storm today
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Thanked everyone for their participation in the Thank You to First Responders and Congratulating Graduates Parade. She asked everyone to please complete their census, response extension to 8/31/2020. Lawnside has a 60.5% completed responses and the state total response is 62.7%, 10 years ago, the borough had 73% response completion. Councilwoman suggested everyone do a phone chain project, call, text, or email 5 friends to see if they completed their census and she has a script you can use. She also announced that there will be a candlelight ceremony tomorrow at 8:30pm against racial injustice. She is asking everyone to participate in the vigil on their lawns. Councilwoman felt that Peaceful Protest is an oxymoron, maybe it should be called a Peaceful Rally, Walk to be led by Patricia Whetstone. Her concern was participants may need to quarantine for 14 days as we are still in a pandemic, and she believe shaving the event is a safety concern.
- **DPW Supervisor** – Tyrone thanked DPW for completing their job without any complaints as there have been extra debris and shrubbery to be picked up as more property owners are home doing more landscaping projects. He also thanked Ms. Rankins for the ongoing PPE supply.
- **Captain Plenty** – stated received email from Patricia Whetstone asking for the police department to collaborate with her to solidify equality in Lawnside with a march from community center to Peter Mott House. Their plan is to have a few speakers at event. He stated he would have other departments on standby for assistance with crowd, suggested to allow young people to have a voice and give them the platform to do so.
- **Mayor Wardlow** – she has prior engagement, she would not be available for event but asked Solicitor, Ms. Rankins and Captain Plenty to review all the event plans, check for any insurance liability, notify Ms. Shockley and residents in the area of the Peter Mott House.
- **Ms. Rankins** – Thanked the Borough Hall Staff for their work and expressed her appreciation as they are outstanding and working effectively, beyond the required 2 times a week in the office. She assured that nothing has stopped at the borough and all calls are being answered, emails responded and appointments being made. Mayor assured that she checks in with all the departments as well.
- **Borough Engineer, Sean Smith** – he acknowledged he is on call if there were any questions for him by Mayor, Council or residents, there were none
- **Borough Solicitor, Ed Hill** – he stated he has already reached out to our Insurance Company regarding the proposed event and is awaiting reply. He will forward all information to Mayor, Ms. Rankins and Captain Plenty.

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At 7:38pm there was a Motion Made by Wright-McLeod and Seconded by Wilcox to Adjourn the Meeting
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:38P.M.
BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE



MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK


MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR