

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members present were: David Jones, Kathleen Rick, Thomas Curtin and Kenneth Knickerbocker. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan and Solicitor John Carnes. Council Members Melinda Keen and Charles Persch were absent due to vacation. Council Member Virginia Miller arrived at 7:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the June 2009 Treasurer’s Report is on file in the Borough Hall. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Thomas Curtin. All in favor.

MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION: Mayor John Hagan honored George W. “Peanut” Mullen for his years of selfless service, his unwavering dedication to his Country, community and comrades, his dedication and tireless efforts organizing and presenting the Memorial Day Observance and Parade in Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, in honor of and for our veterans present, past and future and Proclaimed that hence forth the annual Memorial Day Observance and Parade, held in the Borough of Parkesburg, be dedicated to, Commander George W. Mullen.

PRESENTATION:

- Todd Darllington – Verizon – tabled for a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT—Mendi Lowe

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

MANAGER'S REPORT—L. James Thomas

- Act 32 Earned Income Tax – a delegate and two alternates must be appointed by September 10, 2009; a motion to appoint David Jones as a delegate, Kenneth Knickerbocker as first alternate and James Thomas as second alternate was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor
- The open applications for Parke Mansion Partners should be cleared up next week;
- State Street Bridge Construction Inspector – interviewed several firms to act as the transportation construction manager and alternate; Mr. Thomas' selections were Johnson, Merman and Thompson (JMT) and CMC Engineering as the alternate; spoke with Jeff Hunt of Hunt Engineering who was pleased with the selections. A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to contact the State with his selections was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT—Chief Brian Sheller

A complete copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. The speed display board has been replaced and paid for by motorist's insurance; crime unit has served 2 out of 3 arrest warrants for the shooting at the Parkesburg Arms; there was a decrease in problems this year at the fire company fair; Mr. Jones commended the Police Department for their job interrupting a burglary of a business on First Avenue.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT—ARRO Consulting

A complete copy of the Zoning Officer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT—Melinda Keen

A complete copy of the Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—Raymond Stackhouse

No report.

PABA—Eric Jameson

The annual banquet was successful; 2008 Business Leader of the Year went to L.C. Auto Body and the scholarship went to Laura Brehm; the Welcome to Parkesburg sign is up; the Community Day is scheduled for September 26th - there will be events, face painting, moon bounce, vendor tables, food, etc.; working with high school to possibly start a newspaper; Mr. Jones thanked PABA for the welcome sign.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT—John S. Carnes, Jr.

- Avery Builders Tax Assessment Appeal – a motion to authorize the Solicitor to sign a Stipulation regarding the tax assessment of the McGuigan Way property was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mr. Jones asked for authorization to pay to the Parkesburg Library a donation in the amount of \$7500.00. A motion to authorize such payment was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Bill and Tonda Cockerham of West Fifth Avenue were present to ask Council to pay for the extermination of ground hogs on their property; Mr. Jones explained that it is not the Borough's responsibility to take care of residents' private property; several suggestions on how to handle the problem were made by Council Members and meeting attendees.

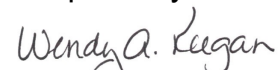
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Hagan thanked Council for their support and dedication to George Mullen.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick to adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary