

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

The meeting was held at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stiles, followed by the pledge to the flag.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Zachary W. Stiles - President
Gregory Bonas
Deborah J. Ferree
Gary Landis
John J. Neal
William H. Stiles, II

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Gregory W. Kinard – Vice President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Douglas J. Wagner – Mayor
Todd A. Zeigler – Treasurer & Asst. Secretary
D. Michael Craley – Solicitor
Samantha Craley - Assistant Solicitor
Jeffrey Koons – Zoning Officer

Number of Visitors in Attendance – 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2022

- Motion by Landis, seconded by W. Stiles, and unanimously carried to approve the August 1, 2022, meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- REFUSE COLLECTION CONTRACT
 - Contract Specifications - Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by W. Stiles, seconded by Neal, to amend the draft contract by changing the Penalty section of the contract for missed refuse and/or recycling collection to \$100 for every refuse, recycling, or bulk container.
 - Advertise for Bids – A motion was made by Ferree, seconded by Landis, to advertise for bids for refuse and recycling collection, effective January 1, 2023.
- LOGANVILLE BOROUGH V. STYCSA (Sewer) - No report.
- STATE POLICE REPORT - Asst. Solicitor S. Craley provide a report of State Police activity for April – June 2022.

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ZONING/UCC/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Zoning Officer Koons reviewed the August 2022 report with Council (report is on file) and provided updates on outstanding issues.
- Koons stated that he has a zoning permit for 57-59 Main Street (Snyder), but that he is holding it until the Borough is paid the \$100 in charges for snow removal.
- The swimming pool at 64 Church was discussed. The portable pool will be removed for the season, and Koons will work with the owner on permitting for next year. It was agreed that the issuance of a swimming of this nature (water depth exempts it from the PA Uniform Construction Code regulations) will be at the discretion of the Zoning Officer.
- 61 Maple Street is now complaint with the excess trash left at the street curb.
- The low hanging tree limbs over South Street have been addressed by the property owners of 105 South Street, 129 South Street, 36 Maple Street, and 48 Maple Street.
- 69 Main Street was discussed. The new owners informed Koons that they are making only cosmetic repairs, replacing drywall, and painting. He is upgrading the 100 AMP electric service but no other electrical changes. Koons directed the new owner to contact South Penn Code Consultants to determine if a UCC permit is required, or if only Met-Ed has to inspect the new service. Koons reported that the owners plan to keep it as five (5) units, which led to the question as to how many EDUs are assigned to the property. Zeigler commented that he will check his emails, but his understanding is that there are only four (4) EDUs assigned to the property. Zeigler will email the Council, Mayor, and Solicitor, after he confirms the number of EDUs with the sewer authority.
- 103 Main Street (Taylor) is now complaint with the overgrown vegetation violation, after the Borough had the grass and weeds cut and trimmed. The property owner will be invoiced.
- Koons reported that he filed a civil complaint with the District Court for 34 Church Street for continued violations related to overgrown vegetation and tree debris/brush.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ROADSIDE GUTTER CLEANING by PENNDOT at 144-150 CHURCH STREET – Zeigler is not aware that the work has been performed; he will follow-up with PennDOT.
- STORMWATER INLET REPAIRS – Zeigler will contact PennDOT to inquire about road repairs around stormwater inlets at 34 Church Street and at the intersection of Church & Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- JR. COUNCILPERSON – President Stiles reported that this item will need to be tabled until the October 2022 meeting. All members of Council were provided with an application from Makannah Stiles.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 2022

- Motion by Bonas, seconded by Ferree, and unanimously carried to approve, accept, and file the financial report for audit, and authorize the Treasurer to pay regular bills.

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REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- FALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS – Zeigler asked if Council had any items other than the typical newsletter items to include in the October issue. It was suggested that if space allows to include information on the Jr. Councilperson program, and the State Police report.
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - Street Committee – Zeigler will prepare a list of items for the committee to discuss and email it prior to the October Council meeting. The committee will meet following the October meeting.
 - Budget Committee – Zeigler will email the committee members to schedule a budget meeting in October.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report.

LIEN COLLECTION REPORT

- No report.

YCSTSA REPORT

- Council was provided with the written monthly Sewer Authority report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Ferree commented that on two separate occasions over the past month that a car has been parking all day on College Avenue, which is intended for post office parking. Zeigler reported that he spoke to the “Person in Charge” at the post office (currently there is no Postmaster). Both cars belonged to postal employees and the extended parking has since ceased. There is an ordinance that limits parking to 15 minutes, but it was the consensus that the situation be monitored before considering the posting of signs.
- W. Stiles commented that it is time again to spray weeds along the street curbs. Zeigler commented that he contacted Dave Forbes about two weeks earlier and that he said he would take care of it. Zeigler will reach out again to Mr. Forbes.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by President Stiles. The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd A. Zeigler
Assistant Secretary