

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013 AT
7:00 P.M. IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH OFFICE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joe Keaney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of silence for Past Council President Carl Hilton who recently passed away.

PRESENT

Joe Keaney, Gerald Boughter, Rob Koehler, Bob Thomas, John Karinch and Mayor Mark Thomas

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2013

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

JUNE 21, 2013

A motion was made by Gerald Boughter, seconded by John Karinch to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

SECRETARY

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Gerald Boughter to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

TREASURER

A motion was made by Rob Koehler, seconded by John Karinch to approve the report of the Treasurer. Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by John Karinch to approve the Highway Department report. Motion passed.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENTS

A motion was made by Rob Koehler, seconded by John Karinch to approve the report of the Water & Sewer Departments. Motion passed.

CORNWALL COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Cornwall Fire Company. Motion passed.

MAYOR

A motion was made by Gerald Boughter, seconded by John Karinch to approve the Mayor's report. Motion passed.

CORNWALL BOROUGH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Cornwall Borough Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion passed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Gerald Boughter, seconded by John Karinch to approve the report of the Zoning Officer. Motion passed.

RECREATION

No report

EMPLOYEE SAFETY COMMITTEE

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Employee Safety Committee. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY SAFETY/BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made by Rob Koehler, seconded by Gerald Boughter to approve the Community Safety/Board of Health report. Motion passed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

REXMONT ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE – JOSH WEABER

Josh Weaber informed that there will be a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the bridge site. Mr. Weaber stated that we will be receiving the signed contracts and construction schedule at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SHENTEL – CELLULAR TOWER

Deb Baker & Mike Knotwell, Shentel, gave a presentation on the possible placement of a 120' to 150' cellular tower contemplated on borough property along Anthracite Road. A petition which opposed the installation of the tower was shown a copy was permitted. The general complaint concerned the flood plain concerns and the purported health care problems. Some residents suggested that there might be lawsuits if the Council approved the site. It was explained to the audience that this is the first of several public hearings and no contract has been signed. The Council was accused of negotiating a contract when the proposed monthly rental was discussed. It was explained that the discussion was the first of several proposed discussions about the cell tower.

A question was raised concerning the possible health problems presented by the emissions from cell towers. No evidence of the validity of this question was presented. Council will continue to investigate the possibilities of permitting the tower installation.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6, 2013

Gerald Boughter made the motion, seconded by John Karinch to close Alden Street from Burd Coleman Road to Freeman Drive 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for National Night Out. Motion passed.

TRAVEL TRAILER – 756 ASPEN LANE

Raymond Fratini, P & Z Commission informed Council that he spoke with Song Kim, Zoning Officer about illegal parking of travel trailer at 756 Aspen Lane owned by Brian Monk. Mr. Fratini provided documentation which states that the Lebanon County Planning Department has spoken to Mr. Monk and showed him where on his property he could place the trailer to comply with the Ordinance.

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to support the Zoning Officer's decision that the trailer be removed from its current location. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gerald Boughter, seconded by Rob Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Steven N. Danz
Secretary