

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Grillo, Councilman Trozzi, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Controller Farina, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, and Mayor Callender. Absent were Treasurer Eshbaugh, Chief Weitzel, and City Clerk Cook.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Treasurer's Report for March and April, 2016.
2. Earned Income Tax Report for April, 2016. (No action needed).
3. Collection Service Center for April, 2016.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: Recycling day on April 30th was a success. A full dumpster of scrap metal was collected in addition to tires, air conditioners, and paint. No electronics were collected.

Councilman Fabry: In the street department: Straightened and replaced street signs/posts where needed in the City. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after rain events. Flipped leaf pile to aid in its breakdown. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued to perform building, vehicle, and small machine maintenance. Performed minor repairs on Welder/Generator. Rebuilt catch basins on New Hampshire/Vermont; 2728 Paige; 119 Rita; and 2792 Hastings. Continued sweeping City streets: Leechburg Road; Braddock/Vance to Glenview; Wedgewood; Russell; California; Chester Plan; Grove, Valleyview; Jefferson; Arizona Plan; and Donnell Plan. Swept Tax Office, City Hall, and Police Parking lots. Repaired doors in Block Building at City Hall. Replaced ??? of storm line on Glauser; installed Rip Rap at inlet and outlet of pipe. Replaced ??? of storm line on Westbrook; installed Rip Rap at inlet and outlet of pipe. Assisted Police Department with the installation of VASCAR lines within the City. Utilized New Kensington's Bucket Truck to remove old scoreboard and posts at Kotecki Park Adult softball field and installed new scoreboard and posts. Asphalted behind rear garage at City Hall in completion of Sewer line project. Assisted Upper Burrell three days utilizing the Sweeper. Removed, cleaned, and stored salt spreaders; installed asphalt chutes on trucks. Conducted monthly safety inspections of Public Works Garages and Buildings. Assisted Sewer Department with the repair of the root cutter on the Vactor. Prepared City Hall for Lower Burrell Recycling Day on April 30, 2016. Foreman Johnson and the Street Department crew attended "Liquid Bituminous Sealcoat Training" from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on April 8, 2016, in Indiana, PA. Ian Smith attended "Certified Stormwater Inspector Training" on April 18 and 19, 2016, in Pittsburgh. Ed Homa attended both the Public Works Safety Meeting and the City Hall Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Performed sewer lateral inspections at 125 Logans Ferry Road; 2785, 2785R, 2791 2801, 2820, and 2824 Seventh Street Road. Changed pump in Indiana Pump Station. Installed pump at Hillcrest Estates Pump Station. Replaced Pump #1 at Widmer Pump Station. Utilized Vactor to clean out Indian Fields Pump Station. Performed camera evaluations during rain events: "Harvey Area;" Allen, Iowa, Jefferson; Alder to Limba; Russell; Claremont; Montana Right of Way. Cameraed Widmer area. Cameraed roots on Ireland due to sewer backup. Cameraed Edith from Montana to Idaho due to a reported sinkhole the prior day. Continued to perform vehicle maintenance. Raised two manholes on Route 56 Right of Way. Performed PA One Calls as needed. Conducted manhole inspection reports from Allan to Iowa to Jefferson. Performed root cut maintenance on Limba, cleaned out Iowa to Allen. Assisted Arnold utilizing the Vactor for approximately 1-1/2 hours. Checked, cleaned, and greased pump stations; cleaned floats and checked grinders; performed end of month cleaning. Conducted monthly Safety Inspections of all Pump Stations. Bill Thomey attended "Certified Stormwater Inspector Training" on April 18 and 19, 2016, in Pittsburgh. Terry Anderson attended both the Public Works Safety Meeting and the City Hall Safety Meeting.

Councilman Trozzi: As a municipality, we are still solvent. All department heads to audit for 2016 budget compliance.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for April, 2015. Councilman Grillo has met with both fire chiefs and presidents. Ambulance group got a state grant for tactical vests. The firemen will be conducting their carnival from June 6th to 11th from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock. He reminded residents not to post signs on telephone poles or city street signs.

Controller Farina: No report.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: Public Works will be doing road rehabilitation now that asphalt is available.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Mayor Callender: Mayor Callender announced that on May 25, 2016, Lucas Goeller, a liver transplant recipient will be sworn in as the Mayor of Lower Burrell. Mayor Callender is a transplant recipient himself and thought this was a good way to raise donor awareness. Lucas will be sworn in and will dedicate the new playground at Burrell Lake Park. There will be guest speakers from CORE and Children's Hospital. There will be a picnic luncheon and Lucas will sign proclamations proclaiming May 25th Donor Awareness Day.

Mayor Callender recently met with Penn Dot. Through the efforts of former Mayor Kinosz, Senator Jim Brewster, Penn Dot, Foreman Scott Johnson, and Mayor Callender, a complete road reclamation project from Sheetz to Midas will take place. This project will include ADA sidewalks, ramps, taking the pavement down to the base and repairing the base, looking at new inlets so there will be no ponding on the road, redoing the road, having all the signals upgraded to LED, and all the school zone signals updated. It is a major accomplishment that will cost the taxpayers nothing. Construction will begin in June or July, 2017. The City will be looking at upgrading the sidewalks along the area and possibly some mainscaping along Leechburg Road to make it more inviting and attractive for new businesses. The City has been requested to pay our appraisal portion for Montgomery Wards/Penney property for tax reassessment.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Acknowledged Taylor Johnson for her Gymnastics accomplishments. Ms. Johnson was first in States and participated in Nationals where she placed first in the floor and third overall.
- 2) Acknowledged Burrell swim team.
- 3) Announced special informational meeting held Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:15 PM.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Fabry to ratify the approved phone poll vote on May 7, 2016. The Burrell Basketball Club's clinic at Kotecki Park requested to change their initial council approved date of Thursday's to be Monday's. This is with the understanding the schedule change will be posted by the club on the court immediately and through the clinics duration to notify the public. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Westmoreland County Land Bank and the City of Lower Burrell conditioned on school board approval. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Fabry to approve request from Lower Burrell Municipal Authority for a Bridge loan to start new sewage project. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Trozzi to reappoint Jeff Schoepf to the Police Civil Service Board. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.
- 8) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to approve revised Plumbers Inspection Report. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Drummond of Falsetti Street questioned the dog ordinance and when council consider it. The ordinance will be advertised and voted on next month. Discussion ensued.

Dan Lynch had questions on the firemen's carnival.

Darlene Miller questioned utility right of ways. Discussion ensued.

Tom Turiak had numerous concerns of Marcellus drilling in Lower Burrell. A lengthy discussion with Solicitor Yakopec took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**