

Regular Meeting
January 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Meyersdale Borough Council was called to order by President Folk, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Folk, Mrs. Gnagey, Mr. Parisi, Solicitor Valentine, and Mayor Smith were present. Brion Reiber, Street Foreman, was also present. The openings for Junior Council Member have not been filled.

MINUTES:

Mr. Boyce made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting and the December 21, 2022 Special Meeting as presented. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ BILLS:

Mr. Baker made the motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed.

GUESTS:

There were no pre-registered guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A.) Mr. Thomas Deetz was present to request that pot holes o be repaired on 6th. Street between High St. & Olinger St.

B.) Mr. Bruce Clites was present to speak about being disrespected by the Borough Secretary. He alleges that the Borough Secretary called him retarded and that President Folk told him to fight with his wife over an incident regarding a cash payment of \$100 towards a refuse account.

Mr. Parisi reported that the incident in question was documented by the Secretary and reported to Council, via e-mail. The Secretary handled the situation in the correct manner. A feedback form (see attached) was created by Mr. Parisi. Mr. Clites was given a copy and was to return it at his convenience. The Borough Secretary was instructed to provide Solicitor Valentine with a copy of the form after it is completed by Mr. Clites. Mr. Ackerman suggested that in the future, the Secretary records all conversations she has with Mr. Clites. Mr. Clites commented that he will be videoing and recording as well from his cell phone.

Mr. Clites also reported a stop sign that was down. Mr. Reiber was instructed ^{to (see)} have the sign replaced.

C.) Mr. Wayne L. Miller, Jr. was present to complain about the property behind him that is owned by someone from Tanzania. There are rodents, animals, and weeds. He explained that in the past he attempted to buy the property, but missed the tax sale. After some discussion, Mr. Parisi was to contact the Somerset County Commissioners.

Mr. Miller was also disappointed to find out that his appointment for Borough Tax Collector will be for only one year. He was under the impression that the term would be for three years to fulfill the

D.) Adam Kopp and Katie Billy from Somerset Trust Company were present to discuss the accounts that the Borough has with STC. Mr. Kopp reported that making some changes to the accounts will generate a higher interest rate. Mrs. Gnagey, Mr. Baker and the Borough Secretary are to meet with Mr. Kopp and Mrs. Billy to discuss the options available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report was given.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Smith reported \$417.06 in fines. A citation report was read. A yearly calls for service report was read.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

No report was given.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

No report was given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Valentine reported on the following:

A.) Police investigation update

A settlement has been reached with Neil Berkley. This item is to be removed from the Agenda.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Solicitor Valentine is to arrange for a meeting with Ed from PA Municipal Code Alliance to review open cases.

Mr. Ackerman asked what the next step is with regard to the 618 Grant St. property. It was reported that bids were let for demolition, but no bids were received. After some discussion, Mr. Parisi was asked to contact the Somerset County Commissioners regarding the availability of County Demolition Funds. Mr. Parisi was also to contact PennDOT regarding concerns with the retaining wall at this location.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Junior Council Member

This item is to be removed from the Agenda.

Municipal Authority

It was reported that there is a lot of work being done with pressure testing the sewer lines. A new roof was put on the water shed and a new truck was purchased.

Street Foreman

Mr. Reiber reported that a plow was taken in for repairs. The Municipal Authority helped out with plowing while the truck was down. The Borough shed roof was leaking severely. The contractor was contacted and will return in the Spring to access the cause for the major leak.

Mrs. Gnagey asked about the street sweeper. It was suggested to look for a new one or the option of possibly renting from another Borough.

Meyersdale Area Merchants Association

Mrs. Katie Billy reported that Christmas at the Manor was a success. A committee will be formed to discuss the Farmers Market.

Public Library

There will be a meeting held on January 24, 2023 and January 26, 2023 to discuss the 2024 Sesquicentennial. All suggestions for the event are welcomed.

Parks & Recreation

The Committee will not be meeting until February 2023.

Meyersdale Renaissance

Mrs. Wendy Kelly reported that Renaissance has gotten the TV to have community movie nights. She asked Council if there would be space in the Community Center to store the TV. A Valentine Dance and movie night is being planned for February 10, 2023 in the gym and meeting room from 6 PM – 9 PM. All members of Council were invited to held chaperone the event.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – STANDING COMMITTEES

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Smith reported that there was no update on the arrival of the new police vehicle. Officer Kevin Huzsek has started as a part time officer.

PERSONNEL

No report was given.

FINANCE

No report was given.

REFUSE

No report was given.

SEIBERT DAM

This item will be removed from the Agenda.

STREETS/BUILDINGS

No report was given.

FLOOD CONTROL

No report was given.

FARMERS MARKET

No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.) Patrolman police agreement/handbook
Mayor Smith reported that he is still working on getting each officer to sign the document.
- B.) Update Police Chief Agreement
No action was taken.
- C.) Meyers Avenue access road
No updates were available.
- D.) Adopt Ordinance #422A – Amendment to Nuisance Ordinance
Mr. Parisi made the motion to adopt Ordinance #422A as presented. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.
- E.) Adopt Ordinance #441 – Poorbaugh Street from North St. to Dale St. as one way
Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to Adopt Ordinance #441 as presented. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.
- F.) Lieutenant rate of pay
Mr. Ackerman made the motion to increase the hourly rate of pay for Lieutenant Pritts 50 cents per hour effective the next pay period. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Announcements
Maple Festival 2023
Mr. Boyce made the motion to approve road closures for the PA Maple Festival as outlined in a letter dated December 13, 2022. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed. (See attached letter)

Mr. Reiber reported that the barricades are in need of replacement. Council agreed to grant Mr. Reiber permission to contact Mr. Horn at the High School to see if the shop class could do a student project to make new barricades.
- B.) Vendor fees – Temporary Use Permit for Maple Festival
Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to allow the PA Maple Festival throughout the dates as outlined in their letter to pay a fee of \$50.00 for one temporary use permit, with the PA Maple Festival being responsible to manage all the vendors and making sure the vendors are correctly certified; the PA Maple Festival will be the primary insured with the Borough listed as an additional insured; the Borough will be provided with a certificate of insurance prior to the event and the PA Maple Festival will also provide a detail on their process and procedures for the vendors that will be on Borough property. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed. The Secretary was asked to notify the street vendors on file to alert them to contact the PA Maple Festival to be included under the one permit.

Council will consider drafting an ordinance that will be separate from the zoning ordinance to address temporary use permits and fees.

C.) 2023 Goals

Mrs. Gnagey would like to set goals for 2023 to be discussed at the workshops. Items were as follows:

- Zoning Ordinance out of date
- Way too many Ordinances
- Resolve Jenkins property
- ASPIRE with grant funds
- Meeting regarding LST funds from each municipality that do not have emergency services. Solicitor Valentine reported that the Ambulance Association was to get back to him on a meeting date, however to date he has not heard from them.

D.) School Lease

Mrs. Gnagey has safety concerns regarding the building. The Borough is taking on a lot of liability with the Apostolic Academy in the building. Other concerns were if there were carbon monoxide detectors, posted escape routes and fire extinguishers in the building. It was reported that there are CO detectors that need to be installed, fire extinguishers are monitored on a yearly basis by A-1 Fire Safety and there are no safety routes posted, although there is a possibility that the school has a posting for the areas they use. Mrs. Gnagey also had a concern with the cost to heat the building, furnace issues, lead and asbestos in the building. The lease with the Academy is up in March. Proper notice should be given to them if the Borough is not going to renew the lease. Mr. Parisi made the motion to grant Solicitor Valentine permission to write a letter to the Apostolic Academy notifying them that the Borough is uncertain about their future in the Community Center and that they cannot renew the lease which expires in March 2023, but that the Borough will entertain doing a month to month lease. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

E.) Community Center Safety Equipment – generator

Mrs. Gnagey asked what the generator in the building was for. Mr. Reiber indicated that the generator is strictly for the furnace.

F.) Update on Standard Operating Procedure – Borough Office

Mrs. Gnagey asked where we were on the SOP. The Secretary reported that the staff member from Beer, Ream & Company was expected to be back to complete the onsite work on January 12, 2023.

G.) Parks & Recreation Board appointments due December 2022

1 Year Term

Mr. Boyce made the motion to adopt Resolution 1-2023 to appoint Teresa Werner to a one year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed. The term will end 12/31/2023.

2 Year Terms

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adopt Resolution 2-2023 to appoint Keri Beth Ickes to a two year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed. The term will end 12/31/2024.

Mr. Parisi made the motion to adopt Resolution 3-2023 to appoint Patrick Smith to a two year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed. The term will end 12/31/2024.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adopt Resolution 4-2023 to appoint Jacquie Brenneman to a five year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed. The term will end 12/31/2027.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adopt Resolution 5-2023 to appoint Tiny Boyce to a five year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed. The term will end 12/31/2027.

Vacancy for Sandy Miller – remainder of 3 Year Term
No action was taken.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Welcome to Meyersdale sign damage
The Secretary was asked to make contact with Mosholder Insurance Company to file a claim if applicable.
2. Tires for Police vehicle
Permission was granted for Mr. Reiber to purchase studded tires for the Charger police vehicle for the next season, while they are on sale at Maple City Tire Outlet.
3. Special/Workshop Meeting
Council decided not to hold a Special/Workshop Meeting on January 25, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:50 P.M. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Parisi made the motion to return to regular session at 9:12 P.M. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to grant Mayor Smith permission to attend a fact finding meeting with Salisbury Borough to discuss providing police protection to them at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Parisi made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.



Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

MEYERSDALE BOROUGH RESIDENT FEEDBACK FORM

Completed By (Enter Your Full Name)

Date Submitted

Your Phone Number

Your Email Address

Your Home Address

Feedback Subject:

(Please Write Feedback in This Box)

Received By:

(Signature of Borough Representative)

*Items marked * are required. Thank you.*

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

PO BOX 60
MEYERSDALE, PA 15552-0060
PHONE (814) 634-5110 FAX (814) 634-5757

There are a few reasons for this document being created; they are as follows:

- To maintain civility during council meetings
- To have a hard copy record of feedback (good or bad) from our residents or visitors to Meyersdale
- To protect the integrity of our personnel, our Police officers, councilpersons, the solicitor, and the Mayor (specifically during a council meeting)
- To provide our residents and visitors an opportunity to collect their thoughts as they put them on paper instead of saying something they may regret when speaking "off the cuff"

As a general rule going forward, we can consider allowing someone the opportunity to elaborate on their feedback form (after it is submitted to us); however, I would like to draw a line in the sand here and hold firm to the policy that the "guest/visitor" portion of our scheduled regular meetings is supposed to be for:

- asking for permission/support for an event, etc. within the Borough
- bringing pressing borough issues to light or improvement ideas that affect a group of residents in the Borough or the Borough as a whole
- sharing positive news and/or spreading the word about upcoming events in the area
- sharing entrepreneurial intentions or ideas
- anything else that falls within these general conditions

* Excluded from this list is the opportunity to attend council meetings to share negative comments regarding Borough personnel, our Police officers, councilpersons, the solicitor, and the Mayor. There are no exceptions. Any feedback of this sort must be communicated to us through the attached document.

Thank you,



The PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE FESTIVAL, INC.

P. O. Box 222 – Meyersdale, Pennsylvania 15552
Phone (814) 634-0213

December 13, 2022

Meyersdale Borough Council
P.O. Box 60
Meyersdale, PA 15552

Dear Council Members:

The Pennsylvania Maple Festival, as you know, will be April 22 & 23 and April 26 through 30, 2023. We are requesting the following streets be closed as in previous years.

April 21 through May 1, 2023

Concessions and Vendors: Main Street (both sides of street) from traffic light at Center Street – Main Street to next alley toward Grant Street (Business Route 219). We will occupy approximately two (2) blocks. Only one entrance of the First National Bank parking lot will be blocked by vendors.

April 21 through May 1, 2023

Bounce Houses: Maple Lane from (both sides of the street) the alley to Lincoln Avenue. Planning to set up bounce houses on the street in front of the Festival Office building. Residents on Lincoln Avenue will be able to access homes from Cherry Street.

April 22 & 23 and April 29 & 30, 2023

Tractor Show: From 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Corner of Grant Street (Old Business Route 219), down Dale Street and 2nd Street.

April 23, 2023

Truck & Motorcycle Show: From 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monument Square (Center Street) to Water Street (crossing Main, Dale, North, Pennsylvania and Broadway Streets). Car Show ends at the corner of Center and Water Streets. Going up Main Street, depending on attendance.

April 29, 2023

Grand Feature Parade: From 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Beginning at 11th Avenue North on Beachley Street (Route 219) to Monument Square (Center Street) to Broadway Street (crossing Main, Dale, North and Pennsylvania Streets). Ending at first block on Broadway Street

April 30, 2023

Antique, Classic & Street Rod Car Show: From 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monument Square (Center Street) to Water Street (crossing Main, Dale, North, Pennsylvania and Broadway Streets). Car Show ends at the corner of Center and Water Streets. Going up Main Street, depending on attendance.

We sincerely appreciate your help and cooperation in all matters pertaining to the Pennsylvania Maple Festival. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 814-634-0213.

Warm regards,

Grace Shaffer
Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FILL A VACANCY ON
THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Meyersdale,
Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Meyersdale Borough Parks & Recreation Ordinance #417
charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County,
Pennsylvania has chosen someone to fill the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale,
Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Teresa Werner, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists
on the Parks & Recreation Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Parks &
Recreation Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the
Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 10th day of January, 2023_, by the Borough Council of the Borough of
Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By *Bonka Felt*
President of Council

ATTEST:

Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FILL A VACANCY ON
THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Meyersdale Borough Parks & Recreation Ordinance #417 charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania has chosen someone to fill the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Keri Beth Ickes, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists on the Parks & Recreation Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Parks & Recreation Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 10th day of January, 2023_, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By 
President of Council

ATTEST:


Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FILL A VACANCY ON
THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Meyersdale Borough Parks & Recreation Ordinance #417 charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania has chosen someone to fill the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Patrick Smith, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists on the Parks & Recreation Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Parks & Recreation Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 10th day of January, 2023_, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By *Benjamin J. Feltz*
President of Council

ATTEST:

Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FILL A VACANCY ON
THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Meyersdale Borough Parks & Recreation Ordinance #417 charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania has chosen someone to fill the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Jacquie Brenneman, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists on the Parks & Recreation Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Parks & Recreation Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 10th day of January, 2023, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By *Bruce Fall*
President of Council

ATTEST:

Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FILL A VACANCY ON
THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Meyersdale Borough Parks & Recreation Ordinance #417 charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania has chosen someone to fill the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Tina Boyce, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists on the Parks & Recreation Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Parks & Recreation Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the Parks & Recreation Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 10th day of January, 2023_, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By *R. Boyce Fall*
President of Council

ATTEST:

Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

MEYERSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
 Regular Meeting 1/10/2023 Special Meeting _____

GUEST SIGN IN

PLEASE PRINT

	NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC
1	Tom Bertz	334 Olmsted ST Mey	Pot holes 6 th St
2	Wayne Miller	212 Salisbury St	↑
3	Sandy Miller	" "	Blighted House
4	Wendy Kelly		
5	Kate (Billy)		Banking
6	Adam Kapp		↓
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GUESTS MUST STAND WHILE SPEAKING

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