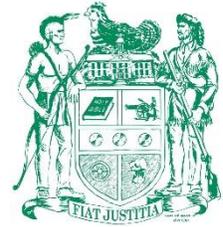


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**BOROUGH OF CARLISLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2021**

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the restrictions of social distancing put in place due to Covid-19.

Council members present: Councilors Crampsie, Hicks, Landis, Stuby, Deputy Mayor Shultz and Mayor Scott. Also present were: Borough Manager Armstrong, Assistant Borough Manager Snyder, Police Chief Landis, Water Resource Director Malarich, Finance Director Juday, Community Development Manager Skelly, Parks & Recreation Director Crouse, Fire Chief Snyder, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, Solicitor Brenneman, Dickinson College Student Ambassador DelMain and Borough Secretary Stone.

*Scribe Note: Councilor Fulham-Winston was not present at the meeting.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilor Hicks opened the public hearing for the purposes of receiving public comment on a proposed local economic development liquor license request by Pompei's, Inc. for use at a restaurant to be located at, or near, the corner of A Street and Carlisle Springs Road (Northside Village).

Mr. Jim Petrascu, attorney for Mr. Alfredo Iannuzzi, owner of Pompei's Restaurant, provided Council with information on the new restaurant noting this is a family run business that will offer specialty Italian foods and steaks. He stated it is the owner's desire to be able to offer alcohol beverage drinks to complement the food. Mr. Petrascu explained that if Council grants the license approval, the PLCB would conduct a very thorough investigation. He added if approved for the new license Pompei's would be required to abide by very strict statutory and regulatory requirements. He explained that one of the strict license requirement would be that alcohol sales could be no more than fifty percent of food sales.

Solicitor Brenneman confirmed with Mr. Petrascu that the client would be willing to reimburse the Borough for the legal, advertising and stenographer fees.

After no public comment the public hearing was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Officer of the Year Awards:**

Police Chief Landis explained that due to the present COVID circumstances the 2019 Officer of the Year Award was delayed. He then announced the Officers of the Year for 2019 were Officer Jamie DiMartile and Officer Timothy Mayer. Chief Landis spoke of their outstanding community volunteer services and their exemplary police service.

**Police Life Saving Awards:**

Mr. John Rudy was recognized for his efforts in removing the driver from a car prior to first responders arriving on the scene. The car was involved in an accident with the likelihood of a fire. Chief Landis remarked it was because of Mr. Rudy's efforts and little concern for his own personal safety that allowed

the vehicle occupant to see a new day. Mr. Rudy was thanked on behalf of the Carlisle Police Department the Borough of Carlisle for his meritorious effort in saving a life.

Ms. Winford Green and Ms. Antoine Williford were recognized by the Carlisle Police Department and the Borough of Carlisle for their meritorious efforts and little concern for their own person safety. Police Landis remarked that Ms. Green and Ms. Williford broke out a car sunroof and cut the seat belts in order to remove the occupants from a vehicle involved in an accident, prior to first responders arriving on the scene. They were thanked for their efforts.

**Police Citizens Service Awards:**

Mr. Timothy Stine was recognized for his generous donation of N95 masks to the Carlisle Police Department during 2020 the global pandemic. Police Landis acknowledged the Police Department and the Borough of Carlisle’s sincere gratefulness for his donations.

Ms. Sherry Sherta was recognized for stopping to assist an injured citizen during a medical emergency and provided a calming voice until the paramedics arrived on the scene. On behalf of the Carlisle Police Department and Borough of Carlisle, Police Landis thanked Ms. Sherta for getting involved.

Mr. Dale Gordon was recognized for turning in a wallet to the Carlisle Police Department that contained a large amount of money. Police Landis noted the money was reunited with the rightful owner and he thanked Mr. Gordon for being an honest citizen.

**Fire Department Unit Citation Awards:**

Fire Chief Snyder presented unit citations to the following members of the Union Fire Company, Carlisle Fire and Rescue, along with the Carlisle Barrack Fire Department, for their part in the rescue of a seven-year-old girl trapped in a gun safe.

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| Firefighter Devin Beckes   | Fire Chief Joseph Grimes            |
| Firefighter John Hewitt    | Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Hinken |
| Firefighter Larry Kell     | Driver/Operator Benjamin McDonald   |
| Firefighter Jody Meade     | Firefighter Elijah Newhouse         |
| Firefighter Micah Owens    | Firefighter Matt Portka             |
| Fire Lieutenant Sean Ryan  | Driver Operator Benjamin Thumma     |
| Firefighter Josiah Wagener |                                     |

Fire Chief Snyder recognized EMT Grace Snyder for her selfless actions demonstrated during the rescue of individual from a burning vehicle with possible entrapment. EMT Snyder received a Medal of Merit Award from the Carlisle Fire Department and the Borough of Carlisle for her bravery.

A video was shown of the in person presentations for these awards.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO BE HEARD**

Boy Scout Troop 302 from Harrisburg was recognized by Mayor Scott for their presence at the meeting. The troop participated in the meeting to help achieve their Citizenship in the Community Merit badge.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Deputy Mayor Shultz made a motion, seconded by Councilor Landis, to approve the Consent Agenda. Council unanimously voted (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following items:*

**A. Minutes:**

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**B. Approval of Bills and Investment Transactions:**

**Expenditures as of January 31, 2021**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| General Fund          | \$ 984,606 |
| Water Fund            | \$ 299,425 |
| Sewer Fund            | \$ 361,335 |
| Stormwater Fund       | \$ 171,242 |
| Solid Waste Fund      | \$ 12,318  |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ 357,804 |
| Parking Fund          | \$ 33,437  |

**C. Economic Development:**

1. Borough Council renewed the annual contract with Keystone Strategic Advocacy, LLC (KSA) that shall provide the continuance of grant writing and lobbying services for Pennsylvania Commonwealth funding opportunities retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, contingent upon the Borough Solicitor's satisfactory review and approval.

**D. ERCP:**

1. Borough Council reappointed Mr. Doug Heineman to a second term on the Board of Appeals. Mr. Heineman's term will become effective immediately and expire on January 31, 2026.
2. Borough Council accepted the resignation of Ms. Nancy Gregor from the Human Relations Commission effective February 3, 2021.
3. Borough Council accepted the resignation of Mr. Michael Smith from the Parks and Recreation Board effective June 30, 2021.

**E. HARB**

**The HARB received approval for the following items:**

1. Request by JTR Property Group at 213 South Hanover Street to:
  - a. Install new 36" x 37.5" vinyl on pvc sign. The sign will be hung from the southwest corner of the building and will hang from a newly mounted metal bracket.
  - b. Replace existing sign with new 60" x 18" vinyl on pvc sign reading "Mooney Law". This will be mounted on the front façade.
2. Request by Kevin Rockwood at 113 West High Street to:
  - a. Install 3' x 3' wooden sign hanging from existing metal bracket on the front of the building.
  - b. Install window graphics on the front windows and door.

**F. Public Safety:**

1. Borough Council approved the use of Carlisle Special Fire Police and Special Fire Police from other municipalities to work at non-fire related Borough events, functions or parades.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **TABLED, CONTINUED, AND RECURRING ITEMS**

None

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### **A. Economic Development:**

Councilor Hicks expressed his personal thanks to the DCA and Glenn White for their success with the recent Ice Fest in Carlisle. He appreciated all efforts of the DCA team.

Councilor Hicks remarked that he has received comments and concerns from several small business owners about the disaggregated approach to business development, highlighted by a number of innovative but uncoordinated ideas circulated by Carlisle's business organizations during the pandemic. He encouraged Borough staff to provide Council with a recommendation for a better way to move forward in how we promote and coordinate activities between and amongst our business community. Councilor Hicks noted for instance, the Borough has three highly visible and effective organizations, The Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Carlisle Association and Destination Carlisle that collectively reach across our entire commercial sector. He noted, however client voices often are not getting shared between these groups and that creates a problem. We also could benefit from a more structured relationship with groups such as Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation, (CAEDC) and Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Councilor Hicks commented that he believes we need a way to collectively integrate our business groups' interests, that is both strategic and inclusive and that this is particularly important as we attempt to recover from one of the most catastrophic crises that has hit our Borough. He recommended as a first step that staff consider surveying local businesses to understand how they would like their local government to be more responsive and maybe perhaps less responsive. This outreach could then help inform a more inclusive way for the Borough to make informed business related decisions. He asked for staff to report back in three months on their findings and with recommendations of how to better organize our Economic Development Committee, a currently ambiguous organization.

1. Borough Council voted 6-0 to approve a resolution for a proposed local economic development liquor license request by Pompei, Inc. for use at a restaurant to be located at, or near, the corner of A Street and Carlisle Springs Road (Northside Village). (Hicks/Shultz)
2. Borough Council, by a roll call, voted 6-0 to enact an ordinance approving an Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority of Cumberland County and the Borough of Carlisle to include but not be limited to the continuance of leasing of office space, parking and basic services in Borough Hall. Agreement shall be retroactive January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. (Hicks/Shultz)

**B. ERCP:**

Councilor Stuby remarked that public discussion was held at the last workshop meeting to update the public on the Truth and Reconciliation Resolution to establish a commission. He noted based on the public comment that was received a resolution was posted to the Borough's website for the public to view. The resolution is tentatively scheduled to be considered at the March 11, 2021 Borough Council meeting.

1. Borough Council voted 6-0 to appoint Mr. John Abom to a partial term on the Carlisle Borough Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB). This term will become effective immediately and shall expire December 31, 2023. (Stuby/Shultz)
2. Borough Council voted 6-0 to appoint Mr. Jarrett Wilson to serve as a high school student liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board. This term will become effective immediately and shall expire June 3, 2022. (Stuby/Shultz)

**C. Public Safety:**

1. Borough Council voted 6-0 to approve a resolution adopting the Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020. (Scott/Hicks)

Fire Chief Snyder remarked that in early 2019 an assessment was prepared on natural or man-made disasters/pandemics for the Borough based on the probability, impact, and warning time duration. The county then compiled that information from all local municipalities. The findings were then reviewed, followed by a public hearing. The County's plan was approved by FEMA and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. He noted if the resolution was not approved by Council, the financial impact to the Borough could be that federal funding would not be received in the mitigation areas.

2. Borough Council voted 6-0 to approve the purchase of two (2) 2021 Hybrid Police Interceptor utility vehicles. Total cost for vehicle purchase, upfitting, and striping is \$100,000 (One hundred thousand dollars). (Scott/Hicks)

**D. Public Works:**

1. Borough Council voted 6-0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Form for a connection to the Borough's sanitary sewer system from the proposed Long & C.H.W, 3-lot Subdivision Plan to be located between Wilson Street and Belvedere Street north of Hillside Drive. (Landis/Shultz)
2. Borough Council voted 6-0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Form for a connection to the Borough's sanitary sewer system from the proposed 4-unit townhomes development to be located at 614 thru 620 Walnut Street. (Landis/Shultz)
3. Borough Council voted 6-0 to enter into an engineering services contract for a not-to-exceed cost of \$64,600 (Sixty four thousand six hundred dollars) with Gannett Fleming, Inc. to provide design services for replacement of finished water mains from the Water Treatment Plant to Basin Hill Reservoirs as part of the Borough's 2021 Water Distribution System Rehabilitation Program, subject to Borough Solicitor approval of the contract. (Landis/Shultz)
4. Borough Council, by a roll call, voted 6-0 to adopt an ordinance providing for the acceptance of the portion of East Baltimore Street from South Spring Garden Street east to the Borough's

border with South Middleton Township and other public infrastructure constructed by Carlisle United Methodist Church as part of the Carlisle United Methodist Church Land Development Plan. (Landis/Shultz)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Connie Bires, Carlisle Pennsylvania, spoke on the minimum wage resolution that was approved at the January Council meeting. She expressed her concern for Councilor Crampsie's participation in that vote, noting that due to his employment as a lobbyist that involves work in solidarity with the labor movement to preserve and expand workers' rights, e.g. guaranteeing exclusive representation, maintaining the prevailing wage, protecting the collection of union dues and supporting the raising of the minimum wage. Ms. Bires noted in the spirit of the ethics act that Councilor Crampsie should have recused himself and should not have been involved in the presentation, the promotion and the vote. She added that she does not disagree with the resolution, but felt Councilor Crampsie was bringing his concerns from work to Borough Council. She stated that in her opinion, the ethics act would speak against this and that the constituents want to have confidence in the integrity of their elected officials in all matters of public decision making.

Deputy Mayor Shultz commented that Council's integrity has been attempted to be impugned. He noted that Mr. Crampsie's proposal for support of the resolution does not come close to a violation of the ethics act or the spirit of the ethics act.

Solicitor Brenneman remarked that there was absolutely no violation of the ethics act by Councilor Crampsie.

Councilor Crampsie noted that he has been in his professional role for four years and never once did his professional role interfere or interact with his role on Council. He added the resolution was a local government issue that he personally felt strongly about and that every member of Council had the opportunity to vote against the resolution. Councilor Crampsie noted that resolution was done outside of his work hours. He noted he does not benefit from bringing up an idea that would benefit residents of the Borough.

Mayor Scott noted that each elected member of Council files an annual Statement of Financial Interest that is publicly accessible. This document lists who the person works for and if they received money from any lobbyists in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Councilor Landis added that it is correct that there was not an ethical violation. She noted that each Councilor comes with their own perspectives, experiences, and education and that does not mean it is an advocacy for something. Councilor Landis remarked that she leans on members of Council for their expertise in other areas that she is not familiar with and that it may overlap but it is not for a financial benefit.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF**

Dickinson College Student Ambassador DelMain remarked that students are still under a stay at home, stay on campus order, and that the college is trying to minimize any kind of risk that the students could bring to the community. She noted the civic public arts project is moving forward with the idea of a policy or program that would support a percentage of the arts in the Borough. Ambassador DelMain stated the work on the land acknowledgement project is progressing in phases, which consist of feedback from indigenous nations as well as historians to ensure that the language is approved by those most affected.

Councilor Crampsie thanked staff and department heads for all the work they do as well as dealing with COVID and the recent snowstorm clean up.

Councilor Landis remarked that the recent Ice Fest was tremendous and gave a bit of normalcy to the Borough.

Deputy Mayor Shultz acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Nancy Gregor from the Human Relations Commission. He expressed his appreciation for all her efforts that went into putting together the HRC Commission and his gratitude for her being an important member on that commission.

Borough Manager Armstrong echoed the Deputy Mayor's sentiments on Nancy Gregor's HRC leadership. She noted Ms. Gregor took the HRC ordinance and implemented every aspect of it from the bylaws to the form letters, along with the intake process. Ms. Armstrong mentioned Ms. Gregor was surrounded with other very talented individuals on the HRC who volunteer their time. She expressed that Ms. Gregor will be sorely missed and thanked her for stepping up and being willing to share her time.

Chief Landis provided a reminder of tomorrow's food distribution, the "French Toast Connection," that was coordinated by Carlisle Bridge Builders along with other church leaders from Bible Way, Shiloh, Bethel AME, Second Presbyterian, the Police Department, and local volunteers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Timothy A. Scott  
Mayor

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Joyce E. Stone  
Borough Secretary