



Valencia Borough Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

8-12-2024

Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Valencia Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Borough building at 61 Almira St., Valencia, PA 16059.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: President Rob Vigue, Vice President Torey Verts, Council Member Roger Grey, Mayor Lori Trosky

Guests: Rich Trosky, Judie Goertz, Mike Sirianni (arrived after public comments)

Changes to the agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Minutes

Council members waived the reading of the minutes from July. Council Member Grey made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes from July. Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

There were no changes to the minutes from July 8, 2024.

Council Member Grey made the motion to accept the minutes, Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Financials

President Vigue read through financials including the Treasurer's Report, Expenses, and Income. Vice President Verts stated that a check for \$18.42 to the state had not cleared the July statement. It was due by July 31st. Vice President Verts stated that the items highlighted represent a list of items that still need to be rectified.

Council Member Grey made the motion to accept the financials. Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote 3.0.0

Paying of bills

August bills were presented.

Vice President Verts made the motion to pay the bills. Council Member Grey seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Public Comments

1. Judie Geertz – Ms. Goertz stated that she is here observing.

2. Rich Trosky – Mr. Trosky state that he is here observing. He will give the park update later in the meeting.
3. Lori Trosky – Mayor Trosky stated that she has been dropping off food from the food bank to residents. She reported that residents of 61 Dodds have been cutting their grass on a weekly basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

Butler Street Extension Project

President Vigue stated that the project is basically done and that there is one more invoice to pay. Vice President Verts stated that Cory Shaffer is filling out the project completion report and will send it to us when it is done. Vice President Verts read the letter from Olsen Craft regarding the project. The letter stated that Aiken had procured a bond and that prevailing wages were used.

Aiken Invoice

The final invoice from Aiken for the Butler Street Extension project in the amount of \$10,483.67 was presented to be paid.

Council Member Grey made the motion to pay the invoice. Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Audit Update

The audit is still not complete. President Vigue stated that there is no update. He said that he left the auditor a message and that the auditor had not responded. President Vigue will call the auditor tomorrow. Council Member Grey stated that the information that the auditor has was needed before September in order to prepare for the Liquid Fuels audit. President Vigue stated the auditor said there was missing information. President Vigue stated the auditor has everything now.

Liquid Fuels Audit Update

The Liquid Fuels Audit has been scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Vice President Verts reminded everyone that the responsibility falls on all Council members to make sure everything is prepared for the audit. All Council members agreed to help organize for the audit.

Street Signs

President Vigue passed out a list of street signs that need to be replaced. Council members reviewed the list, had a discussion on the signage, and reviewed pricing. Council members agreed to purchase the following signs: 5 Hayes Street, 1 George Street, 2 stop signs, 1 15 mph, 2 25 mph, and one accessible parking sign. Council members agreed to keep the price under \$450.

Vice President Verts made the motion to purchase the signs that were discussed and to keep the amount under \$450. Council Member Grey seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Park Update

Mr. Trosky gave an update on the park. The pavilion roof needs to be repaired. There are very deep ruts in the grass down by the creek that will also need to be repaired. Mr. Sirianni stated that he has seen a hydroseeding company truck in the mornings down there that is suctioning up the water from the creek. President Vigue will set up a time to meet with St. Barnabas regarding these issues. Mr. Trosky would

like to implement a permit system for using the pavilion for parties. He stated that the trash cans were filled to the brim. Vice President Verts stated that the zoning ordinance will first need to be reviewed regarding any permits. Mr. Trosky submitted receipts for tractor parts and fuel.

Variance on garage

Mr. Sirianni was allowed to speak at this time since he missed the public comments portion of the meeting. He wants a variance on his garage. Vice President Verts said that he may have had an error in his submission. Mr. Sirianni stated that his front yard is not on the side that faces the road. Vice President Verts asked him to contact Chris Rearick again to see if this would make a difference in the acceptance of his application. Mr. Sirianni would like to contact the Zoning Hearing Board if Mr. Rearick does not approve his application. Mr. Sirianni gave the borough a check for \$30 for the initial application fee. Mr. Sirianni will email Council Mr. Rearick's response.

72 George Street/61 Dodds - Blight

Council and the Mayor had a discussion on the two properties that are violating the property nuisance ordinance. Vice President Verts stated that she emailed everyone information on county services that specifically deal with these situations. Council will not write a letter to the residents of 61 Dodds at this time since they have been mowing their grass. President Vigue will go and talk to those residents sometime this week and give them the information for the county services. President Vigue stated that the property at 72 George Street still had not been cleaned up. President Vigue presented a warning letter to send to the owners of this property.

Council Member Grey made the motion to send the warning letter to the owners of 72 George Street. Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Zoning Hearing Board

President Vigue stated that he has talked to the members of the Zoning Hearing Board about a meeting. He and Council Member Grey will talk to the members to make sure they are aware of a potential meeting for a variance hearing.

Firefighter's Fund

Council Member Grey asked for an update on the Firefighter's Fund. President Vigue stated there was a problem because of having to change the bank account information. President Vigue stated that he talked to the state and everything is up to date and approved. Council members asked for email confirmation of this approval. Vice President Verts also asked that all other accounts that do ACH deposits are checked to make sure they are up to date. President Vigue stated that Berkheimer had fixed the DLT deposits. Vice President Verts stated that the Berkheimer email seemed to refer to other ACH deposits as the DLT comes as a hard copy check. She asked for confirmation from Berkheimer of the ACH deposits that they were fixing.

Secretary transition

President Vigue stated that Council is still in the process of looking for a Secretary. Vice President Verts stated that Council will select the best candidates from the applications received who have the skills and experience listed in the job description for interviews.

59 Butler Street Driveway

President Vigue provided an update regarding the driveway of 59 Butler Street. He stated he knocked on the door to talk to the residents, but no one was home at the time. Mayor Trosky will give President Vigue the number of the resident so that he can call her directly.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at this time.

Correspondence

The borough received a collection report from Berkheimer.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Council Member Grey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Verts seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0