

December 5, 2023 Agenda

December Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Council Prayer and for a moment of silence for the late John Houseknect, a past member of council.

Copies of the minutes of the previous council meeting have been given to borough council members and Mayor Tomko, are there any errors or corrections? If not, they stand approved.

Public Comment

Mayor's Report

1. A heartfelt thank you is extended to the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church and the Pottsville Knights of Columbus for providing free Thanksgiving dinners to those who found themselves alone or unable to cook on Thanksgiving.
2. Residents are urged to not allow packages delivered to their porches to remain there too long as they become targets for "porch thieves."
3. Holiday revelers are advised to use designated drivers if holiday celebrations involve travel and the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
4. On behalf of myself, the Borough Council, Borough officials and the Borough employees – we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Historical Note

The Brass Foundry was founded in 1875 by Peter P. Quirin who immigrated from an area in what is now Germany and settled in St. Clair in 1854 and lived here until his death in 1891. The foundry specialized in brass work but it also was a machine shop where machinery was made and repaired.

Mr. Quirin was also an inventor. In 1883, he patented a miners safety lamp, and in 1886 he patented a nonfreezing water hydrant that was common in this region up until the 1930's.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss police contracts and other police items in executive session.
- Request an executive session for personnel issues and pending litigation.

Engineer's Report

- Discuss potential grant opportunities.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to October 31, 2023

Real Estate -	\$1,067.60
Per Capita -	\$22.00
Occupational -	\$ 4.62
TOTAL -	\$1,094.22

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Old Business

New Business

Accept a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget.

Accept a motion to adopt Ordinance #449 Amending the Electric Light Rate by 0.01 effective January 1, 2024.

Accept a motion to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate setting the tax rate to 8 mills.

Accept a motion to raise the residential garbage fees to \$27.00 per month effective January 1, 2024?

Accept a motion to adopt the Employee Phone Policy effective December 1, 2023.

Accept a motion to approve the rate of a part-time patrolman to \$25.00 per hour.

In regard to customer owned generation, accept a motion to adopt the following as policy:

- Following the recommendation of Norm Baron of Utility Engineers, set, as policy, the “Technical Requirements for Customer Owned Generation.”**

- The applicant shall maintain homeowners, commercial or other insurance providing coverage in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 for the liability of the insured against losses or damages. A certificate of insurance shall be filed with the Borough naming the Borough as additional insured in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.**

- Fees shall include Borough costs including, but not limited to, an application fee, an inspection fee, an annual inspection fee and any other fees incurred.**

Executive Session.

Accept a motion to pay all Bills and Claims properly approved by council.

Accept a motion to adjourn.