



Verona Borough

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Verona Borough Council
Tuesday, , March 9th 2021

Members of Council

President-Dr. Nancy Carpenter
Vice President -Dave Matlin
Mike Forbeck
Trish Hredzak-Showalter
Janet Loalbo
Sylvia Provenza
Raymon Suhevich

Treasurer

Jerry Kenna

Solicitor

Craig Alexander

Mayor

David Ricupero

ZOOM -- COVID 19

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**

Dr. Carpenter
Mr. Matlin
Mr. Forbeck
Ms. LoAlbo
Ms. Hredzak-Showalter
Ms. Provenza
Mayor Ricupero
Mr. Suhevich
Mr. Pitsch
Mr. Alexander

IV. **Registered Comments from the Public**

1. Kelli Rodriguez & Natilie Insinga, 529 North Ave, & 511 North Ave., Parking issues on North.
2. Jessica Varone, Brunot St, provide an update on plans for Verona's 150th Anniversary celebration.
3. AJ Guggie/trees at Cribbs???

V. **Any additional agenda items:**

VI. **Comments from the Public.** Please approach the podium and clearly state your name & address and limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**.

VII. **Reports and Correspondence.**

- a. President-Dr. Nancy Carpenter
 1. Meeting Minutes from 2/23/2021
 2. Opening Bldg. (COVID questionnaire)
 3. Cribbs field trees.

b. Finance Director- Jerry Kenna

c. Mayor's Report: David Ricupero

1. Car cruise in August
2. Handicap Parking Spruce St.
3. Memorial Day Parade

d. Police Chief's Report

e. Fire Chief Report

f. EMS Report -Lower Valley Ambulance Service

Monthly report for Verona Borough February 2021

ALS calls	-18	
BLS calls	-6	
Refusals	-2	
Cancelled	-2	
Fire standby	-1	
Lift Assist	-1	
False calls	-2	
No patient	-0	
Private vehicle	-0	
Deceased on Arrival	-1	
Total 9-1-1 calls in Verona		-34
Total calls for Feb.		-318

g. Solicitor: Mr. Craig Alexander

1. (364-G-225) 812 1st Street application dated 3/28/2020
2. (364-P-312) 515 East Railroad application dated 4/29/2020

h. ENGINEER'S REPORT: Matt Pitsch

March 9, 2021

1. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

All work completed; final reimbursement request submitted to CFA.

2. First Street Reconstruction Grant

Multimodal Transportation Grant bids opened on 2/18/21. Mele & Mele & Sons low bidder at \$317,842.50. (Grant \$222,489.75, Match \$95,352.75) I recommend award to Mele & Mele & Sons.

3. CDBG 2019(Year 45)

Demos on 4th St. of 866 and 870 \$6,000/\$24,000 total \$30,000

Bids opened with COG on 1/11/21. Eveready Contracting was low bidder at \$13,400. Contract awarded to Eveready Contracting.

Letter requesting the addition of 423 North Avenue submitted to COG/County. Awaiting response from County.

4. DCED Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)

Cribbs Field Grant was awarded for \$200,000 (\$30,000 match), project awarded to Pampena Landscaping & Construction, we are also getting a quote for him to install a field drain.

Base Bid and all 4 Add Items awarded for total contract of \$201,750

Demo work completed; new foundations being installed.

First pay request submitted to CFA.

Discussion on field drain.

Awaiting sketch/rendering of marquee to submit for variance.

5. CDBG 2020 (Year 46)

Sanitary lining along First Street due to road reconstruction project. Bids opened, Jet Jack, Inc. was low bidder \$63,265. Project awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. (\$41,122.25 grant/ \$22,142.75 match), awaiting contracts from County. Update from COG was contractor was missing some paperwork. Paperwork is being corrected and work will be scheduled.

6. PA Small Water and Sewer

Applied for a comprehensive CCTV and Condition Rating of the Borough's storm sewer system. High level defects will also be prioritized and repaired as needed.

Project was funded and contracts with the CFA have been executed. Verona received the full amount requested of \$125,638 and will have a \$33,294 match.

Project specs and bid documents are being create so project can be advertised and bid.

7. Center Avenue Storm Sewer Extension

I had a meeting with Oakmont Water and Peoples Gas to locate their pipes on 8/6/20.

Project was not selected for as CDBG47 project. Project was budgeted for and will be bid in Spring.

8. CDBG 2021 (Year 47)

Projects applied for include, Wildwood Culvert Repair and Demolitions of 473 Union, 558 Church and 856 2nd.

This year is the Borough guaranteed year to receive a grant and I was informed the Borough will receive the grant for the Wildwood Culvert Repair.

9. Tree Trimming/Pruning

Beaver Jack Tree Service was the low quoter out of three at \$11,520.

There have been some issues with the trimming of the trees. The Borough is reviewing what action to take.

10. CITF 2021

Projects applied for were Park Improvements and Alley Reconstruction.

11. 2021 Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)

DCED/CFA are currently accepting applications for grants related to parks and recreation facilities. Grants are a maximum of \$250,000 with a 15% required match. Applications are due May 31, 2021

12. 2021 DCNR Small Community Program Grant

DCNR is currently accepting applications for grants related to park and recreation facilities. The minimum grant request is \$50,000 with a \$20,000 match for a \$70,000 project. The max grant is \$70,000 with a \$40,000 match for a \$110,000 project. Applications are due April 14th, 2021.

VIII. Council Committee Reports

a. Public Works/Refuse/Sewers (DPW): Mike Forbeck

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b.. Budget/Finance/Pension/Grants: Dave Matlin

1. Status of 2020 DCED Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report - by Hosack, Specht,

Muetzel & Wood

2. General Fund Liability to Sewer Fund

3. Status of 2016-2019 Pension Plans Audit - by PA Auditor General

4. Motion to Pay 2019 and 2020 Pension MMOs

c. Ordinances: Tris Hredzak-Showalter

1. Follow up to joint UC board with Oakmont (code inspector)

2. Investigating solutions to code enforcement

3. Ordinances underway: inclusion of parks and recreation board, other commissions

4. Update on Verona's 150th celebration plans with Verona Community Group

d. Fire/Police: Ray Sucheich

1. Misc.

e. Parks/Recreation: Janet LoAlbo

1. Cribbs Field

2. Easter event and Drive in movie

f. Communications: Sylvia Provenza

1. newsletter

2. Chamber of Commerce

3. Historical Society

4. Twin Boro Ministry

5. Misc.

IX. Reports of Special Committees

1. Allegheny League of Municipalities: (ALOM)-Sylvia

2. Council of Governments: (COG)

X. Comments from the Public

Council will hear comments on public-related items at this time. Please approach the podium and clearly state your name and address, limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**

XI. Adjourn.

XII. Upcoming Public Meetings

<i>Day and Time</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
1 st Tuesday/even months @ 6:30PM The meetings will be virtual until further notice.	Parks & Rec Board Meeting
2 nd Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Public Session
Quarterly 2 nd Tuesday/month @ 6:30 (Beginning 1-12-16)	Shade Tree Commission
3 rd Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Chamber Meeting
Final Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Work Session
4 th Wednesday/month @ 4:00-6:00 P.M. Methodist Church, Center Ave.	Community Dinner
3 rd Thursday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Historical Society Meeting
4 th Wednesday @ 7:00 Harmarville	COG
1 st Wednesday @ 6:30 PM	Lower Valley Athletic Foundation Meeting