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November 4, 2024

The Picture Rocks Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present. Craig Gansell, David Hitesman, Erin Shelinski, Frank Shetler and Linda Sosniak, JR Rishel, Bill Dorman and Mayor Dave Bender.

Guest – Al Little and Rick Sprout representing Picture Rocks Fire Co, Al Little, East Lycoming Recreation Authority, and Kim Shuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Gansell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Minutes October 7, 2024 – A motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by JR Rishel to accept the October 7th, 2024 minutes as presented with two typo corrections. Motion carried

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| Treasurer’s Report | General Fund | \$ 215,242.55 |
| | Highway Fund | 6558.73 |
| | Act 13 Impact Fund | 55,917.41 |
| | COVID – 19 ARPA | 2,808.83 |

A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to accept the November 4, 2024 financial report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for the November 4, 2024 council meeting.

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| UGI Energy | October Energy Bill Boro | 63.03 |
| De Lage Landen Financial | October Copier Statement | 73.21 |
| Hughesville Borough | October Police Service | 2634.00 |
| Eugene Otterbein | Halloween Supplies | 26.00 |
| Journey Bank Credit Card | Roll of Postage Stamps | 73.00 |
| Comcast Business Service | Comcast Internet Service Nov | 92.90 |

Following invoices paid since the October 7, 2024 council meeting.

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| Comcast Business | Comcast Internet Service Oct | 92.90 |
| Lockard Agency Inc. | Treasure Bond Renewal | 533.00 |
| McCormick Law Firm | phone call various issues | 25.00 |
| State Workers Insurance | Insurance Workers Comp Fire Company | 514.00 |
| Berger Sanitation | Sept Toilets & Handicap close | 290.00 |

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| Lockard Agency Inc. | Assistant Treasure Bond | 533.00 |
| Windstream | Monthly Telephone Bill INV 10-16-2024 | 67.42 |
| Jami Nolan | Septic Tank Permit 2023-039 Shamburg | 420.00 |
| Walmart | Halloween Supplies | 175.00 |

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A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Dave Hitesman to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since October 7, 2024 council meeting.
Motion carried.

Correspondence

Meeting minutes for September and October East Lycoming Recreation Authority were received and presented for review.

Standing Committee Reports

Sanitation and Health – Assistant Secretary reported that (21) pumping receipts not yet received from property owners. A second notice was mailed to the delinquent property owners with a final due date of December 15, 2024. Those not in compliance by Dec. 15th will receive a certified letter with ten days to comply.

Police Chief Report – Council reviewed the September-October report.

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Fire Chief – Chief Little stated that he did not have much to report

Person to Be Heard- Property owner, Kim Shuler addressed borough with her problem with three stray cats on her property. Stated she called SPCA and they can not take the cats. Linda Sosniak stated that she would call LAPS to see if they can help.

Unfinished Business. Outstanding COVID monies needs to be spent by 12/31/2024. Council member, Erin Shelinski made a presentation to council with several suggestions to utilize the monies at the Van Renslear Park. They included metal picnic tables, playground equipment, and refurbishing the baseball field. A motion was made by Frank Shetler and seconded by JR Rishel to set up a meeting with Ryan Messner, owner of Pioneer Landscaping & Excavating to discuss his proposal and estimate for \$3900. Motion carried. Erin stated that the Girls of Tomorrow Foundation would make a donation of \$2000 to help with cost to update the field. Erin also stated that the creek is used for the fishing derby and that the creek bank needs dug out. She will reach out to Josh Gardner from consolidated Sportsman to see if they would be interested in helping.

A motion was made by Frank Shetler and seconded by JR Rishel for a meeting to be setup by Erin Shelinski and Bill Dorman to meet contractor Ryan Messner and discuss proposal for baseball field. They were given authority to hire contractor if they accepted his proposal.

New Business continued.

Second Reading of the 2025 Proposed Budget for the General fund, State fund, and Aet 13 and line items were reviewed. Stated that the line item for Hughesville Police may change. The line item for Curbing Main Street 2025 was increased by \$7000 due to an error in the original estimate. An income line item was added for East Lycoming Ambulance Service for \$15, 872 or ½ mill and also an expense line item for the same amount. A motion was made by Craig Gansel and seconded by Dave Hitesman to have Bill Dorman setup a meeting with Mayor Richard Smith to present a counter proposal for the 2025 Hughesville Police Contract. This would reduce the hours to 30 hours per month with no traffic control. And increase the hourly wage by 2.5% or \$67.50. The monthly amount would be \$2765. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Frank Shetler to increase the Secretary/Treasurer wage by 3% to \$21.17 per hour. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Dave Hitesman to approve Resolution 2024-04 Local Share Grant Resolution for the \$210,000 monies we have been awarded. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Frank Shetler and seconded by Dave Hitesman to approve the 2025 Picture Rocks Fire Company Agreement. Paperwork was given to Al Little to have the Fire Chief sign and return to borough. Motion carried.

Borough Reports

Al Little reported that it is very dry and everyone needs to be very careful burning. A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to post a no burning ban on the borough website until further notice. Motion carried.

Bruce Little stated that there is a volunteer dinner being held on Wednesday 11/6/2024. He submitted two months of East Lycoming Recreation Authority minutes.

Linda Sosniak submitted her resignation from borough council effective October 8, 2024. A motion was made to accept the resignation by Frank Shetler and seconded by Dave Hitesman. Motion carried.

I motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Erin Shelinski to pass Resolution 2024-05 to appoint Linda K. Sosniak as assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

Being no further business, a motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2024.

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Linda K. Sosniak
Assistant Secretary