

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 9, 2023

Members: Barr, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate; Rineer, Staff

Attendees: Martin, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate
Council: Reinhold
Staff: Rineer; Harris, Borough Manager
Guests: Lori-Ann Kobzina; Norma Lorenzo

The Community Services Committee met on September 25, 2023 at 4:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Martin provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Vice Committee Chair Martin asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Ms. Martin asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Mr. Ressler moved and Mr. Zimmerman seconded approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the Cocalico Valley VFW Auxiliary request to use the Borough Hall parking lot on October 25, 2023, to host a Trunk or Treat event. The event would take place immediately after the Jack Frost Parade. Members from the VFW Auxiliary will be handing out candy to children. The VFW Auxiliary is requesting to use 12 spaces in the Borough Hall parking lot. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the request.
2. The Committee reviewed a letter from Mainspring requesting the Borough of Ephrata's support to apply for a Local Share Account Grant. The Committee will recommend to Borough Council authorize the President of Borough Council to sign a letter of support.
3. The Committee reviewed Ephrata Unleashed Dog Park Committee's request to hold a fundraising event in the parking lot of the Dog Park. The event would take place on October 21, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. During the event, the Dog Park would remain open. The Dog Park Committee requested closing the parking lot from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for setup and cleanup of the event. They are also requesting "No Parking" signs be placed at the mailboxes along Old Mill Road. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the Ephrata Unleashed Dog Park Committee's event request.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the new guidelines for the application for the Cultural Arts Grant. The Committee was satisfied with the new application and had no changes.
2. The Committee discussed an email from the Borough's Solicitor for amending the Park rules to address unattended property. Staff will work with the Solicitor to draft an ordinance for future consideration.