

AUBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2025 MINUTES

The monthly meeting of Auburn Borough Council was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., in the Auburn Municipal Building at 451 Pearson Street. In attendance: President John Eckert, Vice-President Doug Naftzinger, and Council-member Jesse Spencer. Also present: Mayor Frank Cataldi, Solicitor Stanley Burke, Engineer Chip Pohronezny, and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Fessler. Council-members Melissa Schwenk and Liz Shaner were unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Eckert who opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

December 2024 Minutes and Financial Reports

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Jesse, to accept the December 2024 minutes and reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Approval to Pay Bills

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Jesse, to approve payment of check #16449 through #16466 as attached to the January 2025 agenda. The motion also includes payment of the regular monthly January invoices after they are reviewed, approved, and signed by President Eckert or Vice-President Naftzinger. Motion carried. The complete January check register is included with the January minutes.

Recognition of Guests

The guests in attendance were Aaron Brommer and John Fessler. They had nothing to discuss.

Complaints/Complaint Forms

--No complaints or forms received during the month of December

REPORTS

Animal Control – Kyle Schwenk

--It was noted that the animal complaints at 243 Orchard Street have been resolved.

Mayor – Frank Cataldi

--The mayor reported there has been a recent string of bicycle thefts. The State Police have been asked to press charges on the known individuals.

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Doug, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Safety – Jesse Spencer

--Jesse noted that several residents are placing extension cords for their Christmas lights on the sidewalks. He asked if something can be put in the fall newsletter asking everyone to refrain from using the cords in this way.

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by John, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Fire & Ambulance

No reports

SEO/Engineer – Chip Pohronezny

--3 permits were issued for road openings to UGI

--A warrant has been issued for the owner of 243 Orchard Street to clean up the property

--A citation will be filed with the Magistrate for the owner of 426 Washington Street to clean up the property

--SDE will be contacting the property owner at 124 N. 3rd St. regarding a code violation

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Engineer's Report cont'd

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Jesse, to accept this report. Motion carried.
The full report is on file.

Tax Collector – Marlene Naftzinger

--Dec 1st through 15th 2024 : total collected: Real Estate = -0- Per Capita = \$33.00

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Jesse, to accept this report. Motion carried.
The full report is on file.

Sanitation – Melissa Schwenk

--December 2024 total collected: \$2,160.00

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Doug, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority

--All minutes received up to July 2024

Streets & Roads – John Eckert

--The road crew has been laying cold patch on several areas through the Borough

--John F. said the old garage has to be checked for leaks sometime this spring

A motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Jesse, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stanley Burke

No report

Blue Mt. Recreation Commission – Liz Shaner

--The minutes and financial reports from November 2024 are available for review.

SCOG

No report

Emergency Management – Eddie Schwenk

No report

OLD BUSINESS

--Abandoned property on Bear Creek St.-judicial sale to be held April 2025

--Citizen from the Borough needed to serve on the Blue Mt. Rec. Board

--No contact from Comcast regarding their request to renew the franchise agreement

--Welcome letter

--Jesse recommended that Council consider selling the 1992 truck currently kept in the old garage

NEW BUSINESS

--A date of Saturday, January 4th, was set to remove the Christmas lights

--There was no interest at this time regarding DEP's radon program

--A thank you from the Fire Company was received for the donation towards the new garage floor

--No one was available to attend the January 7th meeting with the Commissioners and the County broadband task force

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, at 7:00. A work session will be held, if needed, at 6:00 before the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Doug, to adjourn the January 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Brenda J. Fessler, Secretary-Treasurer

