

Tuesday May 20,2025

COURTDALE COUNCIL MTG. MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL:

Carl Hodorowski, President-
Jeff Ford-
Joseph Rish, Vice President-
Debra Youngblood-
Amy Yuhas-
Joe Biniek-
Mayor Degnan-
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor
Loriann Monto-Secretary/Treas.

MINUTES READ:

Minutes from the April Council meeting were reviewed by all members of council. Joe B. motioned to accept the minutes and Amy seconded the motion. All were in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was read. Joe B motioned to accept the treasurer's report with Amy seconding the motion. Joe B motioned to pay the bills and Debbie seconded the motion, with all in favor.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Degnan read the April police report – the police report is updated monthly with the activities of the police within the community, trainings, equipment, and policies that the department has participated in. Jacki also mentioned that she responded to the representative of the YMCA who reached out to Courtdale to participate in a Free Food and Fun Summer Program, to let her know that Courtdale would not be interested due to too many unknown details (volume and pick up location). Members of council were split in this decision.

Jacki and Dan attended a workshop on grants that Brenda Pugh hosted. This resulted in a lot of helpful information and contact information that will be helpful when researching and applying for grants.

The Police Department was approved for a Buckle Up PA program that will reimburse the department for seat belt safety patrol shifts.

PUBLIC:

Robert and Lisa Shotwell, 49 Charles St, were in attendance to ask the council about his neighbor who has multiple lights that are creating a nuisance at the Shotwell's home. The lights are shining directly in their home, at all times of the day or night. Len will research the ordinances to see if it falls within the boundaries of the ordinance.

COMMITTEES:

OLD BUSINESS:

Len gave an update on the progress with American Asphalt (Bernie Banks III). We will schedule a meeting with all parties to try to come to a solution. Len is coordinating the meeting to include Courtdale Representatives, American Asphalt, and HRG. pending 5/30/25.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie Motioned to pay the tax collector \$431.75 (275 transactions) with Amy seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Joe Rish motioned to approve a resolution that updates the tax collector fees (certifications, returned check and duplicate), Joe B seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Quality of life ordinance will be reviewed to include updates of more modern issues which also includes a "warning" tag. The ordinance will be advertised before the next meeting and then voted on at the next meeting.

The council also agreed to amend the fireworks ordinance to include a "same day permit". This will be advertised before the next meeting.

The CDBG 2026 funding was discussed. Once the information/application is received from Mark Hurst/Community Development, we can begin conducting door to door income surveys and submit by September 2025 for 2026 funding possibilities. Jeff Ford volunteered to do the surveying legwork.

Carl and Jacki were informed of a meeting with Brenda Pugh regarding merging of police departments (Kingston, Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Pringle and Luzerne). Courtdale was left out because they felt it was being run efficiently and effectively under the administration of Chief Dan and the current department members.

Carl submitted the documents for the hazard mitigation plan.

The idea of a rental registration ordinance was discussed. Len has a draft in place, it will be reviewed, and a committee put together to try and put in action by tax season billing 2026.

Debbie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8pm with Amy seconding the motion, all were in favor to adjourn.