

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**  
**Sandy Lake Borough – 7:00 PM**

INVOCATION  
PLEDGE TO FLAG  
ROLL CALL

William Rice _____ <u>A</u>	Cathy Oakes _____ <u>P</u>	Curtis Kerns _____ <u>A</u>
Dan Hemminger _____ <u>A</u>	Helena Bence _____ <u>P</u>	Steve Urey _____ <u>P</u>
David Sapala _____ <u>P</u>	Vernon Markwood, Mayor _____ <u>P</u>	
Donald Oakes, Police _____ <u>P</u>	Dan Schulz, Maintenance _____ <u>P</u>	

The Sandy Lake Borough Council held an Executive Session on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. regarding personnel issues.

Motion to approve council minutes from August 5, 2015 by David Sapala second by Steve Urey all in favor

**CITIZENS & FRIENDS:** Andy Morris for observation and Attorney Timothy Bonner

**MAYORS REPORT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Lakeview Homecoming Parade will be October 15 at 6:00 p.m. and Halloween will be on Saturday, October 31 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Mercer County Boroughs Association's fall meeting will be on September 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the United Presbyterian Church of West Middlesex.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** No new permits. Two violation letters were sent for high weeds.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Hemminger submitted a letter of resignation from Sandy Lake Borough Council effective August 19, 2015. Motion to accept Dan Hemminger's resignation by David Sapala second by Steve Urey all in favor.

Andrew Morris has submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacant council seat. Motion to appoint Andrew Morris to the vacant seat by David Sapala second by Helena Bence all in favor. Mayor Vernon Markwood swore in Andrew Morris to take the council seat.

Due to Dan Hemminger's resignation nominations for Council President will be accepted. Cathy Oakes nominated David Sapala for President of Council and motion carried 4 to 1.

Ordinances 331 and 332 which are amending the uniformed and non-uniformed pension plan administered by PMRS pursuant to Article IV of the PA Municipal Retirement Law were advertised. Motion to accept Ordinances 331 and 332 by Cathy Oakes second by Steve Urey all in favor

Budget meetings have been scheduled for Monday, September 21 and Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Motion to advertise budget meetings by Steve Urey second by Cathy Oakes all in favor.

The Committees will be changed from Dave Sapala to Andrew Morris. The first person named will be the chair person. Motion by Helena Bence second by Cathy Oakes to accept the committees as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BORO PROPERTY:**

**PARKS AND RECS:** Johnathan Farrell has made contact in regards to the trail that would run between Sandy Lake and Stoneboro. He would like council to review a letter that he is sending to FirstEnergy on behalf of Stoneboro and/or Sandy Lake in order to begin the negotiation to get permission to construct the trail on their property. After speaking with Attorney Bonner, it was advised to send a letter stating council does not give the authority to use the Borough's name and has not taken a position on this matter due to lack of information.

**STREETS:**

**SEWER:** Dan Schulz would like to get Hepatitis shots due to working at the Treatment Plant. Getting the necessary Hepatitis Shots and the Lakeview Joint Sewer Authority paying for this expense was approved by council in September 2009.

**WATER:** There was discussion on the Patton property. Motion to get a cost on a Hydrologist to do a long range water plan by Helena Bence second by Steve Urey all in favor.

**INSURANCE:** The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the uniformed and non-uniformed pension plans for 2016 will be \$3,202.00.

**PERSONNEL:** Connor Hedrick submitted a letter of resignation effective August 18, 2015. Motion to accept the letter of resignation by Helena Bence second by Steve Urey all in favor.

Motion to advertise for a full time police officer by Steve Urey second by Helena Bence all in favor.

Motion by Helena Bence second by Steve Urey to appoint Donald Oakes as Acting Police Chief at 20 hours per week and any calls when available.

Motion to pay employees for August 2015 by Helena Bence second by Steve Urey all in favor.

**BILLS:** Motion to pay bills for August 2015 by Helena Bence second by Cathy Oakes all in favor

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Motion by Helena Bence second by Cathy Oakes all in favor to go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Helena Bence second by Cathy Oakes all in favor to end the Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Helena Bence second by Cathy Oakes  
**TIME** 9:00 PM

MINUTES SUBMITTED AS RECORDED BY:

  
CINDY TROY  
SECRETARY