

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

May 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held its second monthly meeting at Borough Hall on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 with the following persons present: Council President Jack Gombach; Council Vice President Philip Wert; Council Pro-Tem Christopher Lincoln; Council Members Patrick Kaag, Samantha Kaag, Ryan Lineaweaver and Jennifer Bressler; Solicitor Daniel Becker; Interim Borough Manager Dean Murray; Assistant Treasurer and Recreation Director Helen Moyer; Police Officer Nicholas Karetas; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira. Mayor Andrew Kearney was unable to attend.

VISITORS: (In attendance via Zoom Meeting)

Zachary Shaver, Resident

Denise Drobnick, Resident

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Jack Gombach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

3. **RESOLUTION 2021-8 EXTENSION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY:**

This Resolution would extend the declaration expiration date to the June Council meeting, allowing the ability to apply for emergency disaster funding.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-8 Extension of Local Disaster Emergency through June 15, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Wert and seconded by Mr. Lincoln. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Becker clarified that with the Governor's extension of emergency declaration and approval of this Resolution the Borough may continue to meet remotely. It is unclear at this time the length of the Governor's extension; a final answer will be provided at the next Council meeting.

4. **RECREATION SEASONAL HIRES:**

Mrs. Moyer requested approval of additional seasonal staff members and permission to increase the lifeguard and manager position rates \$1 per hour. The lifeguard rate increase would be comparable to surrounding lifeguard rates and Mrs. Moyer hopes to attract an additional five lifeguards this season with a higher hourly rate. Normally the Borough employs twenty-eight lifeguards, so far this year there are only ten. Fifteen would be a comfortable number for this season, there may be times when the pool will have to close due to a lack of lifeguard coverage. The manager rate increase was requested due to more demands that will be placed on these individuals until a new Recreation Director can be hired.

Mr. Lineaweaver requested the impact to the budget with the proposed increase in rates. Mrs. Moyer felt that due to the reduced number of staff members this increase would not impact the budget.

Motion to approve a rate increase of \$1 per hour for lifeguard and pool manager seasonal staff and additional new hires as follows:

- Pool Manager: Chase Yoder at \$12.25/hour
- Assistant Pool Manager: Andrew Stanislawczyk at \$11.25/hour
- Head Lifeguard: Megan Shaylor at \$10.75/hour
- Lifeguards:
 - Emily Bucolo at \$9.75/hour
 - Giovanni Estronza at \$9.75/hour

- Caitlyn Hass at \$9.75/hour
- Cynthia Sandoval at \$9.25/hour
- Dale Belville at \$9.50/hour
- Isabella Belville at \$9.25/hour
- Karlyn Austin at \$9.25/hour (pending certification)
- Julia Peticca at \$9.50/hour
- Concession Stand Manager: Christine Boud at \$12.00/hour
- Concession Stand: Jailysha Estronza at \$7.25/hour
- Playground Leaders:
 - Seychelle Jackson at \$7.50/hour
 - Hailaya Jackson at \$7.25/hour
 - Isaiah Acan Ponce at \$7.25/hour
 - Devon Lawley at \$7.50/hour
- Front Desk:
 - Robert Correias at \$7.25/hour
 - Karlyn Austin at \$7.25/hour
- Assistant Playground Manager: Sydney Zeeger at \$9.50/hour

Moved by Mrs. Bressler and seconded by Mr. Lineaweaver. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Mrs. Moyer indicated that temperatures would be checked prior to entering the pool and mask wearing would be requested while entering the pool and while in the pool house and at the concession stand.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Gombach noted an executive session that was held at 6:30 p.m. this evening to discuss personnel matters.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. **Moved** by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Ms. Kaag. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Borough Secretary