

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2023

The Agenda Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following Council and staff answered to roll call:

Mr. James Behers (*Not Present*)

Mrs. Erin Brown

Mr. Raymond Dee

Mrs. Denise Maiden

Mrs. Patricia Boyer

Mrs. Marianne Conley – Vice President

Mr. John Egger – President

Mr. David Depretis – Mayor

Mr. Jason Stanton - Engineer

Mrs. Ashley Wagner – Solicitor

Mr. Randy Lubin – Municipal Svs. Mngr.

Chief Tony Cortazzo

AUDIENCE AGENDA – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

The following residents spoke in opposition of hiring a part-time Recreation and Events Director:

641 Penn Street

2974 Meadowvue Drive.

Joseph St. (house number not provided)

291 Greenglen Drive

A brief discussion was had regarding the potential job responsibilities of a part-time Recreation and Events Director. It was agreed that the participants would discuss this later where it appears on the agenda.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Stanton reviewed the monthly written report and gave the following updates:

EQ Basin Power Supply and SCADA Control Panels:

- An alarm is needed at the EQ Basin to signal when the secondary back up battery is weak or malfunctioning. A total price of \$8,005.00 was quoted by LANCO for the alarm and installation costs.

2021 Municipal Building Improvements:

- Construction work in the Administration Office is on track to be completed by the end of next week. Work is ongoing within the Police Department.

CDBG Year 47 Demolition Contract:

- Work has been completed and the final payment was recommended by LSSE.

2023 Road Improvement Program

- The bid opening is scheduled for April 12, 2023.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Wagner discussed a Zoning Code Amendment to clarify the definition of “Addiction Treatment Center” within the Institutional Homes Definition Zoning Ordinance. She also explained Pending Ordinance Resolution No. 2023-03-05 which would allow the Borough time to consider the pending Ordinance and would trigger protection under the law that would allow the Borough to reference the pending Ordinance even though it has not been officially adopted.

M-1 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve Pending Ordinance **Resolution No. 2023-03-05** to modify the definition of “Institutional Homes” and add a definition for “Addiction Treatment*

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Facility” and related amendments to the Land Use Chart; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

M-2 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Advertise for a Public Hearing for the draft Ordinance to modify the definition of Institutional Homes, add a definition for Addiction Treatment Facility and related amendments to the Land Use Chart; second by Mr. Dee. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR’S REPORT- Mayor Depretis will give his monthly report next week.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Lubin gave the following report on Mr. Firek’s behalf:

- The new Fire Department Consolidation bylaws will possibly be finished and ready for distribution to the three fire companies by May/June.
- The Public Works Department will be hiring two helpers this Summer at a salary of \$14.00 per hour. Details will be posted on the Borough’s social media pages.
- There is an open seat on the Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC), which will be advertised on the Borough’s social media pages.
- It was voted at the February Council meeting that the CEAC’s meetings were to be moved from the Backdraft to the Municipal Building, beginning with the March 20th meeting. However, there is a scheduling conflict at the Municipal Building for that date which means that the location change will take effect in April.
- A timeline was provided for the Sanitary Sewer Sale process.

Renaming the Municipal Deck Hockey Rink in honor of Officer Sean Sluganski was discussed.

A discussion was had regarding the possible hire of a part-time Recreation and Events Director. It was decided that members of the Community Events Advisory Committee, Council Representatives, and Borough Manager, Robert Firek, will meet to discuss the issue at a later date.

FINANCE - Mrs. Maiden provided her monthly financial report to Council.

PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Dee provided his report and commended Public Works for swiftly attending to snowfall overnight.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lubin provided a few updates to Council:

- SHACOG is reaching out to salt vendor Cargill to discuss options for salt storage for several municipalities, including Baldwin Borough, that are lacking the space to store excess salt.
- The 2023 Road Program paving list selections have been finalized. Sixteen (16) roadways have been confirmed with 5-6 add alternates, which can be added if there is room left in the road program budget.
- Mr. Lubin asked Council to think of long-term plans for the Borough’s swimming pool. At 52 years old, the pool is in need of repairs. Grant money has been sought, but not awarded, to cover the cost of repairs, so temporary measures are being taken to extend the life of the pool. This season, the pool will be painted which will cost approximately \$10,000-\$12,000. Mr. Firek will have additional information to discuss next week.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Boyer will provide her report next week. She read an email from a resident asking for basketball hoops to be erected within Colewood Park. A discussion was had regarding the request and feasibility within Colewood Park.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mrs. Brown will provide her monthly report next week. She provided the following updates:

- There was no Planning Commission Meeting held this month, as there were no items on the agenda.
- The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held March 22, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Behers was not in attendance, so his report will be given next week.

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Conley had no report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dee asked if the Borough would like to partner with South Baldwin Fire Company to host a blood drive this Summer.

Mr. Dee also provided Council with copies of a draft of an updated fence ordinance that he wrote. Mrs. Wagner said that she will review the draft and Council can discuss the topic later.

Stephanie Paul of Joseph Street (house number not given) had questions about the number of people that can occupy a single-family home in the Borough.

Mayor Depretis discussed a complaint that he received from a resident regarding the excessive deer population and asked Council to think of ideas to help manage the situation.

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business – Audience members spoke during New Business out of turn.

M-3 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to enter into Executive Session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-4 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adjourn from Executive Session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-5 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adjourn; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek,
Borough Manager