

# MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING OF May 22, 2019

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The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Edward Moeller at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2019

After the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Mayor Depretis, the following Council answered to roll call:

Mr. Francis Scott-absent  
Mr. James Behers  
Mr. Chad Hurka -absent  
Mr. Michael Stelmasczyk  
Mr. John Egger  
Mrs. Marianne Conley- Vice-President  
Mr. Edward Moeller-President  
Mr. David Depretis-Mayor  
Mr. Jason Stanton- Engineer  
Mr. Stanley Lederman- absent  
Mr. Michael Lederman  
Mrs. Diana Behers- Treasurer  
Mr. Robert Firek- Borough Manager  
Chief Tony Cortazzo

Mr. Moeller explained that a Public Meeting was held at 6:30 pm (Published) before tonight's regular meeting to interview the current Borough delinquent tax collector. Afterward, council then held an executive session prior to the regular council meeting to discuss personnel and legal items.

Mr. Moeller asked for the following approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

- M-1**      *Mrs. Conley made the motion to approve the Agenda Meeting minutes of March 12, 2019; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-2**      *Mr. Stelmasczyk made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-3**      *Mrs. Conley made the motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

**AUDIENCE AGENDA:** Agenda Items Only: **5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP**

Mr. Moeller asked the audience if they would like to address Council on anything that is on the Agenda. Please come forward and state your name and address for the record.  
No one from the audience approached.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Stanton noted his Monthly Engineers report from May 9, 2019 summarizing activity for the month. He asked Council for the following motion for consideration:

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- M-4** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve partial payment No. 9 in the amount of \$221,706.78 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for Contract No. 17-S1, per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-5** *Mrs. Conley made a Motion for Site Plan Approval for Michael Brothers Addition to Existing Structure for C&D Transfer Station as recommended by the Planning Commission at their November 11, 2018 Meeting; second by Mr. Egger; upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-6** *Mrs. Conley made a Motion Award Contract No. 19-R01, 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements (General Funds), Base Bid to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$1,184,695.50; second by Mr. Behers; upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-7** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a Motion to Award Contract No. 19-R02, 2019 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements (Liquid Fuels), to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$225,285.50; second by Mrs. Conley; upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Stanton had nothing else to report.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Engineer.

Mr. Stelmasczyk asked when this work would begin and Mr. Stanton explained in the next two weeks the contracts will be signed and a notice to proceed should be around mid-June with construction shortly thereafter. This would put the Borough about a month ahead of schedule in comparison to 2018.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Lederman explained after one year of the legal work on the Declaration of Taking for the LR-30 Sewer Project, these will be completed within the next week with all final paperwork provided to council.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor was unable to provide the Police Monthly Activity Report for April 2019 as the system was down.

Chief Cortazzo said that National Police Officers week is May 15th, which is a week to honor police officers injured or killed in line of duty. Baldwin police officers are wearing a black band across their badge to pay tribute to these officers. In addition, Chief Cortazzo asked to recognize Officer Matt Collier and Officer Jeff Egan (who could not be in attendance) for their heroism above and beyond the call of duty during an active shooting incident in the Borough. These officers were nominated by fellow officer, Sergeant Reising and it is with honor that Chief Cortazzo and Mayor Depretis recognize these officers with a department citation.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Mayor.

### ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek reviewed his report with Council at the last meeting. He has the following updates and motions for council's consideration:

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Mr. Firek updated council on Bruggers Bagels that was purchased by the Bank of America. They received a building permit for interior work and did not need to go through the Planning Commission.

Second, he explained the current action finally taken by the City of Pittsburgh in regard to work being done at The Academy.

Lastly, he has a few motions for approval:

**M- 8** *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-05-05, approving the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant Application; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

**M-9** *Mr. Stelmasczyk Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-05-06, amending the fee Schedule for Borough Services second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

**M-10** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to advertise and a first reading for an Ordinance adding to the Police Department the Classification of Deputy Chief of Police; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

**M-11** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$53,806.09 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 18-PK-01 Colewood Park Ph. II; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Firek.

Mrs. Conley asked if the parking lot is completed at the end of the lot on Overland Trail. Mr. Firek said the pavement is almost completed.

Mr. Michael Lederman said pertaining to ordinance for the Police Department Classification of Deputy Chief of Police, a full text will be placed online or located in the borough offices.

### FINANCE

Mr. Hurka was absent so Mr. Moeller explained the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure reports were reviewed with Council the previous week by Mr. Hurka. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding the reports.

Mr. Moeller would like to ask for the following motions:

**M-12** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2019; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

**M-13** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made the Motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$467,092.01 and approve bills in the amount of \$542,453.37 for a total of \$1,009,545.38; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hurka.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Scott was absent, Mr. Firek explained updates for the pool from last week's report. The pool was fixed on Friday by a company that placed a sleeve patch within the pipeline to allow the pool to be ready for opening of the season on Saturday.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Firek.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

**M-14** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a motion to accept the May 2019 Blanket List; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Stelmasczyk.

## ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger provided the following updates to council:

The Planning Commission Meeting was held on May 13, 2019.

The Zoning Hearing Board has a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 with an appeal by Tradebe Environmental Services, LLC on Streets Run Rd. in which the appeal was denied.

Mr. Egger also noted that both Emily Moldovan, Community Compliance Manager and Kyle Ferkett, Community Development Officer are both taking the Residential Inspection Certification classes along with Emily taking the Building Code Official (BCO) classes for certification.

Mr. Firek explained that Emily did pass this BCO class and is now certified.

The Monthly Inspection Report was provided to council:

Permits issued in April 2019: 67

2019 YTD issued: 217

2019 April Fees: \$37,413.40

2019 YTD fees collected: \$48,876.87

Compared to 2018:

2018 April Fees: \$3,889.00

2018 YTD fees collected: \$37,145.79

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Egger. None were asked.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers read the following Activity Reports for BEMS and Volunteer Fire Departments:

- BEMS                    229 calls                    7.6 minute response time
- Option Fire            23 incidents                6.5 minute response time
- SBVF                    17 incidents                8.4 minute response time
- Baldwin #105        28 incidents                5.56 minute response time (March Report)
- Baldwin #105        23 incidents                6.5 minute response time (April Report)

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Mr. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Behers

### PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley explained that six applications have been received for public works summer help. Mr. Firek said these positions will get finalized this week.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Conley.

### NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Egger asked about the Volunteer Fire Departments receiving a free pool pass this year as was the practice in previous years. The stipulation would again be these volunteers must have served at least one year of service to the fire department.

Council discussed this at length with the final decision to pass a motion to allow for one (1) pass to be given for a volunteer fireman.

**M-15** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to allot a free pool pass to the Volunteer Fireman and for any volunteers that work for the fire department having at least one (1) year of service; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed 4-1.*

Mr. Stelmasczyk voted no as the volunteers are receiving a property tax credit and that is the reason that a perk of a free pool pass was eliminated by the prior Council after careful consideration that pool passes did not properly benefit all VFD volunteers across the Borough.

### AUDIENCE AGENDA –Any issue pertaining to Borough Business: 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP

**M-18** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made the motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Respectively submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek  
Borough Manager