

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Marianne Conley at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

The invocation was done by Mrs. Conley and the following Council and staff answered to roll call:

Mr. Chad Hurka
Mrs. Denise Maiden
Mr. Francis Scott
Mrs. Patty Boyer
Mr. James Behers
Mr. John Egger, Vice-President
Mrs. Marianne Conley, President
Mr. David Depretis, Mayor
Mr. Jason Stanton, Engineer
Mrs. Ashley Wagner, Solicitor
Mr. Gavin Robb, Solicitor
Mrs. Diana Behers- Treasurer
Chief Tony Cortazzo- absent
Mr. Robert Firek, Borough Manager

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Conley asked for the following approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

M-1 *Mr. Hurka made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any corrections or additions on the motion. There were none.

M-2 *Mr. Hurka made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any corrections or additions on the motion. There were none.

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

Mrs. Conley asked the audience if they would like to address Council on anything that is on the agenda. If so, they should come forward and state their name and address for the record. No one asked to speak.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Stanton previously submitted the Monthly Engineers Report to Council at the Agenda meeting and had summarized the activity for the month. Mr. Stanton asked for the following motions:

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M-3 *Mr. Scott made Motion to Reject the Bid for Contract No. 21-MB1, General Construction from Gito d/b/a Nello Construction in the amount of \$357,000.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were None.

M-4 *Mr. Scott made a motion to Reject the Bid for Contract No. 21-MB2, Plumbing Construction from Reno Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$45,779.00; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were None.

M-5 *Mr. Scott made a motion to Reject the Bid for Contract No. 21-MB3, Electrical Construction from Three Rivers Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$275,000.00; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were None.

M-6 *Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the Reject the Bid for Contract No. 21-MB4, Mechanical Construction from R&B Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$57,750.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. Mrs. Conley asked if these motions are all related to the planned remodeling of the Borough Building and Mr. Stanton said yes, these are associated with the renovations of both Police side of the building and the Administration side.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for the Engineer. None were asked.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Wagner provided her report to Council at the last meeting. She has nothing additional for tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Conley welcomed Mr. Gavin Robb who will be in attendance for the Council Meetings while Mrs. Wagner will be off on Maternity leave for the next few months.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for Mrs. Wagner. None were asked.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided information from the Police Monthly Activity Report for June 2021:

Calls to Police from 911: 762

Fees Collected for June 2021: \$4,556.0

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Arrest totals: 19
Citations/Tags: 42

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions on the Mayor's report. None were asked.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek said Mr. Lubin reviewed his monthly report with Council at last week's meeting in his absence and had nothing additional to add to his report.

Mr. Firek had the following motion tonight for Council's consideration:

M-7 *Mr. Scott made a Motion for a First reading and Motion to Advertise for proposed Ordinance No. 917 to update certain provisions of the Baldwin Police Pension Plan to mirror the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement); second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were None.

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Firek. None were asked.

FINANCE

Mr. Hurka said the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports were provided to Council the previous week. He asked Council to consider the following motions:

M-8 *Mr. Hurka made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2021; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were none.

M-9 *Mr. Hurka made a Motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$663,634.13 and approve bills in the amount of \$1,222,215.40 for a total of \$1,885,849.53; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hurka or discussion on this motion.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. Boyer reported the activities by Public Works for the month of July.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for Mrs. Boyer. None were asked.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Maiden provided the Monthly Blanket List for the month and asked Council for the following motion:

M-11 *Mrs. Maiden asked for the approval of the July 2021 Blanket Approval list; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. There were none.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for Mrs. Maiden. None were asked.

ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger provided his Monthly report to Council:

The Planning Commission had a meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021.

The Zoning Hearing Board held a meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Two items on the agenda:

- A request for a fence variance was denied by the ZHB.
- Churchview Farms requesting a conditional use. This hearing will be continued to August 19, 2021.

M-12 *Mr. Egger made a Motion to Approve the Kubrick Recorded plan, to subdivide into 2 lots as Recommended by the Baldwin Borough Planning Commission on July 12, 2021. The PC Recommendation is Contingent upon Approval and Compliance of Violations Cited by the Allegheny County Conservation District, and Final Approval of the PaDEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module, which is estimated will take a few months for the approval process to complete; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Egger. None were asked.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers read the following Activity Reports for BEMS and the Volunteer Fire Departments with the following calls/incidents and response times:

	Calls/Incidents:	Avg. Response Time:
BEMS	268	6.7 minutes
OPTION Fire	50	6.24 minutes
Baldwin #105	52	9.35 minutes
SBVFC	19	4.73 minutes

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Mrs. Conley asked Asst. Chief Brian McCaffrey of BEMS if he wished to comment. Asst. Chief McCaffrey said they have received a new medic vehicle that is now officially in service.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Behers. Mayor Depretis made a question relating back to the VFC's consultant. He feels the Borough should be using both the DCED consultant in order to save money and not go fully with the VFC's paid consultant since the VFC has asked for the Borough to foot the approximate \$50,000 consultant fee. He suggested to consider using both and to investigate this further for a cost savings to the Borough.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Scott had nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Scott. No one asked any questions or comments.

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

No one approached the podium.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Egger had something he wished to discuss. The Minutes to the Agenda Meeting of October 9, 2018 notes the Borough received a \$25,000 Grant from Senator Brewster's Office that was received through the DCED to be used accordingly:

- \$10,000 for the Video/Doorbell RING Program
- \$15,000 for the Emergency Management Committee for the idea of a mobile road closure sign.

Mr. Egger asked about the trailer that was purchased with the 2nd noted grant monies and the Fire Department would like to have the use of this trailer. Mr. Firek explained the Borough owns the trailer and if there is a need for the use of the trailer Public Works is called by the Police to deploy it and the various barricades on the trailer as needed. The intent for the use of the trailer is for Public Works to use it for any noted emergencies/ closures. Mr. Hurka asked if this is something able to be done even after office hours and Mr. Firek said yes Public Works has been called out after hours for this use. Discussion continued about ownership and use of the trailer. Mr. Firek explained when there is a need for the use of the trailer during an emergency, The Fire Departments are to contact the Police Department and they will in turn contact Public Works for the deployment.

Mr. Egger said during the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, the applicant claimed the request for the variance was the fence was needed due to drivers not stopping at the stop sign at the corner of Wallace and Manhasset. Mr. Egger said he told them if safety was an issue the applicant should come to a Council meeting to voice this issue. Mr. Firek said they never contacted the Borough or Police Department regarding any safety issue

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at their property until the day after the hearing. At which time the Chief addressed this with the resident and asked staff to conduct more safety stops at this intersection.

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any other items under new business.

Mrs. Boyer noted she had a call from a resident about a property located at 168 Joseph St. which is vacant. She wanted to review this with Council as she went and looked at the property and took pictures. Mr. Firek explained Code Enforcement is aware of the property and is working with the current owner who is the sister of the recently deceased owner of the property.

M-13 *Mr. Hurka made the motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Respectively submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Borough Manager