

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Marianne Conley at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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

Mr. Chad Hurka
Mrs. Denise Maiden
Mr. Francis Scott- absent
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
Mrs. Diana Behers - Treasurer
Mr. Robert Firek - Borough Manager
Chief Tony Cortazzo

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- M-1** *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-2** *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019; second by Mr. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or comments on these motions. None were asked.

Marc Tannenbaum and Aaron Leaman from Signature Financial Planning gave a presentation to Council - the Annual Pension Update for the Borough.

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. Please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

No one approached the podium.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Stanton noted that his Monthly Engineers report submitted last week (February 11, 2020) summarized their activity for the month. He asked Council for the following motions for consideration:

- M-3** *Mr. Egger made a Motion to approve Wuenschell Plan of Lots, Subdivision Plan subject to addressing all outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated February 10, 2020 per the*

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recommendation of the Baldwin Borough Planning Commission; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed.

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 and she did not have anything additional to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided information from the Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2020:

Report of calls for the month of January were 677

Calls given to police from 911- 837

Fees collected in January were \$941.00

Mrs. Conley asked anyone had any questions for the Mayor or the Chief. None were asked.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek reviewed his monthly report with Council at the last meeting. He has nothing additional from his report provided to Council and asked for the following motions for Council's consideration:

- M-4** *Mr. Egger made a Motion for approval of **Resolution No. 2020-02-04** for the authorization for the Borough Manager to act on behalf of the Borough Council to execute the *Consent for Right of Entry Agreement for DEP Bureau of Mines to fill the mine shaft in Penn Streets; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed.**
- M-5** *Mr. Egger made a Motion to put out a Request for Proposal for the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor vacancy); second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-6** *Mr. Egger made a Motion to advertise for bids for Colewood Park Ph. III Restroom Project; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-7** *Mr. Egger made a Motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$127,718.82 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 19-01 (Elm Leaf Park Ph. II) per the recommendation of the Borough Manager; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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 reviewed with Council the previous week. He has nothing additional to add to the report and asked Council to consider the following motions:

- M-8** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2020; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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M-9 *Mr. Hurka made a motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$605,286.05 and approve bills in the amount of \$203,716.00 for a total of \$809,002.05; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions. None were asked.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. Boyer gave her report at the last meeting of the current activities for Public Works listed on the monthly report provided to Council last week.

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Boyer. None were asked.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Maiden provided her report with the items listed on the Blanket Approval list for February 2020. She asked for the following motion:

M-10 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to approve the Blanket Approval list for February 2020; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Maiden. None were asked.

ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger provided the following updates to Council:

Planning Commission Meeting was held on February 10, 2020.

The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will not be meeting in February.

The Monthly Inspection Report was provided to council:

Permits issued for January 2020: 50

Issued YTD for 2020: 50

Fees January 2020: \$3,877.50

2020 YTD fees collected:

2019 January Fees: \$

2019 YTD fees collected: \$3,344.00

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 Volunteer Fire Departments for January 2020 with incidents and average response times:

- BEMS had 304 calls with an average response time of 6.8 minutes
- OPTION Fire had 36 incidents with an average response time of 7.0 minutes
- SBVFC had 22 incidents and an average response time of 6.6 minutes
- Baldwin #105 had 23 incidents with an average response time of 16.3 minutes

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Behers.

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PERSONNEL

Mr. Scott was absent and Mr. Firek asked for the following motions:

M-11 *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the revised Deputy Chief of Police's contract that adds in an expiration date of January 18, 2022 in Article XII, Section (4) of the contract; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Hurka explained for clarity this is bringing the Deputy Chief contract in line with that of the Chief's contract. Mr. Firek also said this contract was not a legally binding contract, as it did not have an expiration date. This was an error when the contract was originally written.

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

NEW BUSINESS - No new items from Council.

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

Dan Shaner of 3857 Louisa St

A resident and also a teacher at Harrison Middle School. He would like to invite anyone on March 21st and 22nd, 2020 to the Baldwin High School. They are co-hosting a 36-hour vigil to honor the victims of identity-based violence from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm.

He also said a student from the High School will be coming to the Borough to present a petition to declare April 2020 as Genocidal Awareness month. They will also be asking Gov. Wolf, Allegheny County Council and Mayor Peduto to do the same.

M-12 *Mr. Egger made the motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Respectively submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Borough Manager