

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Edward Moeller at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019

After the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Mr. Hurka, the following Council answered to roll call:

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

Mr. Moeller explained Council held an executive session prior to tonight's 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 Regular Meeting minutes of April 16, 2019; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-2 *Mrs. Conley made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed. Mr. Scott -abstain*

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:

M-3 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to approve partial payment No. 10 in the amount of \$155,861.18 to Independent Enterprises, Inc for Contract No. 17-S1, per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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M-4 *Mr. Egger made a Motion to recommend Final Site Plan Approval/ Lot Consolidation to 5401/5403 Clairton Boulevard contingent upon addressing the outstanding items in LSSE's letter dated May 13, 2019; second by Mrs. Conley; Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Engineer, none were asked.

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 is complete from a legal standpoint.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Solicitor, none were asked.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided the Police Monthly Activity Report for May 2019:

- Calls for the month were 726
- Calls given to police from 911 were not available
- Fees collected for May 2019 were \$8,211.
- The monthly activity report for K-9 Nikko was provided.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Mayor, none were asked.

Mr. Moeller asked Chief Cortazzo if he has anything to report, he did not.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek reviewed his report with Council at the last meeting asking if there were any questions from Council, if not he would like to ask for the following motion for council's consideration:

M- 5 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 896** adding to the Police Department the Classification of Deputy Chief of Police and eliminating the Lieutenant Classification; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Lederman explained the ordinance was not advertised and the last remaining lieutenant retired with the lieutenant classification eliminated and the Deputy Chief of Police position created.

This was not advertised and therefore the audience is available to comment or question before it is voted on by Council. Mr. Moeller asked the audience if there were any comments, none were asked.

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

FINANCE

Mr. Hurka explained the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure reports were reviewed with Council at the Agenda Meeting and asked if anyone had any questions regarding these reports.

Mr. Hurka asked for the following motions:

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M-6 *Mr. Hurka made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2019; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-7 *Mr. Hurka made the motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$1,611,029.63 and approve bills in the amount of \$288,368.71 for a total of \$1,899,398.34; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Scott provided updates for the pool from last week's report and thanked the Public Works Department along with Mr. Firek on this repair. Also, continuing repairs with CCTV work and continued work on the Colewood Fields, and misc. seasonal items.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

M-8 *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a motion to approve the June 2019 Blanket List; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Stelmasczyk. None were asked.

ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger provided the following updates to Council:

The Planning Commission Meeting was held on June 10, 2019.

The Zoning Hearing Board has a meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

The Monthly Inspection Report was provided to Council:

Permits issued in May 2019: 60

2019 YTD issued: 231

2019 May Fees: \$5,070.05

2019 YTD fees collected: \$53,456.92

Compared to 2018:

2018 May Fees: \$13,070.96

2018 YTD fees collected: \$50,416.75

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers was absent and Mr. Moeller said the Monthly Activity Reports were provided to Council. If anyone from Council has a question, please ask Mr. Behers. All reports have been received.

He asked if any BEMS or Fire Department representatives that were at the meeting if they wish to add anything additional. BEMS Asst. Chief- Operations, Brian McCaffrey said Baldwin Emergency Medical

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Service has achieved the 2019 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Level Recognition Award. This award is given for the top 3% for cardiac emergencies in the country. Council congratulated BEMS for this recognition.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley made the following motion:

M-9 *Mrs. Conley made the motion to advertise for the position Deputy Chief of Police; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller said since this motion was not listed on the agenda, he asked if there were any questions or comments about the motion from the audience or Council. Mr. Stelmasczyk asked that this will be a non-civil service position and where will it be advertised. Mr. Firek said yes to his question and it will be advertised in the Borough's regular established papers for advertisement.

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

Mr. Moeller said an item was missed with the administration report and will continue with Mr. Firek asking for the following motions that were addressed in executive session:

M-10 *Mr. Stelmasczyk asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Tiffany Thomas to the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-11 *Mr. Stelmasczyk asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Wine to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate to serve indefinitely unless the position needs filled; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-12 *Mr. Scott asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Taylor Lee as an alternate on the Shade Tree Commission; second by Mr. Stelmasczyk. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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

3312 Churchview Ave.- Tina Powell

760 Lechner Lane- Mark Szemanski

They spoke about the height of the hedges at 3308 Churchview Ave. blocking the view of drivers and the entire property not being taken care of by the Borough. They brought a petition with resident names supporting this issue.

Mr. Moeller explained they will discuss this with the Borough and the Solicitor to discuss the options to take care of this problem.

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532 Calvert Ave.- Kevin Kenny

Chief of Baldwin Independent Fire Co. – handing out pool passes to family members in lieu of only to active members of the fire department due to some members who do not live in Baldwin and are not eligible for the tax credit. A lengthy discussion continued on this issue and Council asked for more information from all fire departments to help with a future discussion.

Tina Powell also wants to know why the Borough does not have Community Day. Mr. Moeller explained this will be discussed in the future if anyone would like to volunteer their time.

3211 Hazlehurst Ave.- George Swartz had similar comments regarding the Fire Department pool passes as Kevin Kenny noted above.

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

Respectively submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Borough Manager