

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Marianne Conley at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

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

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

Public Hearing:

**M-1** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the demolition of the following three properties that was second by Mr. Egger:*

- *1201– 1203 Streets Run Road (Lot and Block 313-F-220)*
- *5421 Curry Road (Lot and Block 390-K-277)*
- *5395– 5397 Chestnut Street (Lot and Block 390-P-336)*

*Upon vote, motion passed.*

The Public Hearing was recorded by a Court Reporter.

**M-2** *Mr. Egger made a motion to close the Public Hearing; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion was passed.*

Mr. Robb explained the Sunshine Act updated August 29, 2021, requires the majority of Council to approve the addition of an item to the agenda and then subsequently vote on the item once it's been approved.

Mr. Robb explained the need for a motion from Council to add a motion to the agenda to authorize the approval of the demolition of the properties discussed at the Public Hearing. We are seeking to do this now because we are on a deadline with SHACOG in order to provide the necessary legal clearances to them.

**M-3** *Mr. Egger made a motion to Add a motion to the agenda to approve the demolition of the above structures spoken about; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

**M-4** *Mr. Egger made the motion to approve the demolition of structures on 1201– 1203 Streets Run Road (Lot and Block 313-F-220), 5421 Curry Road (Lot and Block 390-K-277) and 5395– 5397 Chestnut Street (Lot and Block 390-P-336); second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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

**M-5** *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2021; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

**M-6** *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021; second by Mr. Hurka. 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:

**M-7** *Mr. Scott made Motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$164,201.06, to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 21-R01 (2021 General Fund, Roadway and Storm Sewer Project) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

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**M-8** *Mr. Scott made a Motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$45,230.49, to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 21-R02 (2021 Liquid Fuels Project) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; 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 anyone had any questions for the Engineer. None were asked.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Robb provided his report to Council at the last meeting and will have a few items for discussion in executive session.

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor provided information from the Police Monthly Activity Report for August 2021:

Calls to Police from 911: 798  
Fees Collected for August 2021: \$319.21  
Arrest totals: 14  
Citations/Tags: 69

Mayor Depretis said he did not have this item on his Monthly Report, but would like to recognize Barb Wilson for her generosity on September 11, 2021. She provided food from Gianna Via's for our Police Department and EMS.

He also wanted to note State Representative Jessica Benham was at the Borough as well.

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Firek reviewed his monthly report with Council at last week's meeting. He has three additional items to add to his report.

3RWW is having a meeting for elected officials to review the Phase II COA. The best available option is the October 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Forest Hills Municipal Center at 7pm.

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Mr. Firek explained after the Agenda Meeting, he received a revised resolution request from the County in reference to the grant for Elm Leaf Park Phase III and he needs Council to consider approval of the revised resolution.

The SHACOG Annual Dinner is being held at The Club at Nevillewood on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> if anyone on council is interested in attending.

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

**M-9** *Mr. Scott made a Motion to Approve Amendment No. 3, Extending the Agreement with ProChamps for Vacant Property Registration for One (1) Year to October 16, 2022; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. Mrs. Conley asked is this agreement will take the Borough through to a meeting that they can approve the following year. Mr. Firek's said yes this will. Additionally, Mr. Scott explained the Borough did not incur any costs associated with this program.

**M-10** *Mr. Scott made a Motion to Approve a Sixty (60) Day Extension Request for the Ferry Electric Project; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

**M-11** *Mr. Scott made a Motion to Award Elm Leaf Park Ph. III Improvements, Base Bid and Add Alternate Nos. 2, 3, and 4 to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the total amount of \$653,070.49 per the Recommendation of HRG Engineering; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

**M-12** *Mr. Scott made Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09-11, confirming the Borough's Grant request for a Grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and that the Borough will comply with all provisions of the grant; second by Mr. Hurka. 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.

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## 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-13** *Mr. Hurka made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 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-14** *Mr. Hurka made a Motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$670,609.51 and approve bills in the amount of \$114,816.62 for a total of \$785,426.13; second by Mr. Scott. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

**M-15** *Mr. Hurka made a Motion to Approve the Mid-Year Budget; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

## PARKS AND RECREATION

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

**M-16** *Mrs. Maiden asked for the approval of the September 2021 Blanket Approval list; second by Mr. Scott. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this motion. Mr. Egger asked about the fee/fee waiver for the Girl Scouts using the park and if we needed insurance from them to use the park during the week. Mr. Firek noted we do not charge a fee for week night usage of the pavilion and that it is first come first serve and we do not ask for insurance from anyone using the pavilions.

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

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## ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger provided his Monthly report last week to Council:

The Planning Commission held a meeting on September 13, 2021.

Zoning Hearing Board have a meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

The Building Inspection and Zoning Office Monthly Report was provided:

A total of 54 permits were issued for August 2021

Total YTD permits issued were 3811

August 2021 fees collected were \$6,196.17

Fees collected YTD for 2021 were \$50,605.76

August 2020 fees collected were \$11,295.00

Fees collected YTD for 2020 were \$57,461.57

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	298	7.0 minutes
OPTION Fire	38	6.11 minutes
Baldwin #105	37	9.0 minutes
SBVFC	18	5.4 minutes

Mrs. Conley asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Behers. No questions were asked.

Mrs. Conley asked anyone from Public Safety if they had anything additional to add:

Asst. Chief Brian McCaffrey explained Baldwin Emergency Medical Service has achieved the Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Level Recognition Award through the American Heart Association and this is about the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row they have received this honor. Additionally, they are recipients of an AFG Grant, a Federal Assistance Firefighter Grant for \$95,000.

## PERSONNEL

Mr. Scott did not have anything to discuss for tonight's meeting, but will have items to discuss in executive session.

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

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

Mary Kelly of 3782 Creedy Hill Rd. - She has water runoff from the street that comes from the turnaround and into her yard. She approached Council to show this information and Mr. Firek said he will have Mr. Lubin look into the matter.

Dave Connell Assistant Chief of SBVF asked the solicitor about the legalities of the “shift crew”.

Mr. Robb asked if Mr. Connell had looked into other communities that are using similar programs and that info would be very helpful. Mr. Connell said their Worker’s Compensation carrier, State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF), has also reviewed this from the state side.

Jenny Worley, Director of the Baldwin Borough Public Library notified Council she will be leaving Baldwin Library to work in a similar capacity with the County and wanted to thank Council for the opportunities given to the Library and support of the Library.

Mayor Depretis provided Mrs. Worley a Certificate of Recognition from the Borough and wished her success in her future endeavors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**M-17** *Mr. Egger made the motion to go into executive session; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Respectively submitted,  
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek  
Borough Manager