

# **BECHTELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bechtelsville Borough Council was called to order by President, Deborah Fronheiser at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 17, 2016 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Deborah Fronheiser, Rose Marie Bireley, Arthur Bartman, Tim Frank, David Wieder, James Kolb; Mayor Glenn Haas; Secretary, Valerie Moll; Solicitor, Jamie Ottaviano. Absent: Joel Weller

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Eric Eidle was present to discuss future plans on a Borough property. He is considering purchasing a parcel of property that is in the Borough and in Washington Township. He stated to Council that he would place the home in the Borough. The parcel is zoned as conservation district. Mr. Eidle asked if construction was permitted. Atty. Ottiviano stated that a single family dwelling would be permitted. Mr. Eidle also asked questions regarding building codes and sewer. The Secretary gave Mr. Eidle the phone numbers for Technicon and BMMA.

### **MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD JANUARY 20, 2016**

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held January 20, 2016.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 2/17/16 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller

## **BOROUGH REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Chief Viola was present and gave the report for the month of January showing 6 vehicle arrests, 2 written warnings, 0 parking tickets, 0 criminal arrests, 0 accidents and 113 incidents.

The Chief was asked whether snowmobiles were permitted on the roadway during a snow emergency. They are not permitted at any time to be on the roadway. It was noted that a snowmobile hit the Borough's new tractor while the road crew was attempting to clear snow during the blizzard. The Secretary will provide the address of the owner of the snowmobile to the Chief.

### **ZONING OFFICER**

#### **Zoning Issues**

##### **1721 S. Main Street**

A Property Maintenance NOV was sent regarding the condition of the retaining wall and the exterior surfaces of the dwelling and porch. The property owner is continuing to work on bringing the property into compliance.

##### **45 Franklin Street**

We have been advised by the Borough Solicitor that the Borough Engineer is handling the water situation.

##### **Snow Removal**

Two violation letters were sent for snow removal from the sidewalk, 1507 S. Main St. and 1731 S. Main St. A site visit 5 calendar days following the date of the letters showed that 1731 S. Main St. was in compliance and 1507 S. Main St. was still not completed, but was melting on its own.

##### **Rental Inspections**

Rental unit permit applications are being submitted and inspections are being scheduled.

## **ROADMASTER**

The Roadmaster obtained additional prices on a new truck through COSTARS. There was discussion regarding the quotes and possibly trading in the old truck. The Roadmaster will call the dealers to get trade in information as well as clarification regarding some items on the quote. The question was also raised regarding the financing. The Secretary told Council that we would be able to make the payments through the Liquid Fuels Fund. However, there is a limit to how much you can spend out of that fund. Each year we are allotted an equipment balance. This is the maximum amount of our liquid fuels money that can be used for equipment. The Secretary will contact our PENNDOT representative to find out how we handle payments once the equipment balance is exhausted.

It was noted that during the recent blizzard, the road crew opened the sidewalk in front of the park. Later, the firm who plows the church lot, pushed snow across the street into the park. This put snow back on the sidewalk. The road crew then had to spend additional time to reopen the sidewalk. Council asked the Secretary to send Trinity Lutheran a letter regarding the situation.

## **SOLICITOR**

Attorney Ottaviano provided an update on the Brensinger lawsuit. The judge issued an order prohibiting additional defendants being added to the lawsuit. Also, the Borough was served with paperwork stating that East Green Street will be up for judicial sale on 6/10/16. Attorney Ottaviano will speak with Attorney Scheffey to see how this may impact the lawsuit.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NON-PROFIT**

Attorney Scheffey prepared draft by-laws for the non-profit. There were a few items that needed to be decided by Council. It was the consensus of Council to have 5 members on the Board of Directors. Two of those will be Council Members. Council also decided to exclude an Executive Director.

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

No issues presented.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll  
Borough Secretary