

# **BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES MARCH 15, 2017**

### **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 March 15, 2017 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

Council Member Arthur Bartman passed away suddenly on February 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by David Wieder to appoint Charles Scheetz to serve the remainder of the term.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

Charles Scheetz was then sworn in by Mayor Glenn Haas.

### **TIM FRANK APPOINTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

The passing of Arthur Bartman left the position of Council Vice President open. A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Charles Scheetz to appoint Tim Frank as Council Vice President.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

### **MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by David Wieder to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held February 15, 2017.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Joel Weller to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 3/15/17 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

## **BOROUGH REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Sgt. Babb was present and gave the police report for the month of February showing 10 vehicle arrests, 7 criminal arrests, 1 warning, 1 accident, 1 parking tickets, and 102 incidents.

### **ENGINEER**

#### **FRANKLIN/MENSCH PROJECT**

Proposals were received from Stern Nester to include Mensch Drive. The total came to \$15,400 which is over the preapproved amount. Jeff Haring, a member of the road crew, asked to have Yarnell Paving give a proposal. He will meet with them at the site.

### **ZONING OFFICER**

#### **Zoning Issues**

1. 1731/1733 S. Main Street – A hearing was held for the accessory structure on February 6, 2017. The District Justice extended the time for compliance. A new hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2017.
2. A citation has been filed for the retaining wall at 88 Race Street. A hearing was held on March 9, 2017. All charges were dismissed.
3. 1753 S. Main Street – A site visit was conducted on March 9, 2017 concerning slate coming off of the roof. It was observed that there is slate roofing coming off of the accessory structure and the roof is in disrepair. The accessory structure is also in disrepair. A Property Maintenance NOV is being issued.

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**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by Joel Weller to appoint Rose Marie Bireley to the Bechtelsville Recreation Association Board to replace Arthur Bartman.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

The Secretary received confirmation that non-profit status has been approved for Bechtelsville Recreation Association.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PARKING ON WEST CHESTNUT**

During the recent snow storm the road crew had issues plowing West Chestnut Street due to cars parked on both sides of the street. It was later discovered that parking is prohibited by Borough ordinance on the firehouse side of the West Chestnut Street. There are currently no signs posted. There is a handicapped spot on West Chestnut Street. Council questioned the legality of the spot since the Borough did not put the spot there or obtain approval for it. The Secretary was asked to contact the fire company to see if they have any documentation approving the handicapped spot. In the meantime, the road crew will install no parking signs on the rest of that side of West Chestnut Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dave Wieder and seconded by Charles Scheetz to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll  
Borough Secretary