

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES MARCH 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 Thursday March 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, Joel Weller; Secretary, Valerie Moll; Solicitor, James Scheffey. Absent: James Kolb, Mayor, Glenn Haas.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2016

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held February 17, 2016.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 3/17/16 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

Chief Viola was present and gave the report for the month of February showing 9 vehicle arrests, 4 written warnings, 0 parking tickets, 0 criminal arrests, 1 accident and 103 incidents.

The Chief informed Council that they would be conducting an aggressive driver program mainly on Route 100. Also, Officer Ellis has been promoted to Corporal.

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.

Rental Inspections

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

The following properties have been inspected and approved:

Kyle Gery, 148 E. Spring St.

Morgan Keller, 1700 S. Main St.

ROADMASTER

Council was presented with truck quotes. The quotes were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to lease/purchase the truck through COSTARS from Penske.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to set the lease/purchase for 60 monthly payments.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

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The Roadmaster was approached by one of the neighbors on E. Chestnut St. about repairing the alley. They want to repair the portion behind their property and wanted to know if the Borough also wanted to repair the portion behind Borough Hall. He said the cost would be \$50.00. The Roadmaster asked for a written estimate showing this cost. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Joel Weller to allow repair of the alley contingent upon the cost being \$50.00 or less.

SOLICITOR

Eric Eidle contacted Attorney Scheffey regarding the possible purchase of property on Race St. and the requirement for sidewalks. Attorney Scheffey researched the issue and found that sidewalks can be waived for commercial and industrial properties, but it doesn't mention residential properties. Attorney Scheffey can amend the ordinance if Council desires. No action was taken at this time.

East Green Street taxes were not paid. The property went up for tax sale, but was not purchased. It is now up for judicial sale, free and clear of all liens.

OLD BUSINESS

NON-PROFIT

Attorney Scheffey revised the by-laws to reflect a 5 member board and no executive director. He also noted that since there is no executive director, an executive board is not necessary. The Board of Directors still needs to be determined.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues presented.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council decided to have the Engineer change the dates on last year's application and resubmit the grant application to DCNR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Logan Westlake and Scott Westlake were present to observe the meeting for Boy Scouts. He also discussed a possible future project to replace/repair the park. Council explained to him what has been done to date and what the Borough was planning for the future. Council welcomed Logan to attend Recreation Committee meetings and said they would be fine with Logan pursuing the project.

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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: James Kolb

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary