

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES APRIL 20, 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 April 20, 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, James Kolb; Secretary, Valerie Moll; Solicitor, James Scheffey. Absent: Mayor, Glenn Haas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident, Tim Barrett was present to request permission to have chickens on his property. Mr. Barrett lives on S. Main Street and has 4 acres. In 2011 he made the same request. He was told he would need a variance in order to have chickens. There was no hardship shown, so his application for a variance was denied. Mr. Barrett stated he does not want to go through another zoning hearing. Attorney Scheffey stated that he would need to research the ordinance and report back to Council. It was noted that Bechtelsville has a joint Zoning Ordinance with Bally Borough and any proposed changes would also need to be approved by Bally.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2016

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held March 17, 2016.

All ayes

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Arthur Bartman to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 4/20/16 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

BOROUGH REPORTS

POLICE

Cpl. Ellis was present and gave the report for the month of March showing 8 vehicle arrests, 2 written warnings, 0 parking tickets, 12 criminal arrests, 0 accidents and 112 incidents.

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Issues

Rental Inspections

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

The following properties have been inspected and approved:

Alting – 159 E. Chestnut Street
Eidle – 213 W. Spring Street
Zuber – 1735-1735A S. Main Street
Kelsch – 1832 N. Main Street
Moyer – 102 Chestnut Street
Smith – 12 Cherry Street
Szilli – 1838 Main Street

ROADMASTER

The Roadmaster is continuing to patch roads. He has also begun mowing. The water line under the pavilion is broken, but they are not sure exactly where the line is. The Road Crew will work to locate the line.

OLD BUSINESS

NON-PROFIT

There was discussion regarding the bookkeeping for the non-profit and the need to get members for the board.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL AUDIT

Council received a copy of the 2015 audit from Herbein and Co.

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues presented.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Engineer was informed that we would not likely receive a DCNR grant by resubmitting our application. They are looking for a different type of project as well as engineered drawings for the project. The Borough will not submit an application this year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Kolb and seconded by Joel Weller to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary