

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES MAY 18, 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 May 18, 2016 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident, Tim Barrett was present for an update on his request to have chickens on his property. Attorney Scheffey stated that he researched the issue by rereading the previous zoning decision and the zoning ordinance. A variance would be required in the R-2 zoning district. The Zoning Hearing Board did not find a hardship, which would be necessary to grant a variance. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance would be required to grant Mr. Barrett's request. Amending the ordinance involve recommendations from the Planning Commissions of both Boroughs, the Berks County Planning Commission. There would be costs associated with amending the ordinance. It was noted that if a person requests the change, they are asked to pay the costs associated with the change. Council asked Mr. Barrett if he would be willing to pay for the change to the ordinance. He said he does not want to pay any of the costs. Attorney Scheffey suggested we send a letter to Bally Borough to see if they have any interest in amending the Zoning Ordinance. If they have no interest the request will not proceed any further. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by James Kolb to contact Bally Borough to see if they have any interest in amending the joint Zoning Ordinance.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller, Tim Frank

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD APRIL 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 April 20, 2016.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller, Tim Frank

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TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by David Wieder to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 5/18/16 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller, Tim Frank

BOROUGH REPORTS

POLICE

Cpl. Ellis was present and gave the report for the month of April showing 13 vehicle arrests, 0 written warnings, 0 parking tickets, 3 criminal arrests, 1 accidents and 123 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:

G. Michael Orthaus – 93 E. Chestnut Street
G. Michael Orthaus – 95 E. Chestnut Street
G. Michael Orthaus – 98 E. Chestnut Street
G. Michael Orthaus – 99 E. Chestnut Street
G. Michael Orthaus – 103 E. Chestnut Street
G. Michael Orthaus – 140 E. Chestnut Street
Michael Clemmer – 158 Chestnut Street

ROADMASTER

The Roadmaster is continuing to patch roads. He will need more patch.

A No Parking sign was taken out during an accident. We should be able to be reimbursed for the sign.

There is a possibility of getting millings from PENNDOT. They will be doing roadwork nearby in July. Dave Wieder will give the contact Deb's phone number.

SOLICITOR

RESOLUTION 2016-4 ADOPTED/AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION IN COLLECTION OF EARNED INCOME TAXES

The Secretary received an email from Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau regarding the collection of earned income tax. They will be legally pursuing non-compliant employers and delinquent tax payers. They are asking all municipalities to adopt a resolution to authorize the appropriate legal action. The Secretary sent the sample resolution to the Solicitor for his review. Attorney Scheffey prepared a resolution for adoption. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by David Wieder to adopt Resolution 2016-4.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller, Tim Frank

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The volleyball net was taken down for repair. We were informed that it will take a lot of work to repair. It may be more cost effective to buy a new net.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by James Kolb to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: Joel Weller, Tim Frank

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary