

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2017 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2017

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by Tim Frank to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held May 17, 2017.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

MINUTES APPROVED FOR WORKSHOP MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2017

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by David Wieder to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the workshop meeting with Technicon Enterprises.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by Tim Frank to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 6/21/17 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

BOROUGH REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Babb was present and gave the police report for the month of May showing 3 vehicle arrests, 0 criminal arrests, 0 warnings, 0 accidents, 0 parking tickets, and 83 incidents.

ENGINEER

FRANKLIN/MENSCH PROJECT

Mark Mattucci from Gilmore & Associates was present to discuss various issues. The Franklin/Mensch project began on 6/20. The Mensch project has been completed. Work began on Franklin Street on 6/21. When the proposal for the Franklin Street project was developed it was believed that cones would be sufficient for traffic control and that flaggers would not be needed. Prior to the project, Mark and Stern Nester met on site to discuss the project. It became apparent that flaggers would be needed because of the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic on Franklin Street. Stern Nester informed Mark that he was not obligated to provide flaggers by the proposal. He also stated that he didn't have available staff. Mark contacted the Borough to see if there were any Borough personnel available to serve as flaggers. There was no one available. In order for the project to continue, flaggers needed to be hired. Otherwise, Stern Nester would leave the site and have to reschedule which would incur additional costs. Flagger Force was called to provide flagging services for the project. The cost to the Borough will be up to \$1,600.00.

Council expressed concern regarding the additional cost. Council asked if there were any alternative solutions that could have been used. Mark discussed the other options and why he felt they couldn't use them.

WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Mark Mattucci gave an update on the West Chestnut Street project. The easement and legal description for the project have been developed. He will forward them to the Solicitor's office for review. There was discussion about the sidewalks to be added to the road and the impact it will have on the road width. There was also discussion about putting up signs to eliminate parking at the corner of W. Chestnut St. and North Main Street. There is a sight issue because cars park right at the corner. Sgt. Babb will look research the parking regulations at intersections.

MS4

Mark Mattucci spoke to Council regarding the MS4 requirements. The permit renewal is coming due for the Borough's MS4 permit. Gilmore has been working on the pollution reduction plan for the Borough. The most cost effective option for the Borough is an infiltration basin in the park. Gilmore has identified a location for the basin. It would need to be completed by 2023 and the cost is estimated to be \$80,000-\$100,000.00. A public notice needs to be advertised regarding the plan. The plan needs to be sent to DEP by 9/12/17. A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve the MS4 Notice of Intent and Pollution Reduction Plan and authorize them to be submitted to DEP by 9/12/17.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Issues

1. 1731/1733 S. Main Street – Judge Hartman extended Mr. Hartline’s time to have the accessory building demolished and the new hearing is scheduled for July 12, 2017. A site visit on June 13th showed that he has demolished the building. Mr. Hartline will be required to install a guard/fence on top of the wall at the alley to protect someone from falling into the remaining foundation or back fill the wall so the drop is less than 30 inches. Also, the tires from the Property Maintenance NOV have not been removed to date. The time for compliance on the NOV has expired. Please advise if Borough Council would like a citation filed for failure to remove the tires from the property.
2. 1753 S. Main Street – A site visit was conducted on June 13th. It was observed that the slate roofing on the accessory structure has not yet been repaired and the exterior of the structure is also in a state of disrepair. Borough Council had agreed to give the new buyer additional time to bring the property into compliance, however, it is our understanding there is no longer a buyer. We have requested an opinion from the Borough Solicitor on proceeding with a citation against the estate of Susan Wong. We understand that Mr. Wong is the executor of the estate but the property is only listed in Mrs. Wong’s name. We are waiting on a response from the Solicitor.
3. 26 Pheasant Road – All issues on Mr. Stahl’s property at 26 Pheasant Road have been taken care of and are compliant at this time.

A Non-Traffic citation was issued on June 6, 2017 for junk and rubbish on the property. We are waiting for notice on a hearing date.

4. 19 Franklin Street – We continue to call Carrington Home Solutions LP and I have sent an email to a general mail box on Carrington’s website. To date we have not received any return phone calls or e-mails. We e-mailed the Solicitor on June 15, 2017 to get his opinion on sending an NOV to Carrington since they are responsible for maintenance of the property and are waiting on his opinion.

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded David Wieder to cite Mr. Hartline for the tires at 1731/1733 S. Main Street if they have not been removed.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

There was discussion regarding the costs associated with the property maintenance issues at this property. Council questioned whether costs could be recouped when the property is cited. The Secretary will ask Technicon if this is possible.

MAYOR

The Mayor contacted Rep. David Maloney's office regarding the property at 19 Franklin Street. He explained that we have not been able to get any response from the maintenance company. Rep. Maloney's office was able to find out that Bank of America took responsibility for the property in 2015. They were able to get in contact with a lobbyist for the Bank of America. Rep Maloney's office will be getting back to the Mayor with any updates.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor explained that it has come to his attention that he has not been receiving emails from anyone at Technicon. He is going to speak with Jeff Kerlin and John Stine regarding the Property Maintenance Code adoption, rental inspections and the tent ordinance.

The Solicitor also reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan update information that was sent to the Borough. Charlie Scheetz is also reviewing the information.

The Solicitor reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding update from the Berks County Conservation District. He stated it is acceptable to sign.

The Ordinance revising the rental inspection cycle will be advertised next week.

The Solicitor provided an update on the Brensinger litigation. The Brensinger's withdrew the appeal of the decision. A status conference has been scheduled for 8/10. Attorney Ottaviano requested permission from Council to begin discovery. A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by Tim Frank to authorize Attorney Ottaviano to begin the discovery process in the Brensinger litigation.

All ayes

Abstain: David Wieder

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

ROADMASTER

The Roadmaster reported that the road crew has rebuilt picnic tables, spread millings, patched Cherry and Franklin, worked on repairing Borough Hall and opening storm drains.

The Roadmaster asked Council what they would like to do with the small pavilion at the park. The posts are in need of repair. They can repair the pavilion or tear it down. Council asked the Roadmaster to find out the cost for each option.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Association is currently working on plans for a movie night and community day.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues reported.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Charles Scheetz asked if the park was double booked on the past weekend. The Secretary stated that it was not. It was rented to one person, but they cancelled due to possible bad weather. It was noted that a baseball team was using the pavilion. Council asked the Secretary to contact PFAA to let them know that they need to contact the Borough before using the pavilions because it may be rented.

NEW BUSINESS

MIKE LEHMAN APPOINTED TO ROAD CREW

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Charles Scheetz to appoint Mike Lehman to the road crew effective 6/1/17.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Charles Scheetz and seconded by David Wieder to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary