

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 2016 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held September 21, 2016.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Joel Weller to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 10/19/16 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

Officer Ellis was present and gave the police report for the month of September showing 3 vehicle arrests, 2 criminal arrests, 4 warnings, 0 accidents, 1 parking ticket and 114 incidents.

2017 POLICE CONTRACT

The 2017 Police Contract with Colebrookdale Township was reviewed by Council and the Borough Solicitor. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to approve the 2017 Police Contract.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

ENGINEER

The Engineer conducted a site visit to West Chestnut Street. He is asking a geotextile engineer from his office to conduct a site visit to provide an accurate estimate. We expect to receive the estimate prior to the November meeting.

It was noted that there is a portion of Franklin Street that is deteriorated and can no longer be patched. The Secretary will contact the Engineer to conduct a site visit and prepare an estimate.

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Issues

1. A Notice of Violation has been sent to 1731 S. Main Street regarding the weed growth and the accessory structure that is in disrepair. A site visit on October 13, 2016 showed there has been no progress towards compliance. We await direction from the Borough Council whether to extend the time period for compliance and/or require a timeline for completion from the property owner, or to issue a citation.
2. Notices of Violation were sent to the property owners concerning the properties that border the alley running between Cherry Street and Green Street and Main Street and Oak Street that have tree limbs/branches overhanging the alley in violation of Ordinance No. 322.

The following properties were sent the notices. A site visit was completed on October 13, 2016 and compliance is noted below.

1719 S. Main Street – compliant

1721 S. Main Street – compliant

1733 S. Main Street – not compliant (please advise whether to extend time, send a second notice or if the Borough will complete the clean-up and file a municipal claim)

1751 S. Main Street – compliant

12 Cherry Street – compliant

Anderson, tax parcel #26-5398-13-04-4400 (property on other side of alley) – Compliant, except for a stump remaining. We are contacting the owner to remove the stump. She has been cooperative, and we believe she will remove it.

3. A Property Notice of Violation has been sent to the property owner at 211 Oak Street for weed growth in the alley/alley area. The property is now in compliance.

Rental Inspections

Tribbett- 1859 N. Main Street – now complete and rental permit is being issued

There are two Notices of Violation for rental units that have the time expired. 1803 S. Main Street and 155 W. Spring Street. Would the Council recommend we file citation at this time or extend the time period for compliance?

There are two remaining outstanding rental property owners that have been working with us to get their properties into compliance, but are not yet complete. Michael Hartline – 1731/1733 S. Main Street and Richard Zuber – 134 E. Chestnut Street and 13 Church Street. Would the Council like Notices of Violation to be sent or to have us continue to work with them?

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Joel Weller to issue a Notice of Violation to Hartline.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Arthur Bartman to issue a citation to 1803 S. Main Street.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by David Wieder to issue a citation to 155 W. Spring Street.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

SOLICITOR

Attorney Ottaviano prepared changes to the ordinance to go back to a 2 year cycle. There was discussion regarding the timing of the submission of rental property documents and the inspection scheduling. Council asked Attorney Ottaviano to speak with John Stine regarding this.

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to amend the ordinance to automatically adopt the new Property Maintenance Code as issued.

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There is no update on the Brensinger lawsuit. Attorney Ottaviano stated he can file paperwork to move the lawsuit along to the next step. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to authorize Attorney Ottaviano to file the necessary motions to continue the Brensinger lawsuit.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

ROADMASTER

The plow is being delivered tonight. We are set to receive millings at the end of October. The Road Crew has the roller up and running.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The application for the non-profit is being prepared. Council needs to decide how much money to transfer to the non-profit. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by David Wieder to allocate \$500.00 from the Recreation Fund to the Bechtelsville Recreation Association.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED

A meeting to prepare the preliminary 2017 budget will be held on 11/2 at 6:30 p.m. The Secretary will advertise the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2016-6 ADOPTED/APPOINTING HERBEIN & CO. AS BOROUGH AUDITOR

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to adopt Resolution 2016-6, appointing Herbein & Co. as the Borough Auditor for the 2015 fiscal year.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

SNOW PLOWING 2016-17

A proposal was received from Russ Weller for snow plowing for \$100 per hour. Mr. Weller would be used as backup for the road crew. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to accept the proposal from Russ Weller.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Secretary received correspondence from Washington Township regarding emergency management. The Borough needs to appoint a deputy or establish our own authority. The Secretary will email the Emergency Management Coordinator to see what the time and training requirements are for a deputy.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT-RT. 100 & CHESTNUT STREET

The Borough received a notice that a hearing would be held regarding possible land development at the corner of Rt. 100 and Chestnut Street. The property is located in Washington Township. There was discussion regarding the possible impact on storm water. It was decided that the Borough would not take a position on the application.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary