

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 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 December 21, 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 Hanna. Absent: James Kolb

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Randy Kehl was present representing the Union Cemetery Board. Mr. Kehl requested that the Borough Road Crew clear the sidewalks in front of the cemetery in the event of snow. Council stated that our Road Crew is currently down by one person and they are stretched thin when a snow event occurs. We will not be able to grant this request. Council gave Mr. Kehl the name of a local teenager that may be interested in helping take care of the snow.

REP. DAVID MALONEY

Rep. David Maloney was present at the meeting at the request of Council to discuss financing issues. Council explained our current situation with expensive road projects that need to be completed and not enough funds. Rep. Maloney spoke to Council regarding grants and the PIB loan. The Borough is aware of the PIB loan and is researching that option. Rep. Maloney also spoke to Council regarding current issues in Harrisburg.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2016

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by David Wieder to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held November 16, 2016.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Joel Weller to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 12/21/16 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 Hanna was present and gave the police report for the month of November showing 14 vehicle arrests, 0 criminal arrests, 6 warnings, 0 accidents, 0 parking tickets and 129 incidents.

ENGINEER

At the previous meeting, the Engineer presented options for the repair of West Chestnut Street. The Secretary presented information on financing options to Council. The first was the PIB, through PENNDOT. It is a low interest, fixed rate loan for up to 10 years. The money can be used for road construction. The application can be done online. The other option was through Fleetwood Bank. The interest rate is 4.25% for the first 5 years and then it would be reset for the next 5 years. Council decided to ask Mark Mattucci for a detailed cost estimate for the option with the slope instead of the retaining block wall. The Secretary will contact Mark Mattucci.

Franklin Street – Mark Mattucci received estimates for repairing Franklin Street. The estimates were for \$8,500 and \$8,600. Mark Mattucci suggested that since the estimates came in lower than expected, we expand the repair area. Council asked the Secretary to get an estimate to expand the repair area.

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. The weed growth has not been cut. A hearing was held for the accessory structure violation and the property owner was granted until February 6th to comply. A hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2017.
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. All properties are now in compliance.

Rental Inspections

Michael Hartline – 1731/1733 S. Main Street – A citation has been filed. He has contacted us and has a re-inspection scheduled.

SOLICITOR

ORDINANCE NO. 325 ADOPTED/AMENDING RENTAL INSPECTION ORDINANCE

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Tim Frank to adopt Ordinance No. 325, amending the rental inspection ordinance to require rental inspections every two years.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

A right to know request was received for the Brensinger litigation. The Secretary gave the requested files to the Solicitor.

The non-profit application is still in process and should be filed shortly.

ROADMASTER

It was suggested to add Tim Frank to the Road Crew to work on the machinery. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to add Tim Frank to the Road Crew.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 326 ADOPTED/ADOPTING THE 2017 BUDGET

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to adopt Ordinance No. 326, adopting the 2017 budget.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

ORDINANCE NO. 327 ADOPTED/SETTING 2017 TAX RATE

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to adopt Ordinance No. 327, setting the 2017 Tax Rate at 5.0 mills.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

RESOLUTION 2016-7 ADOPTED/SETTING 2017 ACT 511 TAX RATES

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Tim Frank to adopt Resolution 2016-7 setting the Act 511 tax rates for 2017 at the same rates as 2016.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

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NEW BUSINESS

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Tim Frank to authorize the Secretary to advertise the 2017 schedule of meetings.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

No issues presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary