

# **BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES JANUARY 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 January 20, 2016 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Donna Long was present to request permission for Pine Forge Athletic Association to use the Bechtelsville ball field for the 2016 season on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings. A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Joel Weller to allow Pine Forge to use the field as long as it is maintained.

All ayes

The Secretary will send the contract to Ms. Long.

Randy Kehl, President of Bechtelsville Union Cemetary, was present to ask that the Borough put a flag at the monument in the cemetary. He also requested that the Borough clear the sidewalks in front of the cemetary. It was explained that a flag is not there because there is no light at the monument. There was discussion regarding the sidewalks and it was noted that the Borough does not own a snowblower. Tim Frank stated he may have a snowblower to donate to the Borough, it just needs a motor. A motion was made by Tim Frank and Arthur Bartman to have the Borough road crew clear the sidewalks in front of the cemetary.

All ayes

### **MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2015**

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held December 16, 2015.

All ayes

**MINUTES APPROVED FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD  
JANUARY 4, 2016**

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by James Kolb to approve the minutes, as prepared for the reorganization meeting held January 4, 2016.

All ayes

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 1/20/16 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

**BOROUGH REPORTS**

**POLICE**

Sgt. Babb was present and gave the report for the month of December showing 1 vehicle arrest, 7 written warnings, 0 parking tickets, 2 criminal arrests, 0 accident and 113 incidents.

**ZONING OFFICER**

**Zoning Issues**

**1721 S. Main Street**

A Property Maintenance NOV was sent regarding the condition of the retaining wall and the exterior surfaces of the dwelling and porch. The property owner is continuing to work on bringing the property into compliance.

**1655 S. Main Street**

A Property Maintenance NOV was sent regarding the condition of the front porch. The building permit for the porch repair has been issued.

**45 Franklin Street**

We have been advised by the Borough Solicitor that the Borough Engineer is handling. A Property Maintenance Violation letter is being sent regarding the brush, weeds, etc. on the property. In response to the NOV, the trees have been removed from the pool, (the property owner will be putting in a pool liner this summer) and the rubbish items have been removed.

**1755 S. Main Street**

A complaint was received concerning a sidewalk in the rear yard being removed and the work stopped midway, leaving stones laying around the yard. The property is now in compliance.

## **MAYOR**

There is a Borough's Association meeting on 1/27. Also, Mayor Haas received a call from Boots Mutter regarding Emergency Management. The Secretary has spoken to Bruce Hoffman regarding how Council wants to proceed with replacing Charlie Scheetz.

## **ROADMASTER**

The Roadmaster obtained prices on a new truck through COSTARS. The price was approximately \$65,000. There was discussion regarding other brands/dealerships. We will look to get another price.

The Borough got a load of salt and paid back Russ Weller the salt that we owed him.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NON-PROFIT**

There was discussion regarding the non-profit organization we are establishing. A board needs to be established. We need to appoint 3-4 non-Council members. Council will think about who to appoint.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION 2016-2 ADOPTED/ESTABLISHING PERMIT FEES**

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to adopt Resolution 2016-2, setting fees for Zoning and Building Permits.

All ayes

### **RESOLUTION 2016-3 ADOPTED/ESTABLISHING SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT FEES**

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by David Wieder to adopt Resolution 2016-3, setting fees for Sewage Enforcement.

All ayes

### **CHRIS SCHAEFFER APPOINTED AS FIRE MARSHALL**

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to appoint Chris Schaeffer as the Fire Marshall for Bechtelsville.

All ayes

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

No issues presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by James Kolb to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll  
Borough Secretary