

# **BECHTELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 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 February 15, 2017 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Nathan Walker was present to give a presentation to Council regarding MS4 requirements and funding. His presentation stressed the importance of working together with regional groups. This will lower the cost for participating municipalities.

### **STATE SENATOR MENSCH**

State Senator Bob Mensch was present to talk to Council regarding State issues as well as issues facing local municipalities. The biggest budget issues facing the state include corrections, pension, Medicare/Medicaid.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Logan Westlake was present to discuss his eagle scout project. He showed Council models of possible designs for the flagpole outside of Borough Hall. Logan needs approval from Council to move forward with his project. A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Dave Wieder to give approval to the project.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

Resident, Walt Wydrzynski was present to lodge a complaint regarding the fire company. There is a pile behind the fire company that they burn on a regular basis. On this pile are mattresses, furniture and other items. Mr. Wydrzynski has expressed concern to the fire company regarding the smoke and ash that come onto his property whenever they burn. He also has concerns regarding the items being burned and if they should be burned. Mr. Wydrzynski said the fire company has not been receptive to his complaints. He is now going to call DEP.

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### **MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2017**

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held January 18, 2017.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

A motion was made by Arthur Bartman and seconded by Tim Frank to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 2/15/17 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 January showing 2 vehicle arrests, 0 criminal arrests, 1 warning, 1 accident, 2 parking tickets, 15 vehicle arrests and 135 incidents.

Council notified the police that there is a basketball net in the cul-de-sac on Meadow Lane. The police will speak with the homeowners.

#### **ENGINEER**

##### **WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

Mark Mattucci met with Scott Reitnauer from Eastern Berks Fire Company to discuss the West Chestnut Street project. He explained that the Borough will need an easement to move forward. Mr. Reitnauer stated that the Fire Company is in favor of the project and will provide the necessary easements.

#### **ZONING OFFICER**

##### **Zoning Issues**

1. 1731/1733 S. Main Street – A hearing was held for the accessory structure on February 6, 2017. The District Justice extended the time for compliance. A new hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2017.

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2. A citation has been filed for the retaining wall at 88 Race Street. She has contacted us and has an attorney trying to get the Bank to take over the property. We are awaiting a hearing date.

**Rental Inspections**

All rental inspections are now complete and all permits have been issued.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Bechtelsville Recreation Association was held on 2/13. Officers were elected and the by-laws were approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:47p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The executive session ended at 8:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dave Wieder and seconded by Tim Frank to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Joel Weller

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll  
Borough Secretary