

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2017 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Madeline Cameron and Thomas Borchelt were present to discuss the 1753 and 1755 S. Main Street. Ms. Cameron recently purchased the properties. They have been rental properties and are currently occupied. The properties passed the rental inspection in 2016. Ms. Cameron received a Notice of Violation from Technicon stating there are several violations of the Property Maintenance Code. She is questioning how the property can pass inspection in 2016, but now have multiple violations. Ms. Cameron presented a right to know request asking for all of the documentation regarding this property dating back to 2013. Atty. Ottaviano will contact Technicon to provide them the right to know request.

Ms. Cameron also noted that there is a storm sewer drain on the property and wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance. The Roadmaster will go to the property and look at the drain.

BMMA SEWER PROJECT

George Moser from BMMA was present to discuss the upcoming sewer project. He explained that they have been watching the line at Chestnut and Main for several years and it is sagging. They have declared it an emergency repair to get the project completed before winter. The project is slated to begin on 10/30 and last no more than 3 days. Traffic will be detoured at Mill Street and at Limekiln Road. The fire company has been notified.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Joel Weller to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held September 20, 2017.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Tim Frank to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 10/18/17 and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

BOROUGH REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Babb was present and gave the police report for the month of September showing 17 vehicle arrests, 0 criminal arrests, 3 warnings, 0 accidents, 0 parking tickets, and 115 incidents.

Sgt. Babb noted that Colebrookdale Twp. has discussed possibly merging police departments with Boyertown Borough.

2018 Police Contract

The 2018 Police Contract was received and distributed to Council. There was discussion regarding the increase in the cost as well as the benefits of having 24 hour police coverage. A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to approve the 2018 Police Contract.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

MAYOR

The Mayor attended the PSAB fall leadership conference. There were roundtable discussions on various issues. He also brought back information on some vendors that were attending the conference.

The Mayor presented the Borough with an old picture of Latshaw's store as well as a sign with the Borough logo to hang inside Borough Hall.

ENGINEER

Gilmore & Associates provided the following summary of the projects currently in progress:

NPDES MS4 Permit Compliance

The 2018 MS4 Notice of Intent (NOI)/Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) was submitted to PADEP on September 12, 2017. Recommendations from our office will be provided to the Borough regarding best management practices to implement to achieve the 10% sediment reduction over the 5 year permit term.

West Chestnut Street

The following activities are in progress regarding the design, bidding and construction of the West Chestnut Street project. Please note, bid advertisement and opening dates will be dependent on completion of the design and coordination with utilities and affected property owner:

- Preliminary design
- Execution of easement agreement. Revised legal descriptions were provided to Borough Solicitor on October 4, 2017.
- Utility coordination for relocation of utility poles on the north side of West Chestnut Street. Our office is in coordination with Met-Ed (First Energy) for relocation of the affected utility pole.
- Preliminary plan/specification submittal for review by Borough Council (10/20).
- Utility coordination dependent, estimated bid advertisement dates (11/16 and 11/23).
- Bid opening 12/15/17.
- Bid award 12/20/17.

There was discussion regarding our engineering services through Gilmore. Council asked the Secretary to arrange a meeting with Gilmore to discuss concerns/issues.

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Issues

1. Cameron – 1753/1755 S. Main St. – The accessory building is now in compliance. Rental permit applications were received for both 1753 and 1755. The initial rental inspection had some deficiencies and the owner is now working to fix the issues and reschedule the inspection.
2. Houseknecht – 45 Franklin St. – The property is now in compliance.
3. Agway – A Property Maintenance NOV was sent. The property owner has requested more time to submit a timeline for compliance to the Borough.

Information regarding the Agway violations was presented to Council. Mr. Borneman was intending to attend the meeting, but could not. Since no one from Agway was present, the issue was tabled until the November meeting.

SOLICITOR

PROPOSED TENT ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by David Wieder to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed tent ordinance for adoption.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

BRENSINGER LITIGATION

Depositions were conducted. The opposing Council would like to depose an additional person from the Borough with significant knowledge of the original subdivision. It is still being determined if this will be possible.

WEST CHESTNUT STREET EASEMENTS

Atty. Ottaviano confirmed the correct pin number for the property. The Secretary will contact the fire company to make arrangements for signatures on the easements.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - ENFORCEMENT FEES

Atty. Ottaviano prepared an ordinance amending the Property Maintenance Code to allow for the recovery of professional fees. A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Tim Frank to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance for adoption.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

ROADMASTER

The Roadmaster is going to ask Washington Township to use the line painter to paint lines on the new parking area in the park.

Mike Lehman will be attending the training classes for the dirt and gravel road program.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Jon Stephens resigned from the Recreation Association due to his work schedule. Jim Powers was appointed to the Board as the Vice President.

The volleyball court at the park needs sand and possible reframing. This will be tabled until spring.

Rose Marie Bireley looked into costs for a movie license. It is \$195 per movie and the movies are older movies.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Karen Wulkowitz from Penn State Berks was present to give a presentation on Rain Gardens. The information presented included what constitutes a rain garden and how to construct and maintain a rain garden.

OLD BUSINESS

SNOW PLOWING

There was discussion regarding the need for a plowing firm to act as a back up to our road crew. It was decided to put a post on the Borough's Facebook page to seek applicants.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET MEETING

It was decided to hold the budget meeting on 11/9/17 at 6:00 p.m. The Secretary will advertise the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2017-3 ADOPTED/APPOINTING HERBEIN & CO. AS BOROUGH AUDITOR

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to adopt Resolution 2016-6, appointing Herbein & Co. as the Borough Auditor for the 2017 fiscal year.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: James Kolb, Charles Scheetz

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary