

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2018

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 17, 2018 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

TIM FRANK APPOINTED TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Damian Bartman to appoint Tim Frank to a two year term on Council.

All ayes

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by David Wieder to appoint Tim Frank as Vice President of Council.

All ayes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Reitnauer and Mike Mutter were present representing Eastern Berks Fire Company. They asked Council why the donation for 2017 was less than previous years. Council explained that budget cuts were necessary and other areas of the budget were also cut or reduced. Mr. Mutter asked if the Borough would consider a fire tax. This would be guaranteed income for the fire company. Council stated they are hesitant to add another tax for Borough residents, but would consider surveying residents to see if they are in favor of such a tax.

Jan Acker was present representing the Thunderstorm softball league. They are inquiring about possibly using the field at the park next season. It was explained that anyone using the field must provide a member for the Recreation Association. Mr. Acker asked about this requirement and the time commitment involved. He stated he would go back to his organization and attend our next meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2017

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by David Wieder to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the regular meeting held December 20, 2017.

All ayes

**MINUTES APPROVED FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD
JANUARY 2, 2018**

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by George Bireley to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the reorganization meeting held January 2, 2018.

All ayes

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to approve payment of all bills up to and inclusive of 1/17/18, 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 police report for the month of December showing 5 vehicle arrests, 2 criminal arrests, 0 warnings, 0 accidents, 0 parking tickets, and 65 incidents.

MAYOR

The Mayor noted that a meeting of the Berks County Boroughs Association is being held on 1/31 regarding the Spotted Lanternfly.

ENGINEER

Bill Dingman from Gilmore & Associates was present to discuss the West Chestnut Street project. He asked Council for clarification regarding the sidewalks. There is a section at the end of the street that he wanted to confirm that needs sidewalks. Council stated that sidewalks need to be put in at that section according to the ordinance.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of assessing property owners for sidewalk cost. A letter can be sent to the residents stating the street is being fixed and sidewalks need to be added. The resident can get a private firm or the Borough can include it in the project. It would also be possible to do the curb and sidewalk at different times to save cost. The Solicitor will look into the options.

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Damian Bartman to authorize Gilmore & Associates to advertise bids for West Chestnut Street.

All ayes

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

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
- It is our understanding the permanent and temporary easement agreements have been executed.
- 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, currently scheduled for Spring, 2018.
- In progress (95% complete) plans and specifications to be hand delivered to the Borough for review by Borough Council on January 17, 2018.
- Utility coordination dependent, estimated bid advertisement January, 2018.
- Estimated bid opening, February, 2018.
- Construction tentatively scheduled for Spring, 2018.

MS4 Permit Compliance

Borough requested our attendance at a PADEP MS4 compliance inspection meeting scheduled for February 13, 2018. A representative of our office will be available to assist with the MS4 compliance inspection.

1753 Main Street Storm Pipe

Borough requested our office to issue letter to property owner concerning the ownership and maintenance responsibilities for a storm pipe in the alley behind the subject property. A letter, dated December 6, 2017, was sent to the property owner outlining the private ownership and maintenance responsibility.

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Issues

1. Agway – A letter has been sent stating what repairs are required to be done on the building. A time frame of June 2018 was given for the repairs to be completed.

SOLICITOR

ORD. #333 APPROVING INCURRING DEBT FOR WEST CHESTNUT STREET

ADOPTED

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Joel Weller to adopt Ordinance No. 333, increasing the indebtedness of the Borough for the repair of West Chestnut Street.

All ayes

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Damian Bartman to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the adoption of the ordinance as required by DCED.

All ayes

ROADMASTER

A quote was received for the garage door panel for the salt shed. A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by David Wieder to approve the purchase of the panel and to have the road crew install the panel.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Recreation Association did not meet in January.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The PA DEP MS4 inspection is scheduled for 2/13/18.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-2/ADOPTED

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by David Wieder to adopt Resolution 2018-2, adopting the fee schedule for Zoning and Building permits.

All ayes

RESOLUTION 2018-3/ADOPTED

A motion was made by Tim Frank and seconded by Joel Weller to adopt Resolution 2018-3, adopting the fee schedule for Sewage Enforcement.

All ayes

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Wieder and seconded by Tim Frank to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary