

BECHTELSTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bechtelsville Borough Council was called to order by Vice President, Tim Frank at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 21, 2018 at the Bechtelsville Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Moser from Pine Forge Athletic Association was present to discuss usage of the ball field. It was explained that any organization using the field must provide a member to the Recreation Association. Council asked Mr. Moser when he would like to use the field. He stated that he needs it two nights a week and Saturday mornings. A motion was made by Damian Bartman and seconded by Rose Marie Bireley to allow Pine Forge Athletic Association to use the field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings from 4/1/18 through 6/30/18.

All ayes

Absent: Deborah Fronheiser, David Wieder

MINUTES APPROVED FOR MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2018

There was one typographical error noted. A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by Damian Bartman to approve the minutes, with the correction, for the regular meeting held January 17, 2018.

All ayes

Absent: Deborah Fronheiser, David Wieder

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 2/21/18, and file the treasurer's reports for the General Fund, Motor Aid, and Recreation Fund for audit.

All ayes

Absent: Deborah Fronheiser, David Wieder

BOROUGH REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Babb was present and gave the police report for the month of January showing 4 criminal arrests, 3 warnings, 1 accident, 1 parking ticket, 4 vehicle arrests and 73 incidents.

ENGINEER

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:

- 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.
- Utility coordination dependent, estimated bid advertisement February 19, 2018.
- Estimated bid opening, March 14, 2018.
- Construction tentatively scheduled for Spring, 2018.

MS4 Permit Compliance

A representative of our office attended a PADEP MS4 compliance inspection meeting on February 13, 2018. PADEP representative, Mike Morris conducted a review of the Bechtelsville Borough facilities and MS4 program documentation. PADEP will issue a report recommending improvements in program compliance.

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

BRENSINGER LITIGATION

Attorney Ottaviano noted that he received notification from the Judge that a conference has been scheduled for March.

SIDEWALKS-W. CHESTNUT ST.

Attorney Ottaviano researched the issue of recovering costs of constructing sidewalks/curbing from residents. The Borough can assess the property owner for the cost of the sidewalks as long as the resident was given 30 days' notice to do the work themselves. Council discussed the notice to be sent out to the property owners. There are some questions regarding specifics that need to be put in the letter. The Secretary will contact the Engineer to get the answer to the questions so that a letter can be drafted.

Ord. #334 – AUTHORIZING BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO IGA

A motion was made by Rose Marie Bireley and seconded by Joel Weller to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ord. #334, authorizing the Borough to enter into an IGA with other municipalities to participate in the Berks County MS4 Steering Committee.

All ayes

Absent: Deborah Fronheiser, David Wieder

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Recreation Association is planning a movie in the park on 6/2. Master Kim's will be doing a karate demonstration. Council made a suggestion to invite the fire company to display their trucks and possibly solicit donations.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The PA DEP MS4 inspection was held on 2/13/18. DEP is preparing a report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Joel Weller and seconded by Damian Bartman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

All ayes

Absent: Deborah Fronheiser, David Wieder

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Moll
Borough Secretary