

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: December 14, 2015

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Colella, Dixon, Gibbons, Haman, Harrison, McLean, and O'Brien

Absent: Council Members Moury and Pape

Also Present: Mayor Jack Allen; William J. Spagnol, Manager
Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager; Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Gerard Duke, Director of Community Services, Chief Timothy O'Connor; Jean Statler, Municipal/Environmental Engineer; Joseph Vilella, Finance Director; Ashley Moore, Municipal Planner

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, to discuss personnel issues.

Reports of Officials

4. Library Director's Report

Library Director, Christine McIntosh, stated that the Bethel Park Public Library provides services to inform, inspire and enrich the community.

Ms. McIntosh announced current programs.

What You Should Do If You Have an Emergency presentation will take place at the Library on Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m., by Nora Helfrich, Director of Tri-Community South EMS. This is a discussion on what happens when you dial 9-1-1.

Coloring for Grown-Ups will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Coloring has been known to promote wellness and creativity.

How to Have an Anxiety Free Holiday Season will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m., presented by Paula Kauffman Oberly, LPC, NCC. This is a presentation to help manage stress and anxiety.

Get Covered and Stay Covered will be presented by the YWCA on Friday, December 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required by calling the library or 2-1-1. This is to assist with health care applications.

Services provided by the Library include Artist Works for Libraries, which provide patrons with world-class instructions through self-paced video lessons from Grammy Award-winning music and artistic professionals. Beginner to advanced music instructions by professional musicians and artists, appropriate for youth and adults. This is on-the-go learning with remote access for 24/7 availability. Browser enabled for desktop and mobile devices. An RBdigital Gateway Service – one password access to all services: One Click – eBooks and eAudio; Zinio – Magazines; Law Depot; Universal Class.

Ms. McIntosh announced that winter lottery raffle tickets, \$5 each, are currently on sale in the Library. The three digit number is good for the entire month of January, based upon the PA Daily three digit number drawn at 7:00 p.m.

Night of Comedy 2016 will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, January 30th. This is a joint fundraiser by the Library and the Recreation Department. Dinner by Pasta Too is served at 7:00 p.m. Show features 4 local comedians and begins at 8:00 p.m. This event is BYOB and the show is Rated PG-13. Tickets available at the Library or through their website for \$25 each.

Ms. McIntosh said that the recent Purse Bash raised about \$3,000. She thanked the sponsors which include Al's Café, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays, Pasta Too, Level 20 Lounge, Health Trax, South Hills Jewelers, Massage Envy, Family Video, FYE, AMF Lanes, Evey True Value Hardware, Donna Palamara, Nikki Cushey, and Brentwood Bank. A special thank you to Andy Amrhein and Al Levine.

The Library will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Saturday, December 26 at 9:00 a.m. The Library will also be closed on December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's holiday and reopen on January 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Please call the Library for January reading programs for children and adults.

For more information on these and the many other programs and services offered by the Library, visit the Library's web site at bethelparklibrary.org. You can also follow the Library on Facebook or Twitter.

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief O'Connor said that the Bethel Park Police Department wishes everyone a safe holiday season.

Chief said applications are still being accepted for the 2016 Citizen's Police Academy by contacting Detective Joelle Dixon.

The next Crime Watch meeting will be held at the Community Center on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. featuring information from an expert regarding firearms safety.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Chief David Gerber gave the fire report for the month of November.

On behalf of the Fire Company, Chief Gerber wished everyone a happy holiday season.

He then said that the Fire Company lost a long time member earlier this month. James Beeson was a fireman for the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company for 45 years. In addition, he recently retired from the Bethel Park Municipality as a Communications Officer in the Police Department. Chief Gerber asked that we all keep Jim's family in their thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

Chief Gerber talked about a recent accident in which the Police Department, the EMS and the Fire Company all responded to. He said he wanted to compliment all the safety services for how they rendered services at this accident and remarked that the people of Bethel Park are very fortunate to have such a fine group of emergency services and responders in the community and to please keep them all in your thoughts during the holiday season.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that the 2015 Holiday Lighting and Decorating contest is underway. You can contact Michelle at the Municipal Building to nominate a home of your choice. Judging begins December 21 and will go through December 31. A winner in each Ward will be announced at the January Council meeting.

Mayor Allen announced that the Bethel Park Finance Department and Joe Vilella, Finance Director, received an award for excellence in financial reporting. He congratulated Mr. Vilella for achieving this award from the GFOA for the second year in a row. Mayor thanked and congratulated Joe on this accomplishment.

He then announced that Bethel Park was recognized in the Pittsburgh Business Times ad Number 96 in the top 100 best small cities in the United States. Also, Bethel Park was recognized at No. 45 in the nation for affordability.

At this time, Mayor Allen introduced Bethel Park School Crossing Sergeant Russ Posch. Mayor presented Mr. Posch with a certificate of recognition for his 25 years of service to the Municipality of Bethel Park. Mr. Posch began as a school crossing guard in 1990, became a Sergeant in 1996 and still serves in that capacity. Mr. Posch thanked Mayor Allen for the award as well as Chief O'Connor and Lt. Babin.

In addition, Sergeant Ken Kaufmann, who works with Mr. Posch, presented a gift of a watch from all the school crossing guards in honor of his 25 year service to the community.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015.

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

9. Special Meeting of December 2, 2015 – Bond Issue

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Special Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2015 – Bond Issue. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

10. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #121415 in the amount of \$1,038,881.48. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

11. Residents' Comments (non-agenda items only)

None

12. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

13. General Policy and Finance Items

2016 Regular Council Meeting Dates

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the following year 2016 Regular Council Meeting dates with a starting time of 7:30 p.m.: January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

14. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

15. Application No. 2015-0441 – Bethel Park Senior Residential Development, Major Land Development – Conditional Use, McMurray Road

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2015-0441 – Bethel Park Senior Residential Development, Major Land Development – Conditional Use, McMurray Road, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated December 9, 2015. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

16. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

17. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

18. Public Works and Maintenance Items

Saw Mill Run Watershed TMDL Plan

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to authorize the appropriate Municipal Official to submit the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan for the Saw Mill Run Watershed to the Department of Environmental Protection, in accordance with the Municipal Engineer's correspondence dated December 9, 2015. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

Municipal Engineer Jean Statler said:

“The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires the Municipality of Bethel Park to manage storm water discharge from the storm sewer system as part of its MS4 storm water permit. The DEP has notified Bethel Park that the Saw Mill Run Watershed has additional requirements regarding storm water discharges related to sediment and nutrient levels. Bethel Park is required to submit a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Strategy Plan for the Saw Mill Run Watershed. The Strategy Plan will outline the steps to be taken to reduce sediment, phosphorus and nitrogen levels into Saw Mill Run. The discharges to be removed may include dirt, leaves, garbage, litter, fertilizer, pet waste, pesticides, motor oil and other dangerous chemicals.

The DEP requires public participation in the preparation of the TMDL plan by advertising the plan in a newspaper of general circulation and at a regularly scheduled Municipal meeting. The TMDL plan was advertised in the Pittsburgh Tribune Review on November 5, 2015 to accept public comments for a period of 30 days. A copy of the TMDL Plan was available at the Bethel Park Public Library for review and comment from the public.

Council is to formally accept public comment for the TMDL plan tonight. Any comments will be put into public record. All public comments will be submitted with the TMDL Strategy Plan to the DEP. Any additional public comments received prior to December 23, 2015 will also be transmitted along with the Municipality’s final submittal. The Municipality will be submitting the final plan to DEP by December 31, 2015.”

19. Resolution – Interim Consent Order Agreement for the ALCOSAN Service Area

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriate Municipal Officials to execute the Interim Consent Order Agreement for the ALCOSAN Service Area. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Moury and Pape absent.

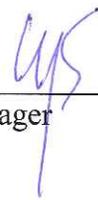
Mr. O’Brien said that Bethel Park received a Christmas gift this year, and that gift was Brightwood Road. He thanked Councilman John Pape for doing what he does best, and our staff, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald as well as County Council and our representative Sue Means. Bethel Park is very grateful for the reconstruction of Brightwood Road.

Mr. O’Brien gave an update on the story he shared last month regarding Police Sergeant Joseph Chmelynski who died in service responding to a burglary in March 1948 at the age of 25. He said that he, as well as Congressman Tim Murphy and Devin Robinson, are in the process of researching more information. It is Mr. O’Brien’s wish to locate additional information on Sergeant Chmelynski as well as the Chmelynski family so that the Municipality of Bethel Park can properly honor him for his service to the community. If anyone has more information, please contact anyone on Council, the Municipal Manager or Retired Sergeant Skip Hornak.

Mr. Hannan wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and will see everyone next year.

20. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.



Manager