

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: July 8, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Allen, Hannan, Harrison, McLean, Moury, O'Brien and Pape

Absent: Council Members Dixon and Gibbons and Mayor Morton

Also Present: William Spagnol, Manager; Judith Miller, Assistant Manager; Gerard Duke, Director of Community Services; Robert McTiernan, Solicitor; Police Chief John Mackey; Michael Smith, Municipal Planner/Assistant Director of Community Services; Joseph Villella, Finance Director; Jean Statler, Municipal/Environmental Engineer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, July 8, 2013 to discuss Police and 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 said that a Patron Survey was conducted at South Park Shops on Saturday, July 20th in order to work on their strategic plan. They found that people think the Library is just for children, when in fact, the Library has 110,000 volumes and over 60,000 of them are for adults. Two-thirds of the volumes that get checked out of the Library each year are for adults. There are book clubs that meet monthly for adults in many different categories. Also, many free e-books

available on the County-wide system. Digital magazines are also available to download on your digital device.

The Library has just been given a new office at the Municipal building that will be used for small group studies and one-on-one classes. Ms. McIntosh thanked Council for the use of this additional room.

Ms. McIntosh thanked everyone for purchasing the July fundraising raffle tickets. On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., a fundraising night at Rita's Italian Ice will be held. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Library.

For more information on any of the programs and services offered by the Library, visit the website at www.bethelparklibrary.org

5. Police Chief's Report

Police Chief John Mackey announced that the next Crime Watch meeting will be held on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Bethel Park Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 7th. At 3:00 p.m. that day, the Police Department will challenge the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company in a friendly softball competition. There will be a 50/50 raffle that will benefit the Community Foundation.

The Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2014 Citizen's Police Academy. Applications are available at the Records Department or by contacting Officer Rigatti.

The Police Department will participate in the annual Rev up and Roll event on Sunday, July 28th at South Park.

The National DEA sponsored Drug Take Back Program has announced that the next event will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center and potentially at the Highmark Direct Building. More information on this program is forthcoming.

Chief then spoke about his term as the 90th President of Pennsylvania Chiefs' of Police Association. He said the biggest honor for him was to represent Bethel Park at the State level. At the conference last week, Chief welcomed the incoming president, Chief Tom King from State College. He is also honored this evening to present the Chiefs' of Police President's award. The President's Award is given to an individual or an organization that had a profound impact on their career. He then asked Council President Tim Moury to accept the 2014 Chiefs' of Police Award for Municipal Council and Mayor Morton in grateful appreciation of their devoted support and dedicated service to law enforcement. The plaque was signed by Chief Mackey and dated June 26, 2013. He said it was an honor and privilege to do so and he couldn't have fulfilled his duties if he did not have the support of Municipal Council and Mayor Morton.

Mr. Moury said that they appreciate his time, effort and dedication and are honored that he represents Bethel Park not just in this area, but throughout the state.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Third Lieutenant Tom Kelton gave a few hints on what to look for at this time of year. He said that information regarding the size, location and types of recreational fires is listed on the Fire Company's website.

The Fire Company is always looking for new members. Feel free to stop in at the station on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for more information.

Lt. Kelton then gave the fire report for the month of June and a mid-year synopsis of calls for 2013.

7. Mayor's Report

No Report. Mayor Morton was not present.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2013. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Dixon and Gibbons absent.

9. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #070813 in the amount of \$1,330,029.65. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Dixon and Gibbons absent.

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

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

11. General Policy and Finance Items

No Items

Mr. Allen reminded the residents that the Military Banner program has been extended. To purchase a banner, applications can be obtained until August 1, 2013 by visiting the Municipal Building Reception desk or on the Bethel Park Website. The banners are still being installed and displayed on Route 88 from

Connor Road down past Henney's Funeral Home. Banners will be displayed until Veterans' Day.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

12. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

13. Planning and Zoning Items

Resolution – CDBG Year 40 Grant Application – ADA Access to Miners' Memorial Park Ball Field Project

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the resolution requesting a CDBG Grant from the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$5,424.00 for the ADA Access to Miners' Memorial Park Ball Field Project. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Dixon and Gibbons absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

14. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

Mr. O'Brien commented on the Presidents' Award. He said when Chief Mackey came to Council wanting to become President of the Chiefs' Association, Council had a discussion about how much time it would take away from Chief's municipal duties. The Chief assured them that he would not be too far away from the people of Bethel Park and his duties here would not suffer from his ability to be a part of this state-wide organization. Chief Mackey met all his goals, he is a man of honor and of his word and the people of Bethel Park have been enhanced by his ability to do this job at a state level. Mr. O'Brien thanked Chief Mackey for keeping his word and putting Bethel Park on the map.

Mr. McLean reminded residents that there are two upcoming dates for safe disposal of common household chemicals. One is on Saturday, July 27th at Second Avenue Plaza Lot downtown and one is on September 21, 2013 at the South Park Wave Pool parking lot. Both events will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Information on acceptable items is available on the Bethel Park website.

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

15. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

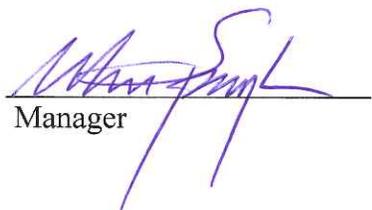
Mr. O'Brien announced that for July, American flags are displayed at the Veterans' Memorial.

Mr. O'Brien wished a quick recovery to our favorite veteran, Mr. Knaus.

He then said he had an opportunity to recently attend a Bethel Park High School Class Reunion of 1983. He found it interesting that some people stayed in Bethel Park to raise their families, while some moved to communities around us or out of town. People's comments about Bethel Park were amazing, they commented that Bethel Park remained a very beautiful community and they were impressed as to how well the community has grown and how it is progressive, it is clean and the houses are beautiful. He said it was a wonderful interaction to be a part of. He then said a special hello to the Buzzie Boys.

16. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:51 P.M.



Manager