

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: August 12, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Allen, Dixon, Gibbons, Hannan, McLean, Moury, and Pape

Mr. O'Brien arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Absent: Council Member Harrison

Also Present: Mayor Morton; 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 Vilella, Finance Director; Jean Statler, Municipal/Environmental Engineer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

A Moment of Silence was held in memory of life long resident and good friend, Judge Rob Wyda.

3. Chair Announcement

None

Reports of Officials

4. Library Director's Report

Library Director, Christine McIntosh, was not in attendance.

5. Police Chief's Report

Police Chief John Mackey announced that the monthly Crime Watch meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The

first ever Crime Watch Crime Prevention Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Police Records Room or by contacting Officer Tom Rigatti.

Community Day is Saturday, September 7th. Chief said that the Second Annual Police vs. Fire Company softball game will be held at Purkey Field at 3:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Bethel Park Community Foundation.

The 2014 Citizen's Police Academy will begin on January 15th. This is a 12-week program and will include outside agencies from Federal and State governments. Applications are currently being accepted at the Police Records Room as well as by emailing or calling Officer Tom Rigatti. Last year, there were 50 people that attended the academy.

The next Drug Take Back Program is being held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center as well as the Highmark Direct Building on North Highland Road. Chief reminded everyone that they will accept pills only, no liquids or needles.

Chief John Mackey asked Mayor Morton to join him in presenting this year's Merit Awards. Every year, the Police Merit Award Foundation provides scholarships to college age children of Bethel Park Police Department employees who have achieved academic excellence. This year's winners, in attendance, are Mia Rigatti, daughter of Crime Prevention Officer Tom Rigatti; Kimberly Roberts and Andrew Roberts, daughter and son of Communications Officer Warren Roberts. Winners not in attendance are Keally S. Cristiano, daughter of Officer Dean Cristiano; and Kayla Kirsch, daughter of Sergeant Tim Kirsch.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Deputy Fire Chief Bob Brown said that fundraising letters are out in the mail. Residents have been asking why the fundraising letters are being sent since the referendum was passed. The funding from the Municipality is for 2014 and there are still bills to pay. If residents have any questions regarding the need for continuing with the fundraising letters, they are welcome to stop by the Fire Station and speak with someone or they can call the station at their convenience

He then gave the fire report for the month of July and spoke about the 43 calls they responded to as a result of the July 9th and 10th storm event. He thanked the Bethel Park Police, EMS, Public Works and Police Dispatch for their assistance during the storm call outs.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Morton spoke of the recent death of Judge Rob Wyda. Judge Wyda will be missed and will be very hard to replace. Mayor said that we must move forward, as that is what Judge Wyda would want.

Mayor Morton announced the 90+ Club Birthdays for the month of August.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2013. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

9. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #081213 in the amount of \$4,601,761.60. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

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

Tom Skelton, 5038 Sherwood Road, Bethel Park, presented a picture to Mr. Moury from the recent parade. He commented that he's lived in Bethel Park for 50 years and there has always been signs welcoming people to Bethel Park. For the last two years, they have been missing. He then presented pictures of recent flooding to Mr. Moury.

Marlene Yannone, 4104 Highgrove Road, Whitehall, PA, asked if she could present video of the flooding on her property as a result of run off from Hamilton Road by Cool Springs and Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. She asked what can be done to contain this water run off to help eliminate the damage to her property. Mr. Moury asked her to email the video to the attention of the Municipal Manager.

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

11. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

12. General Policy and Finance Items

Resolution – Reimbursement of Costs

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. Allen to adopt the resolution authorizing the Municipality to reimburse itself and/or the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company for prior costs from the forthcoming general obligation bonds, Series 2013, to provide funds for the acquisition of certain Real Property, development, construction and equipping of a fire station to be leased to the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

Mr. Moury commented that although the referendum passed earlier this year, we will not be receiving the tax revenue until 2014. The bond issue may be done late this year or early next year. This resolution would enable the Municipality and/or the Fire Company to be reimbursed for prior costs from the forthcoming general obligation bonds for the development of the new station.

13. Appointment – Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. Allen to appoint Leonard F. Spagnolo to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for a term to expire on December 31, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

14. Appointment – Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. Allen to appoint Brian D. Wood to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for a term to expire on December 31, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

Mr. Allen mentioned that the Veteran's Banner program was so successful that an additional offering was made with a deadline of August 1. An additional 111 banners have been purchased and they will be hung along Route 88. He thanked Public Works, Municipal Council for their blessing and staff for obtaining the necessary permits to display the banners.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

15. Planning and Zoning Items

No Items

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

16. Citizens' Comments – Health, Safety and Welfare Items

None

17. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

Appointment – Position of Permanent Police Officer

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve that the permanent employment of Colby J. Grubich be ratified as per the recommendation of Chief John Mackey. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

18. Appointment – Position of Permanent Police Officer

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve that the permanent employment of Craig Smeltz be ratified as per the recommendation of Chief John Mackey. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

Mr. McLean announced community interest events. On August 17th, Senator Matt Smith is sponsoring a free paper shredding event at Independence Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Senator Matt Smith is holding an open house at his office at 319 Castle Shannon Boulevard in Mt. Lebanon on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On August 29th, Municipal Council will sponsor their annual Blood Drive at the Community Center from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Free movie tickets are provided to participants. More information is available on the Bethel Park website.

A collection for common household chemicals will be held on September 21st at the South Park Wave Pool parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$2.00 per gallon. More information can be found on the Bethel Park website.

Mr. Moury asked Mr. Duke to look into the placement and location of the missing Bethel Park welcome signs.

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

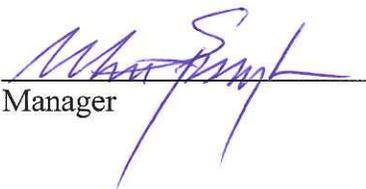
19. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

Mr. O'Brien said that this month the flags on the Veterans Memorial are in honor of the Coast Guard. The Navy flag next to the ramp will remain up for one month in honor of Judge Rob Wyda. It is fitting to honor Judge Wyda for his service to our country most recently in Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay and Iraq as well as his service to the people of Bethel Park. Mr. O'Brien said that Judge Wyda will always be remembered for his work with the children of Bethel Park. He said he will truly be missed by all and offered his condolences to Rob's family.

20. Adjournment

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


Manager