

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: September 14, 2015

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Member 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; Ashley Moore, Municipal Planner

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

Executive Sessions of Council were held on Monday, August 24, 2015 to discuss Police personnel and legal items; on Thursday, September 10, 2015 for Police interviews and personnel matters and on September 14, 2015 for a Police interview and personnel matters.

Mr. Moury announced that Items A, B, C and D under General Policy and Finance, hiring of Police Officers, are being removed from tonight's agenda. This will be done at an upcoming meeting.

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 that the current programs include 3-D Printing and the Future of Manufacturing on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.,

presented by Aaron Hartman of Steel City 3D Printing. This is a short lecture and demonstration for beginners to get started with 3D printing.

On Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m., How To Pay For College will be presented by Kim McCurdy, a higher education access partner for PHEAA. This presentation will cover the financial aid application process, what types of aid might be available and strategy for affordability. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

The Library will celebrate their 60th Birthday Party on Saturday, September 26. All are invited to drop by throughout the day for games, contests, cake and more.

Inquire Within, a program where you can practice filling out a real job application, discuss common interview questions and learn what to wear will be held on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. They will also go over PA Child Labor Laws and how to apply for a work permit. All students Grade 7 and up are welcome.

Google Drive will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. You can learn how to create and use your own FREE cloud with Google. Space is limited, so you must register for this program.

Ms. McIntosh announced that the new fundraising event, Purse Bash, will be held on Friday, November 20th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$25 which includes soft drinks and snacks. Drawings for designer purses every 15 minute and a 50-50 basket raffle will take place. Tickets will be available at the Library beginning the first week of October.

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 on September 19, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a Public Safety Fun Day at Bethel Park High School, a joint effort with Mt. Lebanon Police. There will be a Bike Rodeo, Bounce Houses and a distracted driving simulator. This is a free event.

Chief said that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In memory of this, the Department will sponsor a donation drive to assist local shelters for victims of domestic violence. Please check the Bethel Park Website under Crime Prevention or the Police Facebook page for a list of needed items. Drop off centers will be located at the Community Center, the Police Department and the Municipal Building.

Crime Watch meetings will resume on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Chief David Gerber gave the fire report for the month of August. He then reminded the community of the Open Burning regulations as set forth by the Allegheny County Health Department. Please check the website for a list of rules and a facts sheet from the Health Department.

Every October, Chief Gerber makes his recommendation and suggestion to have your chimney cleaned. This should be done once a year to prevent chimney fires.

He also said that the second mailing of donation letters has taken place and said to remember that these donations help the fire company with the purchase of trucks, training, equipment and other expenses incurred. You can donate on line or in the mail. If anyone has a question, you can contact the fire company at 412-835-1127.

He said that the new station on Brightwood is proceeding. Steel is being erected and walls will be put up in the next two months. The Fire Company is looking forward to the completion of the building in late spring of 2016.

Mr. Moury said that there will be an article in the upcoming edition of the Chronicles regarding the Open Burning Ordinance update.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that the annual Community Day Event was held over the weekend. The rain prevented the parade, but Community Day was a busy and successful day.

He then announced that Flu Shots will be given by Tri Community South EMS at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. In addition, Representative Rick Saccone will sponsor flu shots at his Jefferson Hills office on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Mayor reminded everyone that leaf collection this fall will begin the week of October 12 and run through the week ending November 20. Please place your leaves in paper recycling bags and leave curbside on the day of your regular trash pickup. No leaves will be collected that are placed in plastic bags.

He then announced that Brightwood Road paving work is in progress and will hopefully be completed in late October, per the information given to Jean Statler.

At this time, Mayor introduced Pauletta Beehler of the Cable TV Board. Pauletta said that at this time last year, the scholarship fund had \$5,000 in it. This July, the fund is at \$10,753, the amount needed in order to award scholarships.

She then announced that the second annual Zombie Walk will take place on Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Bethel Park High School. The Board is currently looking for sponsors for this event.

In addition, the Halloween parade will take place on Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. It will begin at the Municipal Building parking lot and continue on to the high school. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers are needed for these events. Please contact the Cable TV office.

More information on these events can be found on the website and on their Facebook page.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

9. Special Meeting of August 24, 2015 – Cool Springs Assisted Living

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2015 – Cool Springs Assisted Living. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

10. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #091415 in the amount of \$1,603,549.83. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

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

Richard Chongaway, 5027 Belmont Avenue. Mr. Chongaway asked if anyone on Council or the Police Department responded to a letter in the Almanac regarding Ann Slowey, who is a prisoner in her own home because of deer. He said Ms. Slowey contacted the Municipality before she wrote the article. He said he again asked Mr. Spagnol about the Bethel Park Deer Management program and Mr. Spagnol mentioned that there was one for 2014 that carried over to 2015. Mr. Chongaway said he has not received a response in writing nor has he seen anything regarding this plan from the Municipality. He said Mr. Harrison had an article in the Almanac regarding the killing of 60 deer per year. Mr. Chongaway said that that is a number. That is not a plan. He said that recently there have been 25 road kill in Bethel Park. He asked, if we don't have a deer problem, why do we have 25 road kill deer? He said he wrote to Mr. Spagnol about three months ago and perhaps he can write back sometime. He then spoke about an article in the paper regarding the future of Oakmont, a very nice community with an active railroad line running through it. He asked if there is a future plan for Bethel Park. If there is, he said that perhaps the Municipal Manager could have a coffee and donuts session to discuss the future of Bethel Park. He said he hasn't

heard anything regarding a Master Plan. He asked as an archery hunter with a 2B license, is there some area in Bethel Park where he can hunt legally?

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

12. General Policy and Finance Items

No Items

Mr. Moury said that they have received the Preliminary Municipal Budget for 2016. He said there is no proposed millage increase for the operations of the Municipality. As far as the sewer rates, there is a projected increase primarily driven by ALCOSAN and that 30% of Bethel Park falls in their watershed. They have had significant increases in the last few years so in order to balance the budget we may need to increase sewer rates. He encouraged Council members that if they have any questions or issues, to speak with the appropriate staff member prior to the next committee meeting. He also said that he spoke recently about the preliminary plan and evaluation for a new Public Works facility and whether it would make more economical sense to renovate the current building or rebuild at an estimated \$10 Million. Council said no to that. Council has asked the architect to scale back the proposal to see if there are areas where we can be more efficient. More on this issue is forthcoming.

13. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

14. Application No. 2015-0356 – Cool Springs Carriage Homes, Lot 1B, Major Land Development

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve Application No. 2015-0356 – Cool Spring Carriage Homes, Lot 1B, Major Land Development, Cool Springs Drive, Rolling Lambert Building Company, Applicant. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

15. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

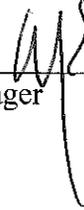
16. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

17. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

Manager

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