

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 8, 2011

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Member Dixon

Also Present: Mayor Morton; William Spagnol, Manager; Robert McTiernan, Solicitor; Judith Miller, Assistant Manager; Robert Cygrymus, Director of Community Services; Police Chief John Mackey; Gerard Duke, Municipal Planner; Mark Romito, Finance Director; Mike Smith, Environmental Engineer; Jean Statler, Municipal Engineer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

None

Reports of Officials

4. Librarian's Report

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

Ms. McIntosh thanked the residents of Bethel Park for answering the call for new Library Board members. One new board member, Al Hatala, was appointed in July and the board will be interviewing for two more members in early September. If anyone is interested, just send a letter of interest.

Ms. McIntosh introduced a new format, the Playaway View, an all-in-one video player. They have classic children's titles on it and are only available for use through the library. They are not for retail sale. The library purchased ten or twelve units.

In addition, free downloadable e-books are available for your reading devices, all except the Kindle, which should come aboard by the end of the year.

The Summer Reading Programs are coming to a close. The annual Swim Party was held at the YMCA on Friday, August 5th. The free Book 'n Bowl, for those who participated in the Summer Reading Program, will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the AMF Lanes on Washington Road.

On Monday, August 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., there will be an e-Library Class where you can learn how to navigate the web page including the catalog, the databases, My Account, and other features such as Wish List and Reading History.

Ms. McIntosh congratulated Cheryl Smith who won the Christmas in July lottery wreath. She then announced that the sale of fall bulbs, Flower Power, the current fundraising project, is going on until September 10th, with delivery in early to mid-October.

For more information on these or any of the library programs and services can be accessed by visiting the website at www.bethelparklibrary.org

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief John Mackey asked both Mayor Morton and Council President Moury to join him in presenting this year's Merit Awards. Every year, the Police Merit Award Foundation awards scholarships to college age children of Bethel Park Police Department employees who have achieved academic excellence. This year's winners are Keally S. Cristiano, daughter of Officer Dean Cristiano; Justine Modrak, daughter of School Resource Officer Jim Modrak; John Symsek, son of Traffic Officer John Symsek; and Andrew Roberts, son of Police Dispatch Officer Warren Roberts. The only student present was Andrew Roberts who is a student of music at the Penn State School of Music at University Park. He plays trombone and is a music education student. He did Blue Band and marched in the marching band. Andrew thanked the Bethel Park Police Department.

Chief Mackey announced that on Community Day, Saturday, September 10th, the Police Department will offer child identifications. Also, there will be a sign-up table for Crime Watch which has been going very well. The program is coming back stronger than ever and has signed up a lot of volunteers. The next Crime Watch meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

In addition, the Police Department will participate in two softball games on Community Day. The first game will be at noon against the WTAE All-Stars at Purkey Field. The second game will be against the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Department at 3:00 p.m. at Purkey Field.

Chief Mackey also stated that the Bethel Park Police Pals teamed up with the Bethel Park Recreation Department and are selling tickets at a reduced rate to

three more Pirate home games – August 19 against Cincinnati (Tee shirt night); September 5 against Houston; September 25 against Cincinnati (Kid's Growth Chart day). For tickets, see the Bethel Park Website.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Lt. Richard Runski of the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Department gave the Fire Chief's report for the month of July.

7. Mayor's Report

Per the request of Council Member Harrison, the following is verbatim text – Mayor Cliff Morton:

“I want to call Ben Brownfield up here right now. Ben is sitting back here in his Scout uniform and Ben is working on a very interesting Eagle project. And that project is going on for a few weeks now and basically what it is, it's “Operation Troop Appreciation”. It's collecting things that we can send to our troops overseas. So, Ben is going to fill you in a little bit on that and hopefully get you to participate somewhat.”

Ben Brownfield: “Thanks a lot Mayor Morton. For my project, I am collecting things to send to U.S. Troops serving Afghanistan and it is things that the Military doesn't supply like snacks and toiletries and if you would like to donate anything, we are going to have a box in the Community Center lobby until September 21st. On this Saturday, August 13th, we are going to have a collection drop outside of Rite Aid in South Park Shops and you can buy things in the store and donate to us as we are standing outside. Thanks a lot.”

Mayor Morton: “Ben is being very modest. He's collected a lot of things already. As a matter of fact, I got contacted by the family and kind of promoted this with the older folks who come to the Sunday afternoon musicals over at the Community Center and they came in yesterday with their arms full. We appreciate that and we appreciate what you are doing, too, Ben and wish you the very most. So, do you have boxes elsewhere?”

Ben Brownfield: “At our house, not anywhere else.”

Mayor Morton: “Okay, so if you have something you do want to donate, there is a list and you can just go to the Community Center and put it in the box. Good luck to you.”

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

At this time, Mayor Morton invited the Miller Family to join him. Ron Miller joined the Mayor. Mayor Morton read an “In Appreciation” proclamation to Ron Miller and his family in honor of the 75 plus years of service to the people of Bethel Park by Miller Auto Service. Due to illness, Mr. Miller retired and is

closing the business. Mr. Miller thanked the Mayor and the people of Bethel Park who he considers extended family, not customers.

At this time, Mayor Morton reminded everyone about the Black and Orange Ball which will be held at the Community Center in honor of the Bethel Park 125th Anniversary Celebration, on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25.00 each and must be purchased in advance.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2011.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2011. Motion Carried 8 - 0. Council Member Dixon 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 #080811 in the amount of \$3,376,102.87. Motion Carried 8 - 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

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

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

11. Citizen's Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

12. General Policy and Finance Items

Resolution – Act 44 Conflict of Interest and Procurement Procedures

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. Allen to adopt the resolution establishing Conflict of Interest and Procurement Procedures for Bethel Park's pension plans. Motion Carried 8 - 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

13. Planning and Zoning Items

None

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

14. Health Safety and Welfare Items

None

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

15. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance items

None

16. Public Works and Maintenance Item

SHACOG Rock Salt Contract

Motion by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Allen to award the Rock Salt Contract, per agreement with SHACOG joint purchasing program for the 2011-2012 winter season to Cargill, Inc., for a low bid price of \$55.83 per ton with an option to annually extend the contract for three years, in accordance with the Community Services Director's correspondence dated July 22, 2011. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

Mr. O'Brien reminded the residents that the Farmers' Market is open and doing well and continues at the Park Avenue parking lot every Tuesday from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. until October 18th.

Mr. O'Brien wanted to piggyback Mayor Morton's birthday wish to his good friend, neighbor and World War II Veteran, Frank Haley, who is celebrating his 91st birthday.

Mr. O'Brien then announced that the Veterans' Memorial Committee had a very successful year in finding two individuals, Lt. Kelly and PFC Walsh. Through conversations with Council Member McLean, there is a possibility of another individual from Bethel Park who lost his life in Vietnam. Mr. O'Brien said that Mr. McLean offered his services to the Veterans' Memorial Committee to help locate information on this individual through his family.

Mr. McLean said that the individual Mr. O'Brien referred to is actually someone who lived next door to him while growing up in his childhood home on Myrna Drive. It occurred to him at the Memorial Day Service this year that, while he knows this individual had died in Vietnam, he has not been recognized as part of any of the Bethel Park Veterans' services. What he was not certain of is whether the house on Myrna Drive was, in fact, in Bethel Park. Apparently, the Bethel Park/Upper St. Clair line runs through that property. Mr. McLean's father recollected that the family did, in fact, declare themselves to be Bethel Park residents and that this individual did attend Bethel Park High School. With that in mind, we are trying to see if we could find more information on Charles Michael Swaim, Private First Class in the Marine Corp Reserve, who died in Vietnam on February 10, 1967. If any resident of Bethel Park has

information on PFC Swaim, please contact us so the Veterans' Memorial Committee can properly recognize and honor him.

17. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



Manager