

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: June 9, 2014

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 Spagnol, Manager; Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager; Robert L. 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

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, May 19, 2014 to discuss a legal matter and on Monday, June 9, 2014 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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 Summer Reading Clubs have begun and will run through the end of July. The Summer Reading Kick-Off Party will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with a magic show and science-themed show.

The PC Replacement Program was completed on May 28, 2014 with the installation of new public computers.

Summer programs include Teen Lock In on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for students in Grades 5 and up. On Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Quick Fixes for Everyday Grammar Blunders Program will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Grammar Nerd, Sydnee Bagovich, who will speak on typical grammar mistakes. Forever.com will present a Preserve Your Family Memories class on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. This class will instruct how to digitize old family photos, slides and memorabilia. Bring your pictures as well as your laptop. A Retirement Planning Workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to help with optimizing your Social Security benefits.

The library is currently selling Christmas in July lottery raffle tickets for \$5.00 each based on the Pennsylvania evening daily three digit number.

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.

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief Mackey said that there was a call into the Police Department of the possible sighting of a black bear in Bethel Park. He spoke with the Game Commission and they advised that residents should not chase or approach the bear. He encouraged residents to report any sighting to the Police Department.

Chief announced that we received a Drug Drop Off box to be placed in the lobby of the Police Department for unused, expired and unwanted medications through a grant from the National Drug Diversion Investigators Association. For the past four years, Bethel Park has participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Take Back Program twice a year. This drop off box will allow us to collect medications every day, pill form only. No liquids or needles. We plan to have the box installed this week.

The 2014 Sgt. Charles Bonczek Bethel Park Police Department Scholarship awards were recently presented to Dominic Bertan, Chris Waseman, Ben Zamborsky and Skylar Stewart. These \$500 scholarships were made possible from the proceeds of the annual Police Pals vs. Steelers Basketball game held recently at the high school.

Chief was happy to announce that the Bicycle Rodeo held recently in the Kohl's Department Store parking lot was a great success. Police and Fire Departments from Bethel Park, Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon, as well as Tri Community South EMS, MRTS EMS, Pro-Bikes of Fort Couch Road, Children's Hospital and Kohl's Hardheads Helmet Program all contributed to this event. Two bikes and several dozen bike helmets were raffled off to the children that participated.

The next Crime Watch meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center.

Chief then warned the residents of a potential phone scam where the caller is claiming that you have a problem with your Windows Operating System on your computer, and then ask for personal and financial information in order to fix the problem. He advises that if you receive a call of this nature, please do not provide any personal information and just end the call. He said he was assured that no one would have any way to know if you were having a Windows Operating System problem.

Mr. Harrison asked Chief Mackey about the program that would help families if a child was lost or missing and if he has any additional information to inform the public.

Chief Mackey said that the program that Mr. Harrison is inquiring about is not up and running yet. The District Attorney's office is sponsoring a program for police departments throughout Allegheny County wherein children with autism or adults with dementia can be equipped with radio tracking device. Bethel Park is one of the communities chosen to host the program and be responsible for neighboring communities. Once people sign up for the program, they are given a bracelet that is armed with radio frequency. The grant received from the District Attorney's office will provide the equipment and will also help train police officers to use radio frequency. If a child or adult goes missing, a trained officer can use the frequency to locate them. The program has a very good success rate. More information on this program is forthcoming.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief David Gerber gave the fire report for May. Chief Gerber advised residents that since they moved out of the Brightwood Station, there is limited use of the phone system to reach individual firemen. He said if you need to contact them, please use their website to send them information under their contact section. He also informed residents that the demolition of the Brightwood Station will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Chief Gerber offered fire safety tips for outside grilling and fire pit use. He said to be aware that there should be a 3 foot safe zone for fire pits and grills. Be sure to clean your grill regularly, open the grill lid before igniting and do not let small children or pets near the grill or fire pit when in use. Dispose of cooled down charcoal, use water to wet it down and never leave it unattended.

At this time, Council President Moury asked President Jeff Prichard and Recording Secretary Ed Schmidt to join Chief Gerber. Mr. Moury thanked them for the time they spent for the last four years working towards the new fire station. At this time, Brian Shanahan, owner of Cool Spring, Inc., presented a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company for all of their efforts and look forward to working with them. He thanked and congratulated them on their new building.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that the Bethel Park Municipal Council Summer Blood Drive will be held on Friday, June 13, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center. All participating donors will receive two Pirates tickets in the mail after the drive. You can schedule an appointment by contacting Central Blood Bank through their website. Walk-ins are also welcome.

In keeping with the Mayor's theme, the Make Bethel Park a Better Place to Live award this month goes to Officer Tom Rigatti. Officer Rigatti wears many hats in the Bethel Park Police Department. He is involved with the Citizen's Police Academy, the Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program, the annual Holiday Food Drive as well as the Adopt a Family Program. He also helps with the Child ID Program, Police Pals, Crime Watch, the Police vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers Basketball game and the Bicycle Rodeo, among other events.

Officer Rigatti thanked everyone in the Police Department that help with these programs as well as the Mayor and said that he wanted to acknowledge his wife Cathy and daughter Mia for all their help and support with these programs.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

9. BPVFC Project Demolition Contract Award Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2014

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the BPVFC Project Demolition Contract Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2014. 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 #060914 in the amount of \$704,169.53. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

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

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

12. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

13. General Policy and Finance Items

Ordinance – Act 1/20 Tax Rate

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Ordinance adopting a schedule of Attorney Fees in connection with the collection of taxes, tax claims, tax liens, Municipal claims and Municipal liens pursuant to Act 1 of 1996 and Act 20 of 2003 and adopting a schedule of charges, expenses and fees pursuant to the Act of May 16, 1923, as amended, 53 P.S. §7101, §7103 and §7106. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

14. Approval of Retirement

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the DROP Pension Retirement Election of Police Sgt. Kenneth E. Chuderewicz with an effective date of September 1, 2014, in accordance with Ordinance No. 08-10-09. Motion Carried 8 - 0. Council Member Pape absent.

15. Approval of Retirement

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the DROP Pension Retirement Election of Police Sgt. Kirke McLain with an effective date of September 1, 2014, in accordance with Ordinance No. 08-10-09. Motion Carried 8 - 0. Council Member Pape absent.

Mr. Harrison recognized a Boy Scout in the audience and said that Scouting Programs are close to his heart so he welcomed him, thanked him and wished him good luck. He said his participation in Scouting will serve him well in the future.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

16. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

17. Planning and Zoning Items

Application No. 2014-0167 – National Rubber Corporation, Major Land Development

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2014-0167, National Rubber Corporation, Major Land Development, 2969 Industrial Boulevard, Zilka & Associates, Inc., Applicant, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated June 5, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

18. Application No. 2014-0174 – A Step Up Veterinary Inc., Major Land Development

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2014-0174, A Step Up Veterinary Inc., Major Land Development, Clifton Road, Block and Lot No. 888-B-75, Dr. Randolph Stepusin, Applicant, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated June 5, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

19. Application No. 2014-0175 – Enterprise Car Rental, Major Land Development

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2014-0175, Enterprise Car Rental, Major Land Development, South Park Road, Block and Lot No. 476-P-175, Reisinger Development, LLC, Applicant, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated June 5, 2014. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

20. Resolution – Park Avenue Field Improvements Project Grant

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt a resolution accepting the CITF for Park Avenue Field Improvements Project Grant. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Pape absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

21. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

Mr. O'Brien said that this month is the birth date of the Army and the flags are proudly displayed on the plaza. He then thanked members of staff for all their help in preparation for the recent Memorial Day festivities. He said that he and Mr. Moury discussed who the speaker should be this year and felt it should be a young man or woman from this generation who served in this war, who suffered and endured. Mr. O'Brien asked his daughter if she knew anyone her age that served and by chance within days, she met Sgt. Nathan Babyak, Retired Marine Staff Sergeant E-6, United States Marine Corps, from Bethel Park. After interviewing him, Mr. O'Brien was sure he was the right person to be the speaker. Sgt. Babyak's inspirational speech about how Memorial Day should be remembered and what it means to be a veteran was extremely emotional and touching. He offered his sincere thanks to Sgt. Babyak and his wife Sarah and their children for joining us and making this year's ceremony special.


PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

22. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

23. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.



Manager