

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: February 13, 2017

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Members Colella and Gibbons

Also Present: Mayor Jack Allen; William J. Spagnol, Manager; Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager; Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor; Joseph Vilella, Finance Director; Ashley Moore, Municipal Planner

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, February 13, 2017, to discuss 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 gave a State of the Library Report for 2016. She then announced the current Library programs.

AARP Tax Aide is being held on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through April 11, 2017 at the Municipal Building. Free tax assistance and preparation is available for taxpayers with low and middle income with special attention to those over the age of 60.

Table Top Games will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m. for grades 5 and up. Classic games like checkers and Jenga as well as Apples to Apples and Buzzsord are available. Registration is required.

Landscape Design by Landscape Center by Evanovich will take place on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Unreal Engine 4 Meet Up will take place on Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. Unreal Engine is a suite of integrated tools for game developers to design and build games, simulations and visualizations.

Skill Toys Mania will be held on Monday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. for ages K through 12. Spinning plates to kendamas to flower sticks are featured.

Sign Language Class for Adults, a 14-week course, begins Thursday, March 2nd. This is a basic American Sign Language (ASL) lesson for deaf and hearing patrons, comparable to a college level course. The course is presented by Earl Hollinshead III. Classes are 5:45 – 8:45 p.m. Registration is required.

Ms. McIntosh said that February is Love Your Library Month. You can purchase a \$1 heart and write on it why you love your library.

The Library is collecting for the South Hills Pet Rescue. New toys and grain-free food for dogs can be donated at the library.

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 gave a crime prevention tip to remove all valuable articles from your vehicle and lock your vehicle at all times.

The next Crime Watch meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

You can follow the Police Department news on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Brown said that the fire company is now doing duty shifts on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. performing vehicle and equipment inspections as well as training sessions and performing community service. He was asked by the Chief to inform residents that you are always welcome to visit the new facility to say hello. The fire company staff will be happy to take you on a tour and show children the fire trucks.

He gave a fire prevention tip on candle safety. You should use common sense when using candles by extinguishing them when you leave the area, do not allow children in the room alone with burning candles, keep candles 12 inches away from anything flammable and to keep matches and lighters locked and out of the reach of children.

Assistant Chief Brown gave the fire report for the month of January.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that Spring Cleanup in April is right around the corner. Any individual or group that would like to participate can contact Janet Davin at the Municipal offices for more information.

The Municipality is currently looking for volunteer groups or individuals to adopt one of the flower beds along the T line in Bethel Park. They are in desperate need of maintenance such as weeding, planting and mulching. The Municipality would provide the supplies including gloves, vests, garbage bags, flowers and mulch. An acknowledgement sign will be placed on the bed indicating the name of the group maintaining the area. Interested parties can contact Janet Davin at the Municipal offices for more information.

At this time, Mayor Allen introduced Dan Duff of the Bethel Park Community Foundation. Mr. Duff was happy to announce that the Community Foundation is presenting a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Bethel Park Historical Society. Members of the Historical Society were present to accept the check which they intend to use to replace 10 windows in the Park Avenue facility. The building has 107 windows. Mr. Bill Haberthur thanked the Foundation and said that they currently have 60% of the windows paid for from the Capital project and alumni groups from Bethel Park High School who have made contributions to the Society for window replacements.

Mr. Moury thanked the Community Foundation for continuing their generous donations and for all they have been doing for the community.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

9. Public Hearing - Public Hearing of January 23, 2017 – Transfer of Liquor License

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 23, 2017 – Application No. 2016-0770, Inter-Municipality Transfer of Liquor License, Giant Eagle, Inc., 5281 Library Road. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

10. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #021317 in the amount of \$1,812,656.21. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

Mr. Moury announced that Items No. B and C under General Policy and Finance are removed from this evening's agenda and will be placed on the March 13, 2017 agenda.

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

Appointment – Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to appoint Christine Htoon to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for a term to expire on December 31, 2017. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

Mr. McLean reported that the Port Authority advised the Municipality that they are doing bridge repair work this summer and into the fall, one bridge on Ft. Couch Road near the GetGo and one at Brookside Boulevard near the entrance to Brookside Farms. Traffic will be down to one-lane when the work is performed on Fort Couch Road. Mr. McLean thanked Community Services Director Shawn Arbaugh for approaching the Port Authority to persuade them not to do the bridge work simultaneously but one bridge after the other in order to reduce the amount of traffic on Ft. Couch Road.

Mr. McLean also sends congratulations to Mr. Arbaugh on the birth of his new baby boy today.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

14. Citizen's Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

15. Planning and Zoning Items

Application No. 2016-0843 – Guardian Self Storage and Office, Route 88, Major Land Development, 1067 Milford Drive, Guardian Storage

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve Application No. 2016-0843 – Guardian Self Storage and Office, Route 88, Major Land Development, 1067 Milford Drive, Guardian Storage Bethel Park LLC, Applicant. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

16. Application No. 2016-0844 – Guardian Self Storage Facility – Milford, Major Land Development, 2061 Milford Drive

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve Application No. 2016-0844 – Guardian Self Storage Facility - Milford, Major Land Development, 2061 Milford Drive, Guardian Storage Bethel Park, LLC, Applicant. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

17. Application No. 2015-0423 – Fair Acres Plan of Lots Phase 1 & 2 and Parcel A, Major Subdivision, 700 McMurray Road

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to re-approve Application No. 2015-0423 – Fair Acres Plan of Lots Phase 1 & 2 and Parcel A, Major Subdivision, for recording purposes. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

18. Resolution – CITF Grant Application – Miner’s Park Improvement Project

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file a Grant application for a Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund grant to fund improvements to Miner’s Memorial Park. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

19. Resolution – Transfer of Liquor License

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the resolution for the Transfer of Liquor License request by Giant Eagle, Inc., from 21 River Avenue, Harrison Township, Natrona, PA, 15065, to 5281 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

20. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

None

Mr. O’Brien said that residents may notice activity on the hill across the street from Henney’s Funeral Home on Route 88. The plan of lots at Willow Terrace

and Valleyview began last year with some areas of concern by the local residents during the early stages of the development. Mr. O'Brien thanked Council President Moury, Councilman Consolmagno, Municipal Manager William Spagnol and Director of Community Services Shawn Arbaugh for being on top of all of the issues. With their help, he could not have seen this project through.

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

21. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

22. Public Works and Maintenance Items

Resolution – 2018 Joint Bid for Waste Collection and Disposal Services

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. McLean to adopt the resolution to authorize the Municipality of Bethel Park to participate in the 2018 joint bid for a contract for solid waste collection and disposal services coordinated and administered by SHACOG. Motion Carried 7 – 0. Council Members Colella and Gibbons absent.

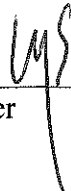
Mr. Harrison said that he confirmed that if Bethel Park does not like the results of the SHACOG bid, the Municipality still has time and the ability to opt out of the bid and advertise for a separate disposal contract.

Mr. Harrison stated that on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers, a Public Hearing will take place for Abatement of Nuisance of dilapidated property located at 4471-4473 Third Street. Bethel Park is taking the necessary legal steps to remove this structure. Owners of the property and those interested in the property can appear and show cause why the building should not be repaired, vacated or demolished. A Special Meeting will take place directly afterwards. Mr. Harrison wanted to residents of the Mollenauer area to be aware of this issue and are welcome to attend the meeting on February 27th.

Mr. Consolmagno commended the Public Works Department for the excellent job they did with the snow operation on Thursday evening, February 9th. In addition, he thanked them for stepping up to do everything he's asked of them in his short time as Councilman in Ward 1.

23. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:02 P.M.



Manager