

***MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK***

**MINUTES  
OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** June 12, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 P.M.

**Location:** Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Member Dixon

Also Present: Mayor Jack Allen; Shawn Arbaugh, 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

Flag Ceremony performed by Boy Scouts Troop 215 Honor Guard.

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, June 12, 2017 to discuss personnel matters and legal 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 announced that Summer Reading has begun for all ages until late July. Many special programs will take place throughout the summer with the theme of Build a Better World. You can sign up at the Library.

On Wednesday, June 14, Summer Reading Kick-Off Family event will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This event features Josh and Gab with their concert comedy show. You can register online.

Teen Lock In will be held on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Escape Room is featured. There will be pizza and dessert bar. This program is for Grades 5 and up and you must register in advance.

Bethel Park Community Star Party will be held on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. Astronomy presentation will be followed by a guided viewing of the wonders of the night sky through telescopes. This is sponsored by Amateur Astronomers' Association of Pittsburgh. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Ms. McIntosh said to check out the redesigned Library Website. Feedback and suggestions are welcome.

Flipster is available by registering online with a valid library card. You can read popular magazines from cover to cover on your computer or mobile device.

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday.

The Library is closed on Sundays in the summer.

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](http://bethelparklibrary.org). You can also follow the Library on Facebook or Twitter.

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief Timothy O'Connor wished everyone a safe summer season.

Chief reminded motorists to come to a complete and full stop at all Stop Signs. Officers will be patrolling the intersection of Irishtown and Logan Roads as well as Brookside Boulevard. He asked that you do not block the intersections, especially at Route 88.

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

6. Fire Chief's Report

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Brown gave the fire report for the month of May. The fire company responded to 194 calls through the end of May.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen said that all the Military Banners are up. There are 500 banners on South Park Road and Route 88. He announced that the Girls Scouts completed the GPS list of banners through Bethel Park and they can be located on the American Legion and the Bethel Park websites.

Mayor said a special thank you to Councilman Mark O'Brien and Ms. Haya Eason for the special outcome with this year's Memorial Day Ceremony and festivities.

Mayor Allen said that the annual Mayor's 90 Plus Club Luncheon will be held this year on Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Bethel Park Community Center. If you are not already a member of the 90 Plus Club, please contact Janet at the Municipal Building.

At this time, Mayor Allen presented the State of the Municipality Address.

"Mr. President, it is my honor and my privilege to provide the annual "State of the Municipality", as required by our Home Rule Charter.

As in the past years, I would like to begin by recognizing and commending the Council, the Municipal Staff, the Police Department, the Volunteer Fire Department and the Emergency Medical team for all their hard work and dedication to this community.

In addition, I must also mention how appreciative Bethel Park is for all those men and women who serve on our various Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and for the hundreds of folks who volunteer their time for the dozens of activities and functions that go on daily here in the Municipality. For the most part, their pay is our gratitude and the good feeling they get is serving others.

I am pleased to report that again this year, the auditing firm of Maher Duessel has completed the 2016 Municipal Audit and report that "We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under established standards by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants".

The Financial Department, like all departments, continually seek ways to be more efficient and readily accept the advice and recommendations of the auditor on matters that are beneficial to the people of Bethel Park. Thank you Joe and your staff.

Our financial situation is sound. The Municipal millage at 2.53 including the Fire Department at .34, is among the very lowest in Allegheny County. Our three bordering neighbors, South Park Township is at 3.06 mils, Mt. Lebanon is at 4.51 and Upper St. Clair is at 3.83 mils.

Last year in this report, I mentioned some significant developments and redevelopments within the community. I am pleased to report that this is a continuing activity. Since last June, we have seen the following:

#### New Residential Development:

South Hills Village Apartments is located off Village Drive adjacent to the South Hills Village parking garage. The development was approved for 300 higher end apartment units. All four buildings are under construction.

Bethel Park Retirement Community Living is located on the Logan School property off Keystone Drive. The development was approved for 132 Independent units, a mix of assisted or independent living. The project is complete.

Cool Springs Assisted Living is located on the Cool Springs Campus, off the private drive that extends beyond Cool Springs Drive. The development was approved for 120 assisted living units. The project is in the pre-construction stages of development.

Cool Springs Carriage Homes is located on the Cool Springs Campus, along the private drive that extends beyond Cool Springs Drive and across the street from the assisted living project. The development was approved for 23 townhomes. Two of the five buildings (10 units) are currently under construction.

Artis Senior Living is located at the former Knights of Columbus property at 1001 Higbee Drive. The development was approved for 72 assisted living units. The project is currently under construction.

Bethel Park Senior Housing is located on the former YMCA owned property at the intersection of McMurray Road and Limestone Drive (behind Advanced Vision Care). The development received approval for 135 senior housing apartment units. The project is in the pre-construction stages of development.

Willow Terrace Plan of Lots. The development was approved for a 25 lot single family home subdivision at the end of Willow Terrace and Holly Hill Drives. The site work has been completed and construction will be beginning.

#### New Land Development:

Guardian Self Storage No. 1 is located on Milford Drive. The proposed development is for a three-story self-storage facility at the existing Verizon building (100,000 square feet). The project is in the pre-construction stages of development.

Guardian Self Storage No. 2, with office, is located on Milford Drive near Route 88. The proposed development is for a three-story self-storage facility (19,000 square feet). The project is in the pre-construction stages of development.

Cool Springs Retail is located along Baptist Road and Cool Springs Drive. The development was approved for a retail strip center. There will be a Mexican Cuisine restaurant and spaces for retail tenants. The applicant is modifying their interior uses to accommodate more restaurant space and less retail space.

D & J Storage Facility is located on Progress Boulevard in the Industrial Park. The development was approved for a two-story storage facility. The project is complete.

Millennium Shops is located on Library Road and next to Sheetz. The project was approved for construction of two new retail buildings. Campiti's Pizza, Anytime Fitness, Sunsational Tan, Dekalash, Gouker Roofing, Allegheny Sports Supply and Cycletique have been completed. Vilka Bistro (game restaurant) and Back Office Plus (similar to UPS Store) have been issued permits.

O'Reilly Auto Parts is located at 2919 South Park Road at the existing Warehouse Café. The proposed development is for an auto parts store. The development has been approved and is going through the pre-construction stages.

Bethel Park Development Projects:

New Public Works Building is located on Slater Road and behind the Lytle Park and Ride located on Brightwood Road. The project was approved to reconstruct the current Public Works Building which is approximately 65 years old. Construction is underway and expected to be occupied before the winter snow season.

Miscellaneous Occupancies – 2017:

5235 Library Road, South Park Shops, Moe's Southwest Grill, opening in the summer of 2017.

I believe that we as a Council and staff must continue to have the vision that Bethel Park will always be a work in progress and it is our responsibility to walk that delicate line between development and protecting our residents and our neighborhoods.

So, Mr. President, it is my observation and my opinion that the State of the Municipality is strong in all areas. I think that it continues to go forward and we are positioned to adequately meet our immediate and future challenges.

Bethel Park continues to be blessed in so many ways. Thank you."

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

9. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #061217 in the amount of \$1,592,811.55. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

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

None

**GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE**

## 11. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

## 12. General Policy and Finance Items

Resolution – Appointment of Municipal Manager

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the resolution to appoint Shawn Arbaugh as the Bethel Park Municipal Manager, with a retroactive start date of May 9, 2017. Motion Carried 7 – 1. Council Member Dixon absent. Dissenting vote was by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison said:

“When I vote no, I routinely explain to the public why I did that. This is not an anti-Shawn Arbaugh vote. This is once again, in my opinion, the ineptness of this governing body. We did that with the handling of the vote on the fire company for the dedicated tax. I claim that we have what I call a rather thin structure with the Municipality, it's not like big corporation. We have a manager and an assistant manager. The present assistant manager even had her education paid for, getting an advanced degree. To my knowledge, she has served satisfactorily in that position for many years. The position of the assistant manager is to take over the responsibilities of the manager when the manager is sick or on vacation. To my knowledge, the performance is adequate so it seems to me that if this governing body failed, if the assistant manager is not capable of taking over the manager's position, they should have had informed the assistant manager and enlighten the assistant manager on what should be done to prepare to take over the job as manager. Well, that wasn't done so I think (unintelligible).”

Mr. Moury said:

“I'll just comment real quick and I'll be light on the personnel issues here. The only ineptness is really Mr. Harrison. We all spoke about the process and what we were going to do, we interviewed. Everybody has their opinion, you're entitled to your opinion, just because we don't agree, Don, you don't need to start

the name-calling like you normally do. I think we made, what I think, we wanted to take a different direction and I think my vote showed that. Mr. Harrison was available to come to all the meetings. Turns out today, tonight after the vote, he chooses to comment and that's his opinion, but if he truly shared this, he should have discussed it more during the process. Thank you."

13. Ordinance – Residency Requirements

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve the ordinance amending the ordinance, Residency Requirements, and to provide that Bethel Park Council has discretion to waive residency requirements for Municipal Employees, with exception of uniformed police employees and those employees required to reside in the Municipality. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

14. Ordinance – Young Lungs

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve an Ordinance, amending Ordinance No. 4-13-81A, as amended by Ordinance No. 6-9-03A, to prohibit smoking or any other use of tobacco in Municipal Parks. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

15. Resolution – Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution which recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments, in accordance with the Municipal Manager's correspondence dated June 8, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

At this time, Municipal Manager Shawn Arbaugh thanked Municipal Council and Mayor Allen for this opportunity that was presented to him. He said he feels blessed and loves living in the community. He said he is impressed with the staff and how they are dedicated and work hard day in and day out. He also said it is heartwarming to see how the community embraces their veterans.

He announced that there will be a Town Hall Meeting scheduled in the next few months where updates on various projects and events will be provided to the Community. Mr. Arbaugh will speak about Storm Water Regulations which is one of his favorite topics. He will provide a Municipal Manager's Report at each Regular Council Meeting under Reports of Officials, where he will give brief updates on projects in progress and proposed events taking place in the Municipality.

Mr. Arbaugh said again that he is looking forward to working together with residents, Council, Mayor and staff.

He then gave an update on the Columbia Gas work in Bethel Park and said he appreciates the patience of the residents during this time with road closures and said that if there are any problems or questions, to contact the Municipality. As an update, he said the crews on Meadowbrook Drive should be done by June 13 and the road should reopen shortly. They should be working through the intersection of Milford Drive and Strathmore this week which will be closed, but all other areas should be open until Bethel Church Road is closed. Bethel Church Road will be closed beginning June 19<sup>th</sup>. Alton Drive and Walther Lane will be open to local residents. Updates on this project will be posted on the Bethel Park Website. Columbia Gas also provides information on their website and will posts updates on work being performed and the planning stages for the Brookside Boulevard work. There is a link on the Bethel Park Website to Columbia Gas.

Some additional work was found to be necessary, but still in the planning stages, on Brookside Boulevard, Marshall and Hillcrest Roads. Residents will be notified.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

16. Planning and Zoning Items

No Items

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS**

17. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

None

Mr. O'Brien spoke about the continued speeding by motorist in the neighborhoods. He said that over 200 tickets were issued on Logan Road in 2016 for speeding. He said he wishes everyone would think about and respect the residents who live in those home who should be provided safety from speeding.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mayor Allen, Municipal Council, Municipal Staff, the Veterans' Memorial Committee, the American Legion, BPTV, the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company, the Bethel Park Police Department, the Public Works Department, the Bethel Park School District and all the young people that helped and those who turned out for the Memorial Day celebration.

Mr. Harrison asked the Chief to check into motorists who block intersections. He said this is an issue at the intersection of Prescott and Library Road.

Mr. Consolmagno said a special thank you to Councilman O'Brien for all the work he does for the Memorial Day Ceremony and events.



**PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

18. Citizen's Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

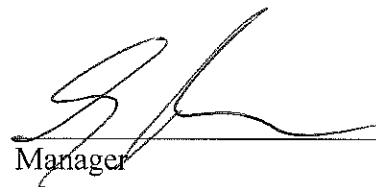
19. Public Works and Maintenance Items

Resolution – ADA Ramps

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. Hannan to adopt the resolution authorizing the Municipal Manager to execute the PennDOT Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement to install new pedestrian facilities on Municipal roadways in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

20. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.

  
Manager