

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 8, 2017

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Member Harrison

Also Present: Mayor Jack Allen; Judith L. Miller, Acting Manager; Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor; Shawn Arbaugh, Director of Community Services; Joseph Villella, Finance Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on April 29, 2017, to conduct interviews with Manager candidates, and Monday, May 8, 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 spoke about a new service, Qello, the world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries that can be streamed on-demand to just about any device. Over 1,700 performances available and it keeps growing. You can create a free account with your library card.

The Library will be closed on Sunday May 28 and Monday, May 29 in honor of Memorial Day. The Library will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend.

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 Timothy O'Connor announced that the Crime Watch meetings will not take place during the summer months. However, anyone that would like to be on the Crime Watch email list can call the station to get on the list to receive the monthly statistics.

Chief reminded everyone that on Tuesday, May 9th at noon, the Re flame Ceremony will take place at the Police Memorial outside the station. A special service dedication will be held in memory of Detective Lynn Sutter on the 30th anniversary of being killed in the line of duty. Police Memorial Week is held annually in the month of May.

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

6. Fire Chief's Report

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Brown gave his monthly safety tip on cooking in the home. For safety and cooking safety, Stand by Your Pan, essentially by not leaving any cooking on the stove unattended. Never wear loose fitting clothing while cooking. Keep all pot and pan handles turned inward so children and pets cannot reach them. Keep any combustible away from the stove cooktop area and never store items in the oven or the microwave. If there is a stove top fire, place a lid or another pot or pan over the pan to take away oxygen. Also, remember that if your clothing catches fire, stop, drop and roll. Always be sure your smoke detectors are working and maintained by keeping the batteries fresh.

He then gave the fire report for the month of April.

7. EMS Report

EMS Director Nora Helfrich provided very busy EMS statistics for year to date. Tri Community averages 23 – 32 calls per day; over 3,000 calls so far this year. She mentioned that 67% of the communities Tri Community South services are senior citizens. She asked for resident support as only 18% of the three communities support them.

Ms. Helfrich spoke about the Stop the Bleed Program. She said all of the Bethel Park police officers have been trained, and are in the process of training the school districts, school administration and teachers. She said that UPMC provided a tourniquet to every police officer that went through the program.

Ms. Helfrich thanked Megan who was in attendance and mentioned that she will be the bagpiper for Tuesday's Police Memorial Ceremony honoring Lynn Sutter, who was a good friend of hers.

She talked about the use of tourniquets and how they've saved lives. This was what promoted the Safe the Bleed Program. She asked John Bower to speak more about this program. Mr. Bower said that the station will conduct a free Stop the Bleed program on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the EMS base. This campaign is geared toward teaching the technology on how to stop bleeding with tourniquets and dressings with anti-bleeding material in it. The kits have been donated by UPMC. More training programs will be held in the future.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen read a special Proclamation to Tri Community South EMS in honor of EMS Service Week, May 21-27 with the theme EMS Strong: Always in Service.

Mayor Allen then recognized and introduced John Kuchma who was recently appointed as the new Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Kuchma said that he basically works with the Municipality, emergency services and then will increase community preparedness and awareness in the event of a disaster. He said he is looking forward to working the Council and the community.

Mayor Allen then introduced Emily Carter. Emily is a Girl Scout and has received a Presidential Award for volunteer hours, 218.5 hours, with an additional 85 hours with the Girl Scouts for the Silver Award, making it a total of 303.5 volunteer hours.

Emily volunteers for clean-up day, she works at Girl Scout camps, volunteers at the VFW, the Bethel Park Library, the Bethel Park Community Center and at the American Legion. Mayor Allen read a part of the congratulatory award from the White House. He then read the Presidential Service Award that Emily was given.

Mayor said that with this in mind, he is honoring Emily with his Making Bethel Park a Better Place to Live award and read the certificate to her. Emily is a two-time recipient of the Mayor's award.

Mayor announced that the recent Clean-Up Day was a success. Twenty groups participated, did a great job for which he is very thankful. He said he would like the clean up to become a continuing program throughout the year.

He then spoke about the Trolley Beautification Program. He said he is happy to announce that all the flower beds are accounted for at this time.

The Military Banner Project continues with the last banners being put together, and starting this Wednesday, the rest will be installed. Emily and her group will then go around with GPS to locate all the banners and place the information on the website so you can locate your banner.

9. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

10. Public Hearing – Application No. 2017-0095 – Transfer of Liquor License – 4599 Library Road

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of March 27, 2017, Application No. 2017-0095 – Transfer of Liquor License, from rear 3410 William Penn Highway to be used at 4607 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA (Manhattan Concepts, LLC). Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

11. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #050817 in the amount of \$902,871.60 Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

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

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

13. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

14. General Policy and Finance Items

Ordinance – Shade Tree Commission Amendments

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7-11-16B – Shade Tree Commission. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

15. Appointment – Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to appoint David C. Espinar to the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

16. Appointment – Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to appoint Gregory Ament to the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

17. Appointment – Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to appoint Brian Tarbert to the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

18. Appointment – Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to appoint Joseph Janosik to the Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate, for a term to expire on December 31, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

19. Citizen's Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

None

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Application No. 2016-0857 – O'Reilly Auto Parts Store, Major Land Development, 2919 South Park Road

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2016-0857 – O'Reilly Auto Parts Store, Major Land Development, 2919 South Park Road, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated April 19, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

21. Resolution – New Traffic Signal Application – McMurray Road and Limestone Drive

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the appropriate Municipal officials to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a new traffic signal for McMurray Road and Limestone Road, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated April 19, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

22. Resolution – Existing Traffic Signal Application – McMurray Road and Clifton Road; McMurray Road and South Park Road; South Park Road and Logan Road

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the appropriate Municipal officials to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for existing traffic signals for McMurray Road and Clifton Road; McMurray Road and South Park Road; and South Park Road and Logan Road, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated April 19, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

23. Resolution – DCNR Park Assessment, Final Submissions

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt the resolution to approve the DCNR Park Assessment, Final Submissions, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated April 19, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

24. Resolution – Active Allegheny Grant Program

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file a grant application for the Active Allegheny Grant Program to fund the Bicycle Transportation Plan, in accordance with the Municipal Planner's correspondence dated May 3, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Dixon absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

25. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

None

Mr. O'Brien thanked Dan Duff and the Community Foundation, as well as Mr. Moury for putting together a Grant to replace some trees and flowers at the Veterans' Memorial.

He said it has been 17 years since the Memorial was built and this year, we will celebrate our 17th Veterans' Memorial Ceremony on Monday, May 29, a cooperative effort between Municipal Council and the Municipality, the American Legion, and the Veterans' Memorial Committee. He said he believes that there is no other community that does it like Bethel Park. The celebration will start at 6:30 a.m. the Municipal Building with coffee and donuts. The ceremony will commence at 7:50 a.m. on the Memorial Plaza. This year's guest speaker is Marine Corps Veteran Haya Eason. A unique recognition will take place for a Bethel Park graduate, Edward Rucks, who left for Korea and was killed in service on October 6, 1951. He is the first Bethel Park person we found who lost his life in Korea.

He continued by mentioning that the parade begins at 9:00 a.m., immediately followed by the service at the Bethel Presbyterian Cemetery. Mr. O'Brien recognized and thanked this Council and Mayor Allen for their support and activeness and to Mr. Consolmagno who informed us that he wants to be on the committee. Over the years, the support from Council, staff the school district, the American Legion, and many more, made this a wonderful experience for everyone. He hopes everyone can be here.

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

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

None

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Resolution – Storm Water Management Policy

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. McLean to adopt the resolution implementing a Storm Water Management Policy for small projects. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

28. Crack Sealing Additions

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. McLean to approve a change order adding additional crack sealing material to Matcon Diamond. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

29. Public Works Salt Storage Structure

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. McLean to award the bid for the Public Works Salt Storage Structure to Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$853,310.26, in accordance with the Director of Community Services correspondence dated May 4, 2017. Motion Carried 7 – 1. Dissenting vote was by Mr. Colella. Council Member Harrison absent.

Mr. Colella said:

“I just wanted to make the public aware, for those of you that are here and those are watching at home or will watch one of the taped versions, that I’ve been on Council now for over three years, and in my opinion this is one of the biggest waste of money that this Council and this governing body can spend for spending almost \$1 Million to store salt, around \$200,000 in salt. I just think in this day and age with alternative building products I just think that this is one of the biggest waste of money we ever spent. Thank you.”

Mr. Moury said:

“I will respectfully disagree. I think this is needed. Number one it protects the residents over there from where the salt is currently being stored and it meets all the criteria for runoff and things like that, so well, Mr. Colella is entitled to his opinion but I think this is money well spent and it protects the neighborhood and the environment.

Mr. McLean said:

"The other thing I understand and is that by building this storage we are able to allow for us to obtain and keep larger quantities of salt on hand so that when we have unpredictability in the winter seasons and we need more salt we'll have it on hand and available. The idea behind the storage is that we are leaving it out in the open and there is runoff from the salt that negatively effects some of the surrounding areas, so what we are doing is containing it as is common in public works facilities and the storage shed. And it allows us as I said to keep the salt available so that we have it and don't run low when we need it in the middle of the winter."

Mr. O'Brien said:

"We did have a lengthy discussion on this issue. It's also a very prudent thing to keep out the elements on the salt, too, because it just stays in better condition and it doesn't get a crust on it and it lasts longer. I do agree that it is a tremendous amount of money, however, this is the opportunity to do it. We even talked about what the structure would look like. You know Bethel Park is a very close knit community now because of the just way it's been developed. The residents around that facility have to put up with all the trucks and the activity that goes along with salting all of our streets. I think it's just the right thing to do to put the structure up to make it more esthetically pleasing to the residents around it as it possible can be, I mean how esthetically pleasing can you make a salt shed, I'm not sure, but we're going to sure try to ensure the quality of life for the residents that are around our new facility and Public Works. So I do share Mr. Colella, about the cost, although it is what it is. Thank you very much."

Mr. Colella said:

"Mr. Moury, one last thing if I may and I'm not trying to drag this on, but just one more comment if I could. I completely agree it's more than appropriate to have an ample supply of salt that we can fall back on, even possibly have other municipalities that are having a shortage in a bad winter to fall back on, so that's definitely a good thing, however, over \$750,000 to build the structure, \$242,000 just for the fabric structure roof and an additional \$100,000 for the brick façade, I mean, I just think we could find a better way to spend close to a million dollars. Thank you."

30. Fleet Management Software

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. McLean to approve the purchase of Fleet Management software from Ron Turley Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$11,910, in accordance with the Director of Community Services correspondence dated May 4, 2017. Motion Carried 8 – 0. Council Member Harrison absent.

Mr. Consolmagno said that he wanted residents to be aware that the Municipality hired a new Code Enforcement Officer, Jeffrey Donatelli. He encouraged residents to call the anonymous hot line at 412-851-2777 if they see any

violations or issues such as high grass or structures that are not where they should be so that the department could take a look at.

He said that Memorial Day is Monday, May 29th; June 14th is Flag Day; and then July 4th, it wouldn't be a better honor then to fly the flag those days to represent Bethel Park in a positive way to show our appreciation to our community and our country. He said he spoke with Andy and that Evey Hardware will have a side cap with a lot of flags that we can purchase. He also said that on May 16th, get out and vote.

31. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.


Assistant Manager