

# ***MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK***

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** December 10, 2018

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

**Location:** Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

**Present:** Council Members Campbell, Consolmagno, Dixon, Harrison, McLean, Moury, O'Brien and Mayor Allen

**Absent:** Council Members Gibbons and Hannan.

**Also Present:** Shawn Arbaugh, Manager;  
Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager;  
Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor;  
Joseph Vilella, Finance Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 to discuss personnel matters. An Executive Session of Council was conducted tonight Monday, December 10, 2018 to discuss legal issues and property issues.

### **Reports of Officials**

4. Library Director's Report

There was no Library Director's Report

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief O'Connor announced with the holidays approaching it is time for Bethel Park Police Department to join in on the Annual Presents from Police for the kids at Children's Hospital. Chief stated there is a box in front of the Dispatch Center on the lower level of the Municipal Building. Come in the Police entrance and put a present in the box for the Children who are in Children's Hospital up until December 19, 2018. Officers will take the presents down with other Police Departments around the County to Children's Hospital.

Chief stated that the next Crime Watch meeting would be Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7pm at the Community Center. Chief wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Mr. Consolmagno asked Chief O'Connor if the presents should be wrapped when they are donated?

Chief stated that the presents should be unwrapped.

6. Fire Chief's Report

There was no Fire Chief's Report

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced the Annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest. Judging will be from December 18 – December 31. There are nine (9) wards total and we have six (6) judges so far. Anyone who would like to be a judge please call Janet Davin at 412-831-6800 extension 211.

Mayor Allen presented an award for Making Bethel Park a Better Place to Live to Erica and Steve Diethorn of Ma and Pop's Country Kitchen for enlisting the help of sixty (60) volunteers to serve more than one hundred (100) dinners that they donated to anyone who needed a place to eat on Thanksgiving Day.

Mayor Allen introduced Andy Amrhein and Dan Duff from The Community Foundation who are doing a presentation about the Fantastic Four Golf Outing. Andy Amrhein stated that in Bethel Park there are quite a few non-profit organizations. They decided to pick four charities and they picked the Bethel Park Community Foundation, The Bethel Park Education Foundation, The Bethel Park Public Library and the Bethel Park Historical Society, which makes up the Bethel Park Fantastic Four Charities. They pulled resources from those four (4) organizations and held the first annual Fantastic Four Golf Outing which raised almost \$16,000 dollars that will be split between the four (4) organizations. Andy Amrhein stated that there will be more events in the future under the name Fantastic Four. The next Fantastic Four Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for July 29, 2019.

Mayor Allen introduced Allegheny County City Council woman Sue Means. Sue Means stated that on June 20, 2018, Bethel Park suffered from a devastating flood. She then presented awards to volunteers whose efforts were beyond. Sue Means introduced the members of the Black Hawk Family Relief Fund and The Citizens of Bethel Park Facebook Page. She then presented each of them with an award. She presented awards to Courtney Smith, Lauren Bradley, Sydney Litzemberger, Becky Luzier, Chris Van Dyke, Theresa Zellner, Morgan Moron, Tom Gavit and Bob Smith. Sue Means then presented an award to Councilman Tim Moury.

8. Municipal Manager's Report

Municipal Manager, Shawn Arbaugh stated that the new garbage contract starts on January 1, 2019 with Waste Management. Mr. Arbaugh stated that they are not expecting too many routes or pickup days to change. Waste Management will be sending out postcards regarding all of that information in the next few weeks. Mr. Arbaugh stated that starting with the new year there are some changes to recycling. You can recycle aluminum and tin cans, plastics 1 and 2, cardboard and mixed paper. You can no longer recycle glass, plastic

bags and plastics 3 – 7. Mr. Arbaugh stated that they made a YouTube video earlier that day about recycling. Residents will receive a postcard in the mail over the next week with instructions on selecting a container size. Residents who do not choose a size will receive the default 95 gallon can. Automated trash collection will begin in April. Containers will be delivered in the last two weeks of March. On May 1 additional containers will be available for purchase. Mr. Arbaugh wished everyone a happy and safe Holiday.

9. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2018

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2018. Motion Carried 7– 0.

10. Public Hearing Minutes– Application #2018-0749: Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC, Rezoning

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of November 27, 2018, Application #2018-0749: Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC, Rezoning. Motion Carried 7– 0.

11. Special Meeting of November 27, 2018

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Dixon approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2018, Application #2018-0749: Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape LLC, Rezoning. Motion Carried 7– 0.

12. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #121018 in the amount of \$1,545,836.80. Motion Carried 7– 0.

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

Richard Pahler, 1119 Logan Rd, Bethel Park stated that he wanted an update on the plans to stop the flooding at his home and on Logan Road.

Mr. Moury stated that they are currently working on plans for MS4 projects in the next two years.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he received the request he filed from the Municipality. Mr. O'Brien stated that Mr. Pahler needs to send the videos and pictures to staff so they can investigate further. Mr. O'Brien stated that he cannot guarantee anything but he is working hard to find some relief for Mr. Pahler.

**GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE**

14. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

15. General Policy and Finance Items

Ordinance No. 12-10-18A – Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance Amendment

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to approve an ordinance of the Municipality of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending ordinance 5-11-92a, the official municipality of Bethel Park code, chapter 39 by amending the section regarding regulations of haulers. Motion Carried 7– 0.

16. Ordinance No. 12-10-18B– Salary Ordinance

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to approve an Ordinance amending section 12.2.1 of Ordinance No. 7-12-93A (The Official Municipality of Bethel Park Code) by providing wages for management, supervisory, and other confidential employees. Motion Carried 7– 0.

17. Reappointment – Civil Service Commission

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to reappoint Terri Capristo to the Civil Service Commission, for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried 7– 0.

18. Reappointment – Municipal Authority

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. O’Brien reappoint Daniel Cheberenchick to the Municipal Authority, for a term to expire on December 31, 2023. Motion Carried 7– 0.

19. Reappointment – Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to reappoint Jim Gastgeb to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried 7– 0.

20. Reappointment – Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to reappoint Donna Marie Murphy to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried 7– 0.

21. Reappointment – Planning & Zoning Commission

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to reappoint Peter E. Grandillo to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2022. Motion Carried 7– 0.

22. Approval of Retirement

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to approve the DROP Pension Retirement Election of Police Sgt. Edward V. Kach with an effective date of December 31, 2018, in accordance with Ordinance 08-10-09. Motion Carried 7- 0.

23. Approval of Retirement

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to approve the DROP Pension Retirement Election of Police Officer Frank L. Marks with an effective date of December 31, 2018, in accordance with Ordinance 08-10-09. Motion Carried 7- 0.

24. Employment – Police Officer

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Campbell to hire Andrew J. Jacobs as a Police Officer for the Bethel Park Police Department, in accordance with Chief O’Connor’s correspondence dated December 6, 2018. Motion Carried 7- 0.

Mr. Moury stated that he wanted to recognize Mr. Denson the Civil Service Commission Chair. This actual process started back in August. There is a testing process and a number of different steps that brought us to the point of hiring a few police officers. Mr. Moury thanked Mr. Denson and the Civil Service Commission and the Chief and police department for everything they did.

25. Employment – Police Officer

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. O’Brien to hire Matthew Kearns as a Police Officer for the Bethel Park Police Department, in accordance with Chief O’Connor’s correspondence dated December 6, 2018. Motion Carried 7- 0.

Mr. Harrison stated he called Tri-Community South earlier to find out how they were doing on received applications for service. Mr. Harrison stated that fewer people are signing up for the EMS Service. Mr. Harrison stated that we need to do everything we can to help Tri-Community South. People rely on the ambulance service and the ambulance services relies on people signing up in order to offer their services. They are receiving less money and still providing the same services. Mr. Harrison also stated that there is not a lot of places that offer EMS training and it is very hard to fill vacancies and there are many positions available.

Mr. Consolmagno stated that January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Mr. Consolmagno had a lamp with a blue light and stated the blue light symbolizes fallen officers. He asked if the community could put a blue light out after Christmas for Law Enforcement Appreciation week. Andy Amrhein will have the blue bulbs at Evey Hardware.

## PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

26. Citizens’ Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

27. Planning and Zoning Items

No Items

**HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS**

28. Citizens' Comments – Health, Safety and Welfare Items

29. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

Mr. O'Brien stated that this time of year is sometimes difficult for some people. Mr. O'Brien stated that many of the victims of the Tree of Life have gone home from the hospital except for an officer who was injured. He has a very long road ahead of him and anyone who would like to send a contribution to this officer please send it to Greater Pittsburgh Police FCU Fund, Inquiring Officers Fund, mail to Greater Pittsburgh FCU 1338 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15220

**PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

30. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

31. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

Mr. Consolmagno stated that the Bethel Park Community Foundation will be hosting the Scott Beynons Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser on Sunday, December 16 beginning at 3 PM at the Library Volunteer Fire Company to watch the Steelers/Patriots Football Game and raise money for a scholarship to be given to a Bethel Park student who would like to pursue a career in Automotive Technology. Scott was a Bethel Park business owner and mentor to many, who passed away in August. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for children age 10 and under and include a tailgate dinner, beer and mixers. Tickets are available at Beynons Automotive and Evey's. There will also be over 30 gift baskets for the Chinese auction.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Scholarship Fund is a great way to remember a great man.

Mr. Dixon stated that he and his wife recently found Ma and Pop's Country Kitchen and encourages everyone to give it a try the food is fantastic.

32. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.



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Manager