

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 14, 2019

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

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

Absent:

Also Present: Shawn Arbaugh, Manager;
Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager;
Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor;
Joseph Villella, Finance Director, Susan Dolinar, Public Works Director;

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy scout Pact 215 conducted flag ceremony.

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted tonight January 14, 2019 for 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 a few programs that are coming up. The Adult Winter Reading Program is for ages 18 and older runs February 3rd – March 4th. We ask that you come in and register at the library. Read or listen to any book, No magazines or newspapers. Complete and submit an entry form for each item read or listened to. For each week of the club, one winner will be drawn for a \$25 gift card. All entries received before the end of business on March 4th will be entered into the final grand prize drawing. Which is an Amazon Echo. We will announce this winner on March 5th. The Children's Winter Reading Program this year is called Wild about Books. This program is for ages birth – high school.

Please register to pick up a reading log at the library. For every hour you read, you will receive one raffle ticket to enter in the Library's prize drawings. All the children that entered the Winter reading club are invited to participate in the Wonders of Wildlife program on Saturday, January 26th at 2p.m. This is presented by the Pittsburgh Zoo, ages 0-17. Discover fur, feathers, and scales in this introduction to some of the world's most fascinating animals. Using live animals from the Zoo, we will explore the physical characteristics of each animal while learning how they are uniquely adapted to their environments.

Ms. McIntosh announced that the Bow Wow Book Club has started. Two furry and loveable friends will be here every Wednesday in January to listen to you read! They love stories of every kind, and appreciate cuddly hugs too! Sign up for a ten minute time slot and practice reading to the best listeners in the world! This is for grades K-4. How to Pay for College information session is being held on January 24th at 7pm. This program is being hosted by PHEAA. This program will provide information on the financial aid application process, what types of aid might be available for students, and strategies to start thinking about affordability before your students get ready to apply for post-secondary school admission. All parents, with any grade level high school student, are encouraged to attend.

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief O'Connor stated that he hoped everyone had a safe and happy New Year.

Chief stated that winter is back; please use caution driving, if you do not have to go anywhere please wait until the roads are treated. Please do not park on the streets, this makes it hard for crews to salt and plow.

Chief announced that the next Crime Watch meeting is Monday, February 4 at 7pm at the Community Center. Follow us on Facebook and social media. If you cannot make the meeting, contact Detective Gorman and he will send you what is going on by email.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Bob Brown stated

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that Spring Cleanup

Mayor Allen announced the winners and honorable mentions of the annual Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest and presented those in attendance with certificates. Mayor Allen thanked the community for their participation, the winners and all judges who made this program a success this year.

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 December 10, 2018

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2018. Motion Carried 9– 0.

10. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #011419 in the amount of \$1,832,050.14.
Motion Carried 7– 0.

11. 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.

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

12. Citizens' Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

13. General Policy and Finance Items

Appointment – Position of Permanent Police Sergeant

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Ms. Gibbons that the permanent employment of Sean McGrail be ratified as per the recommendation of Chief Timothy O'Connor.
Motion Carried 9– 0.

14. Appointment – Position of Permanent Police Sergeant

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Ms. Gibbons that the permanent employment of Colby Grubich be ratified as per the recommendation of Chief Timothy O'Connor.
Motion Carried 9– 0.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

15. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

16. Planning and Zoning Items

No Items

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

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

18. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

19. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

20. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

21. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:26 P.M.



Manager