



Borough Council Minutes - October 26, 2016

Call to Order – Mr. Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, and Mr. Flick offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Daly, Robert Flick, Eugene Osmun, Timothy Shaw, Irene Slocum, Eugene Cerutti, and Henry Farley.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on September 22, 2016 were approved as presented.

Citizens to be Heard - There were none.

Approval of Bills List – A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the bills list. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Correspondence Report – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – There were no questions or comments.

Committee Minutes – The following reports were presented;

- ✚ Administration – Mr. Cerutti reported that the Committee discussed the 2017 budget, debt refinancing, and the investment fund at their meetings on October 13 and October 25th.
- ✚ Public Works – Mr. Flick reported that the Committee discussed the status of ongoing projects and also discussed future projects planned in 2017 at their October 10th meeting.
- ✚ Public Safety – Mr. Daly reported that the Committee discussed the proposed traffic ordinance amendment on October 10th and a second meeting was scheduled for October 24th but was cancelled.
- ✚ Code Enforcement Agency – Mr. Cerutti reported that the Agency discussed slum & blight issues and the proposed Quality of Life ordinance at their meeting on October 11th.
- ✚ Planning Commission – Mr. Daly stated that the Commission did not meet this month.
- ✚ Library Board – Mrs. Slocum reported that the Library Board is continuing to plan for their 2017 fundraiser.

Elected & Appointed Official's Reports – The following reports were presented;

- ✚ Police Chief – There were no questions or comments.
- ✚ Borough Manager – There were no questions or comments.
- ✚ Code Enforcement Director – Mr. Kaiden reported that the Island Pond Project is nearly completed with the exception of the handrails. Mr. Kaiden explained that he received two (2) bids for the installation of the handrails and the apparent low bidder is Metal Fusion of Waverly, New York who provided a bid of \$16,150. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the Change Order for the project in the amount of \$16,150.00. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**
- ✚ Fire Chief – There were no questions or comments.
- ✚ Valley Joint Sewer Authority – Mr. Farley stated that Authority met with its engineer to discuss the possibility of extending Athens Borough's levee but the potential cost of the project is expensive. Mr. Farley explained that consideration may be given to purchasing inflatable barriers.
- ✚ Emergency Management – Mr. Daly explained that he completed the Borough's Levee Emergency Action Plan and asked for comments by October 31st and that he assisted Bradford County Emergency Management Officials with inspection of flood damage from the recent heavy rains.
- ✚ Borough Solicitor – Attorney Foster reported that he has been working on the amendment to the Borough's traffic ordinance and that his office is working with the Planning Commission on sign ordinance amendment.
- ✚ Council President's Report – Mr. Farley announced that there will be a special meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 10:00am for the purpose of authorizing the refinancing of the Borough's debt service. Mr. Farley also reminded everyone that the November Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 6:00pm. Mr. Farley commended the Public Works Department for their hard work installing the new Patriotic Banners.

Vote to approve the request from Sam Vandermark to improve the Greenway Pathway and install a new sign for the pathway as his Eagle Scout Project as recommended by the Public Works Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request from Sam Vandermark. **Under the question:** Mr. Osmun asked about the schedule for the project. Mr. Farley explained that the repairs to the trail would be completed this year and the sign would be constructed and installed next year. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to authorize the advertisement of the amendment to the Civil Service Ordinance as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Mr. Flick to advertise the amendment to the Civil Service Ordinance. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; AYE.**

Vote to allocate \$53,000 in the 2017 budget for the purchase of a Use of Force Training Simulator as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to allocate \$53,000 in the 2017

Budget for the purchase of the Use of Force Training Simulator. **Under the question:** Mr. Osmun asked if a regional training program could be developed. Mr. Jarrett explained that the Police Department has shared training services with area Departments for several years and that those Departments would have the opportunity to train with our Department. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Shaw; NO.**

Vote to authorize the advertisement of 2017 Budget as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to advertise the 2017 budget for public inspection. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to advertise the 2017 Tax Ordinance establishing the millage rate at 10.37 mills as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to advertise the 2017 Tax Ordinance establishing the millage rate at 10.37 mills. **Under the question:** Mr. Flick commended Department Heads, Ms. Fice, and Mr. Jarrett for their hard work on the 2017 budget. Mr. Cerutti stated that the budget meets the needs of the Borough, and Mr. Farley also commended the Borough's Administration Staff and Department Head on another good budget. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to approve Pay Application #1 submitted by JD Ward & Son in the amount of \$42,572.50 for work completed to date on the Island Pond Handicap Accessibility Improvement Project as approved by the Project Engineer. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$42,572.50. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to approve Pay Application #2 submitted by Vacri Construction in the amount of \$209,280.78 for work completed to date on the Keystone/Valor Infrastructure Project as approved by the Project Engineer. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$209,280.78. **Under the question:** Mr. Cerutti asked about the status of the project. Mr. Jarrett explained that work on Keystone Avenue is completed for this year's construction season and the contractor moved onto Valor Street last week. Mr. Jarrett reported that installation of the sewer main on Valor Street is approximately 50% complete and that the installation of sewer laterals will begin next and the excavation trenches will be patched with temporary black top for the winter. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to appoint Robert Flick to the Sayre Healthcare Facilities Board to fill the unexpired term of Francis Alteri. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Slocum to appoint Robert Flick to the Sayre Healthcare Facilities Board to fill the unexpired term of Francis Alteri. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Flick; ABSTAIN.**

Recess – Mr. Farley recessed the meeting at 6:25pm.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into Executive Session at 6:30pm to discuss a real estate issue regarding the Firehouse Project. The session ended at 6:45pm.

Vote to authorize the Borough Solicitor to sign the settlement agreement proposed by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the Penelec rate increase request.

A motion was made by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Flick to authorize the Borough Solicitor to sign the settlement agreement. **Under the question:** Mr. Cerutti and Mr. Flick each stated that the proposed increase of 60% is excessive, and Mr. Flick stated that he was voting for the settlement but that his vote was under protest. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adjourn the meeting 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary