

Borough Council Meeting

Minutes – March 24, 2021

Call to Order – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Gillette offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's Zoom ID was 862 1079 9404 and the passcode is 743889.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Cori Belles (via Zoom), Jessie Dekar, Patrick Gillette, Jessica Meyer (via Zoom), Jason Serfas (via Zoom), Irene Slocum, and James Daly. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief (via Zoom); Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer (via Zoom); Jonathan Foster Jr., Borough Solicitor (via Zoom); Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Robert Repasky, Fire Chief; Dan Reynolds, Police Chief (via Zoom); and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens To Be Heard – There were none.

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Daly asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes for the regular Borough Council meeting held on February 24, 2021 and the Borough Council Workshop meeting held on March 8, 2021. The minutes will be placed on file.

Approval of Bills List – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the bills list as presented. Under the question: There were none. Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Correspondence Report – March 2021 - There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – February 28, 2021 - There were no questions or comments.

Elected Officials Questions & Comments – The following items were presented;

- Mayor Farley stated that he would like to recognize and thank the Sayre Police Department and especially Patrol Officer Nikki Hoffman and Patrol Officer Steve Burlingame. Mayor Farley explained that he accompanied a Borough resident to the police station to help the resident file a report of computer hacking and fraud of thousands of dollars. Mayor Farley stated that Officer Hoffman was able to quickly get the situation under control, and Officer Burlingame was able to prevent some of the funds from getting into the hands of the hacker. Mayor Farley further stated that he and the resident made several trips to the police station regarding the incident and thanks to the advice provided by Officer Hoffman they were able to get the situation under control and the resident is extremely appreciative and can't say enough about how great the officers are. Mrs. Dekar asked if it would be possible for the Borough to issue a press release advising the public of the potential for scams like the one that

occurred in this incident to prevent future victims. Mrs. Belles asked if the Borough could work with the Area Agency on Aging to educate their clients about these types of scams. Chief Reynolds suggested that the Attorney General's website be referenced to develop the press release.

- Mr. Daly stated that the Borough received a request from a resident after the meeting distribution was sent out regarding a community clean-up day completed on April 24th in conjunction with Earth Day. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Belles to approve the request. There were no objections.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Daly explained that items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote and that there will be no separate discussion of these items. Mr. Daly stated that If discussion is desired by a Council Member, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Approval of Uniform Pension Fund Retirees 1.2% Cost of Living Increase
- b. Approval of Park Use Request – Sayre Elks Club Easter Egg Hunt & Flag Day
- c. Approval of Park Use Request – Taste of the Valley
- d. Approval of Park Use Request – Pound the Ground For Ultrasound
- e. Approval of Park Use Request – Howard Elmer Hose Company Car Show
- f. Approval of Fire Truck Raffle – Proceeds Benefit Library & Historical Society Museum
- g. Approval of Independence Day Weekend Fireworks Display – July 3rd

A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Under the question: There were none. Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Vote to Advertise an Amendment to Sign Ordinance – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the advertisement of the sign ordinance amendment. Under the question: Mr. Daly explained the amendment will allow business owners to install blade style signs on their businesses. Mr. Daly stated that the ordinance establishes the criteria for the signs including size and location. There were no objections.

Recess – Mr. Daly recessed the meeting at 6:10pm prior to going into executive session to discuss personnel issues and litigation issue. The session began at 6:11pm and ended at 6:56pm. No action was taken by the Borough Council after the executive session.

Adjourn - A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary