

Borough Council Minutes

November 21, 2017

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

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present: James Daly, Irene Slocum, Eugene Cerutti, and Henry Farley. **Excused:** Robert Flick, Eugene Osmun, and Timothy Shaw. **Also Present;** Mayor Denny Thomas, Gil Crossett, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Finance Coordinator; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Tracy Stroup, Fire Chief; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Borough Solicitor; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on October 26, 2017 were approved as presented.

Citizens to be Heard – The following individuals addressed the Borough Council;

Barbara Ault, 332 West Lockhart Street addressed the Borough Council with her concerns about Brock Street and the impact that the change has made to traffic on West Lockhart Street and Hayden Street. Mrs. Ault stated that there are times that traffic is backed up on West Lockhart Street and Hayden Street making it difficult to turn on and off other streets and Mrs. Ault asked the Borough Council to consider having an additional study done to determine the impact.

Robert Warzniak, 504 Stevenson Street addressed the Borough Council regarding the Festivus Pole that he placed in Howard Elmer Park last year. Mr. Warzniak stated that the decoration was gone when he went to remove it. Mr. Jarrett explained that he believed that Mr. Warzniak removed the decoration after being contacted by the Borough in January.

Correspondence Report – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – There were no questions or comments.

Committee Minutes – There were no questions or comments.

Elected/Appointed Official's Reports – Comments or Questions

Consent Agenda Items – Mr. Farley 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. There will be no separate discussion of these items. 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.

- Approval of Bills List – November 2017
- Approval of request for street closures for the annual Christmas Parade.
- Vote to advertise an amendment to Chapter 163-58. Schedule V: One-Way Streets.
- Vote to approve the posting of one full-time Administration Department position as recommended by Administration Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Consent Agenda Items. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to adopt the 2018 Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adopt the 2018 Budget. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance #943 establishing the 2018 millage rate at 10.37 mills. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adopt Ordinance #943. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance #944 amending Chapter 141 – Part 1 Excavation of Streets in the Borough Code. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adopt Ordinance #944. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to accept the Borough's 2016 Audit Report as presented by EFP Rotenberg. A motion as made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to accept the Borough's 2016 Audit Report as presented. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to approve the winter hours for the North Thomas Avenue Recycling Center as recommended by the Administration Committee effective November 27, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the winter hours for the North Thomas Avenue Recycling Center. **Under the question:** Mr. Farley explained that the center will be open on Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm. **AYES - 4**

Recess - Mr. Farley recessed the meeting at 6:07pm prior to going into executive session to discuss personnel issues and a litigation issue.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session at 6:15pm to discuss the non-uniform employee collective bargaining agreement and the grievance filed by Patrol Officer Jeremy Horton. The session ended at 7:15pm.

Vote to approve the Non-Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement - A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the new four (4) year Non-Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the Borough Treasurer position has been decertified from the agreement. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to reclassify Elizabeth J. Fice from the position of Finance Coordinator to the position of Borough Treasurer effective January 1, 2018 and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Ms. Fice. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to reclassify Elizabeth J. Fice from the position of Finance Coordinator to the position of Borough Treasurer effective January 1, 2018 and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Ms. Fice. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to rescind Resolution 2017-07 Meal and Travel Allowance Policy. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to rescind Resolution 2017-07 Meal and Travel Allowance Policy to resolve the grievance filed by Patrol Officer Jeremy Horton. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that a new policy is being developed and will be forwarded to the Union for their review. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to solicit letters of interest for the pending vacancy on the Borough Council. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Daly to solicit letters of interest for the pending vacancy on the Borough Council. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 4**

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. **There were no objections.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DJ', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary