

# **Borough Council Minutes**

## **October 26, 2017**

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

**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. **Also present;** Denny Thomas, Mayor; Elizabeth Fice, Finance Coordinator; Jonathan Foster, Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Officer; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Gil Crossett, Second Assistant Fire Chief; Tracy Stroup, Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

**Proclamation** – Mayor Thomas presented a Proclamation to the family of Richard Lance Bentley declaring Friday, October 27, 2017 as Richard Lance Bentley Day in the Borough of Sayre. Mayor Thomas explained that Mr. Bentley served on several boards and commissions in addition to the South Waverly Borough Council for twenty-four (24) years. A copy of the proclamation will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on September 28, 2017 were approved as presented.

**Citizens to be Heard** - Donna Hazelton, 212 North Thomas Avenue addressed the Borough Council about the continued problem with speeders on North Thomas Avenue. Ms. Hazelton explained that she has spoke to each member of the Borough Council and the Borough Manager but nothing has been done to address her concerns. Ms. Hazelton further stated that the area is more industrial than ever before and that traffic will worsen when the new bridge is constructed.

**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** – There were no question or comments.

**Consent Agenda Items** – Mr. Farley explained that the 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. Farley 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 Bills List – October 2017
- b. Approval of request from Boy Scouts of America – Venture Crew 105 to use the pavilion in Riverfront Park on November 12, 2017 as recommended by the Administration Committee.
- c. Vote to advertise an amendment to Chapter 141 – Part 1 Excavation of Streets as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
- d. Vote to approve 2018 Sheltering Contract between the Borough and Bradford County Humane Society.
- e. Vote to adopt Resolution 2017-09 – Packer Avenue Bridge Reimbursement Agreement.

**Vote to approve the Consent Agenda Items.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Consent Agenda Items. **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 2018 budget for public review as recommended by the Administration Committee.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to advertise the 2018 budget for public review. **Under the question:** Mr. Flick commended Ms. Fice, Mr. Jarrett, and the Department Heads for their work on the budget. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; AYE.**

**Vote to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance establishing the millage rate at 10.37 mills.** A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance establishing the millage rate at 10.37 mills. **Under the question:** Mayor Thomas credited the Borough Council for not raising taxes next year but cautioned them that it may be necessary to increase taxes in the future and that residents can see how their tax dollars are used in the Borough. Mr. Farley stated that the development of the budget is a yearly struggle and that Ms. Fice and Mr. Jarrett work on the budget for several weeks before it is presented to the Administration Committee for review. Mr. Farley also stated that Mr. Cerutti and the other members of the Administration Committee reviewed and discussed the budget page by page and made revisions before it was presented to the Borough Council for their review. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; AYE.**

**Vote to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$153,000 for the Keystone/Valor Infrastructure Improvement Project as recommended by the project engineer.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$153,000 for the Keystone/Valor Infrastructure Improvement Project. **Under the question:** Mr. Osmun asked why the change order was necessary, and Mr. Jarrett stated it was because of additional work required on South Keystone Avenue by PennDOT. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve Pay Application #6 – Final in the amount of \$233,199.09 for the Keystone/Valor Infrastructure Improvement Project as recommended by the project engineer.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve Pay Application #6-Final in the amount of \$233,199.09 for the Keystone/Valor Infrastructure Improvement Project. **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 extend an offer of employment to Casey Shiposh for the position of Per Diem Patrol Officer pending receipt of all clearances as recommended by Chief Reynolds.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to extend an offer of employment to Casey Shiposh for the position of Per Diem Patrol Officer pending the receipt of all clearances. **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 prohibit parking on Desmond Street and West Lockhart Street on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9:30am to 11:30am for the Valley Halloween Parade.** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Daly to prohibit parking for the parade. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the parade route was changed from South Elmer Avenue due to the water line project and that prohibiting parking on the street would make the parade safer. Mr. Shaw asked if business owners would be notified and Mr. Jarrett stated that they would be. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; AYE.**

**Upcoming Council Meetings** – Mr. Farley reminded the Borough Council that the November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and the December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and that both meetings will be at 6:00pm.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DJT', written in a cursive style.

David M Jarrett  
Borough Manager/Secretary

# Proclamation



## Office of the Mayor

### **RICHARD "LANCE" BENTLEY DAY**

*WHEREAS*, Richard "Lance" Bentley celebrated 24 years of service and dedication to South Waverly, PA and the Greater Valley community; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Richard "Lance" Bentley joined the South Waverly Borough Council in 1992, becoming a Vice-President and then President during different times throughout his 24 years as a member of the Borough Council; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Richard "Lance" Bentley was involved in numerous improvement projects throughout South Waverly Borough; his dedicated service included: working with Habitat for Humanity, forming a Playground Committee, helping with a new Veteran's Memorial; he was also a member of the Borough's Planning Commission and Municipal Authority; *and*

*WHEREAS*, we give pause, honor and praise this day for the deep and abiding commitment of Richard "Lance" Bentley who had given so unselfishly during these 24 years of service.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I do hereby proclaim Friday, October 27, 2017 to be

### ***RICHARD "LANCE" BENTLEY DAY***

in the Borough of Sayre to commemorate Lance's 24 years of service and dedication to the Borough of South Waverly and the long lasting positive impact that his efforts will have on the citizens of the Greater Valley Community.

A copy of this Proclamation will be made a permanent record in the minutes of the Borough Council meeting on October 26, 2017.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

*M. Dennis Thomas*

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**Denny Thomas, Mayor  
Borough of Sayre  
Bradford County, Pennsylvania**