

Borough Council

Minutes – December 18, 2019

Call to Order - Mr. Daly 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 Council were present; Eugene Cerutti, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, and James Daly. Also present; Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Borough Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, Assistant Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager. Excused: Jessie Dekar.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the November Borough Council meeting and the Special Borough Council Meeting held on December 9, 2019 were approved as presented.

Citizens to be Heard – There were none.

Special Presentation – Mayor Farley presented a Certificate of Recognition to Emily Chilson for achieving the Girl Scout Silver Award which is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can earn spending a minimum of 50 hours working on a sustainable project that will impact her community for years to come. Ms. Chilson explained that her community service project was constructing a Gaga activity pit at Roundtop Park.

Correspondence Report – There were no questions or comments.

Appointed & Elected Official's Reports – There were no questions or comments.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Daly 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. Mr. Daly stated that there will be no separate discussion of these items, but 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
- b. Adoption of Resolution 2019-08 – Establishing 2020 hourly rates of equipment and personnel
- c. Adoption of Resolution 2019-09 – Establishing 2020 hourly rates for part-time and per diem employees
- d. Adoption of Resolution 2019-10 – Waiving of 5% contribution to pension fund by Police Officers in 2020.
- e. Approval of Financial Advisors Engagement Letter
- f. Approval of 1.8% increase Cost of Living Allowance for retired police officers.
- g. Approval of the authorization for the Council President and Vice President to sign checks Until the end of the year.
- h. Approval of Administration Committee recommendation not to join the Sayre Area School District's appeal of the tax exempt status of the Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing Building.

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Gillette to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance #962 – An Ordinance deleting Chapter 3 – Sayre Borough Code Agency of the Sayre Borough Code. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to adopt Ordinance #962. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the allocation of up to \$33,000 from the Borough’s UDAG fund for the completion of a Use Plan for the Borough as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the allocation of up to \$33,000 from the Borough’s UDAG fund for the completion of a Use Plan for the Borough as recommended by the Administration Committee. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the Police Chief Memorandum of Understanding 3 as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the Police Chief Memorandum of Understanding as recommended by the Administration Committee. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Announcement #1 - Mr. Daly announced that the Borough received two (2) applications from the Bradford County Planning Office regarding the Guthrie Daycare project on North Elmer Avenue.

- Request to subdivide the property
- Storm water management plans

Announcement #2 – Mr. Daly announced that the Borough Council Re-Organization Meeting will be held on MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Community Room at the DPW Building.

Adjourn – Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mr. Daly and Mayor Farley presented Mr. Cerutti and Mr. Flick with a plaque recognizing their years of service on the Borough Council and Mayor Farley acknowledged the numerous accomplishments during Mr. Cerutti and Mr. Flick’s time on the Borough Council and he thanked them for all of their hard work during the last twelve years and ten years respectfully.

Mr. Cerutti stated that his time on the Borough Council was a very rewarding experience and that he enjoyed the opportunity to work with great people over the years.

Mr. Flick stated that he enjoyed serving on the Borough Council for the past ten years and that he appreciated the opportunity with former Mayors Denny Thomas and Bill Hickey and all of the different Borough Council members. Mr. Flick stated that Sayre is a better place today than it was ten years ago.

A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Flick to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary