

# Borough Council

Minutes – May 30, 2018

**Call to Order** – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call** – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Eugene Cerutti, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette (*by telephone*), Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, and James Daly. **Also present;** Henry Farley, Mayor; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Borough Solicitor; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

**Excused:** Jessie Dekar.

**Citizens To Be Heard** - The following citizens addressed the Borough Council;

- Donna Hazleton, 212 North Thomas Avenue – Mrs. Hazelton stated that she was addressing the Council again regarding vehicles speeding on North Thomas Avenue and nothing still has been done regarding her concerns. Mrs. Hazelton stated there have been no changes to the situation and that conditions have possibly even gotten worse. Mrs. Hazelton stated that she has difficulty getting out of her driveway because of the speeding vehicles and that she has seen a UPS vehicle go through the stop sign at the intersection with East Lockhart Street. Mrs. Hazelton stated she has seen the portable speed sign on the street and police vehicles parked at Mangialardo's Restaurant but the vehicles slow down and then speed up again after they pass the sign. Mrs. Hazelton stated that she cannot understand why nothing is being done to address the situation.
- Charles Brown, 120½ North Higgins Avenue – Mr. Brown stated that vehicles are also speeding on North Higgins Avenue and that he saw the police department in the area earlier today.
- Elizabeth Hazelton, 212 North Thomas Avenue – Ms. Hazelton stated that she is confused why something has not been done to address the concerns her mother has brought to the Borough Council. Ms. Hazelton stated that the portable speed sign has not helped and that her friends have had close calls with almost being hit by speeding traffic. Ms. Hazelton stated that she and her mother would not be at the meeting if the speeding was not happening and she hopes that the Borough Council will come up with a solution for the problem.
- Carol Fenton, 104 Tioga Street – Ms. Fenton stated that she can hear the vehicles and motorcycles speeding on Thomas Avenue from her home on Tioga Street.
- Bradley Bailey, 214 North Thomas Avenue – Mr. Bailey stated that he doesn't trust the traffic on the street and that he won't ride his bicycle on North Thomas Avenue anymore because of the speeding vehicles.
- Donna Hazleton, 212 North Thomas Avenue – Mrs. Hazelton addressed the Borough Council a second time and stated that she doesn't feel as if she is being protected and that she needs the Borough Council's help. Mrs. Hazelton stated that dump truck traffic has increased on the roadway and that they are also speeding, and nothing positive has happened even though she has talked to everyone on the Borough Council.

Mr. Flick asked Mrs. Hazelton if she or any of the other concerned citizens have written a letter to State Representative Pickett or Senator Yaw asking them to

support the proposed legislation that would allow municipal Police Departments to use radar for traffic enforcement and Mrs. Hazelton stated that she did not write a letter.

Chief Reynolds explained Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States that does not allow municipal police departments to use radar and he explained the procedures for using VASCAR for traffic enforcement and how it can be difficult to maintain the required 200 feet of clear site on Thomas Avenue as well as some other streets in the Borough.

Mayor Farley provided Mrs. Hazelton with a copy of the letter he received in response to his request for her support of the proposed legislation.

Mayor Farley also reported that the Sayre Business Association has re-organized and that a Board of Directors was elected and the organization's first event will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with an event at the Sayre Historical Society Museum.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 25, 2018 and the special meeting that was held on May 2, 2018 were approved as presented.

**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 questions or comments.

**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 Bills List
- b. Approval of sponsorship of a Keystone Grant Application on behalf of the Sayre Public Library as recommended by the Administration Committee.
- c. Approval of request submitted by Mt. Zion Church to use Howard Elmer Park on Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.
- d. Approval of request submitted by the Sayre Business Association to close Desmond Street between West Packer Avenue and West Lockhart Street between 10:00am and 4:00pm and to use Howard Elmer Park during the same time period for a community event as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.
- e. Approve the closure of West Lockhart Street between Hopkins and Brock and South Hopkins Street between West Lockhart Street and the High School Parking Lot on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> during the graduation ceremony.

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the consent agenda items. **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 proposal submitted by Fahs Construction Group in the amount of \$9,500.00 to complete temporary repair of West Lockhart Street between Keystone Avenue and Hopkins Street.** A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the proposal submitted by Fahs Construction Group in the amount of \$9,500.00 to complete temporary repair of West Lockhart Street between Keystone Avenue and Hopkins Street. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the final invoice could possibly be lower than \$9,500 because not as much material was needed. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$222,937.47 submitted by Vacri Construction for the Chemung/Wilbur Infrastructure Improvement Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$222,937.47 submitted by Vacri Construction for the Chemung/Wilbur Infrastructure Improvement Project. **Under the question:** Mr. Daly stated that the pay request was reviewed and approved by the project engineer. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to approve the Cooperation Agreement by and between Bradford County and Sayre Borough for Fiscal Year 2016, 2017, and 2018 CDBG Program Administration.** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve the Cooperation Agreement by and between Bradford County and Sayre Borough for Fiscal Year 2016, 2017, and 2018 CDBG Program Administration. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to reject the bid received from Glenn O. Hawbaker of State College, Pennsylvania for the 2018 Paving Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to reject the bid received from Glenn O. Hawbaker of State College, Pennsylvania for the 2018 Paving Project. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the bid was higher than anticipated and that it will be necessary to reduce the scope of work by deleting paving work on Larch Road and Shaw Road which should result in a savings of approximately \$70,000. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to table the bid submitted by Douglas Brothers Incorporated of Athens, Pennsylvania for the tar and chip project pending further review.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to table the bid submitted by Douglas Brothers Incorporated of Athens, Pennsylvania for the tar and chip project pending further review. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the project is separate from the paving project but it will be necessary to table the bids until bids are opened on the paving project after it is re-advertised. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Recess** – Mr. Daly recessed the meeting at 6:20 prior to the Council going into executive session to discuss a real estate issue.

**Executive Session** – The Borough Council went into executive session at 6:25pm to discuss a real estate issue. The session ended at 6:40pm.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Serfas to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

David M Jarrett / Borough Manager/Secretary