

Borough Council Meeting

Minutes – December 13, 2021

Call to Order – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and former Borough Councilmember Robert Flick offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Cori Belles (5:45pm), Jessie Dekar, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas (via telephone), Irene Slocum, and James Daly. **Also present;** Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Officer; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Robert Repasky, Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens to be Heard – Suzanne Jarrett, 525 West Lockhart Street and Robert Flick, 200 Mill Street presented the Borough Council with an update on their project to bring the Wall That Heals to the Borough in October 2022. Ms. Jarrett explained that Sayre was one of two communities in Pennsylvania to host the Wall That Heals in 2022 and the dates will be October 6th thru October 9th and the cost associated with hosting the Wall is more than \$10,000 and she and Mr. Flick stated that they will begin their fundraising efforts now that it is official that Sayre was selected. Mr. Flick stated that this program is different than the Moving Wall that was in Waverly, NY a few years ago and that the Wall That Heals includes an onsite educational component that the Moving Wall did not offer. Mr. Jarrett stated that it will be necessary for the Borough to cover the cost of the deposit that is required before the end of the month and donations will be deposited in a Borough account and all expenses will then be paid by the Borough. **A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the deposit payment of \$1,000.00 for the Wall That Heals project.** Under the question: There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on November 22, 2021 were placed on file.

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

Correspondence Report – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – There were no questions or comments.

Elected & Appointed Officials – Mr. Daly read a statement acknowledging Jason Serfas for his four years of service on the Borough Council. Mr. Serfas originally worked as per diem Patrol Officer for the Borough prior to accepting a full-time position with the Athens Township Police Department. The December meeting is Mr. Serfas' final meeting.

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. 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.

- a. Adoption of Resolution 2021-08 2022 Earned Income Tax Commission Delegate
- b. Adoption of Resolution 2021-09 2022 Equipment Rental Fees
- c. Adoption of Resolution 2021-10 2022 Per Diem Hourly Rates
- d. Park Use Request – Epiphany Church - Howard Elmer Park 6/25/22 (Rain Date - 6/26)
- e. Park Use Request – Sayre Little League – Riverfront Park – Multiple Dates
- f. Building Use Request – Borough Hall – Sayre Little League – Multiple Dates
- g. Cancellation of Regular Borough Council Meeting – December 22, 2021
- h. Authorize Council President and Vice President to sign checks through the end of the year
- i. Schedule Re-Organization Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5:30pm

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the consent agenda items. **Under the question:** Mrs. Dekar asked if the fees for equipment and per diem rates were increased from the 2021 rates, and Mr. Jarrett stated that the equipment rental fees were not increased, and the per diem rate for fire truck drivers was increased by \$0.50/hr and all other per diem rates were increased by \$0.25/hr. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to Adopt Ordinance 968 - 2022 Tax Ordinance – Attorney Foster explained that the Borough Council did not need to pass the ordinance because the law changed in 2019 that allows municipalities to set the annual millage rate by Resolution if the rate did not change from the previous year. A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adopt Resolution 2021-11 establishing the 2022 tax rate at 12.50 mills. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to Adopt the 2022 Budget - A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Gillette to adopt the 2022 Budget. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer XLT from Hondru Ford through the Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program – COSTARS for \$34,250.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Gillette to approve the purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer XLT from Hondru Ford through the Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program – COSTARS for \$34,250.00. **Under the question:** Mrs. Dekar asked what the vehicle will be used for, and Mr. Jarrett explained that the vehicle will replace the 2014 Chevrolet Impala that he drives and Impala will be reassigned to Parking Enforcement Officer. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the 2022 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for retirees receiving pension benefits from the Uniformed Employee Pension Plan as recommended by Girard Pension Services. A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the 2022 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for retirees receiving pension benefits from the Uniformed Employee Pension Plan as recommended by Girard Pension Services. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to promote Seth Murrelle to Patrol Officer I as recommended by Chief Reynolds effective January 1, 2022. A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Mr. Gillette to promote Seth Murrelle to Patrol Officer I as recommended by Chief Reynolds effective January 1, 2022. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to promote Dalton Spencer to Patrol Officer I as recommended by Chief Reynolds effective January 1, 2022. A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Mr. Gillette to promote Dalton Spencer to Patrol Officer I as recommended by Chief Reynolds effective January 1, 2022. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of a new IP camera system for the Borough Hall from Teledair Communications of Sayre, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$11,499.00. A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the purchase of a new IP camera system for the Borough Hall from Teledair Communications in the amount of \$11,499.00. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the new camera system will replace the current analog system in the Borough Hall. **Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of a new Fire Alarm System for the Borough Hall from the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Daly announced that this item had been removed from the agenda pending additional information.

Vote to approve the purchase of a new telephone system for the Borough Hall from the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Daly announced that this item had been removed from the agenda pending additional information.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary