

# Borough Council

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## Minutes – January 26, 2017

**Call to Order** – Mr. Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and announced that the Borough Council met in executive session at 5:30pm to discuss a real estate issue. Mr. Flick offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call** - The following members of the Borough Council were present; Eugene Cerutti, James Daly, Robert Flick, Eugene Osmon, Irene Slocum, and Henry Farley. **Also present;** Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Finance Coordinator; Jonathan Foster, Sr., Borough Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Tracy Stroup, First Assistant Fire Chief; William Wood, Second Assistant Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on December 21, 2016 were approved as presented.

**Citizens to be Heard** – The following citizens addressed the Borough Council regarding traffic conditions on North Thomas Avenue;

Dr. Joseph Hatef, of Waverly, New York stated that the traffic on North Thomas Avenue is “extremely dangerous” and that something needs to be done.

Donna Hazelton of North Thomas Avenue stated that the traffic continues to speed on the street and that at least three people ran the stop sign at North Thomas Avenue and East Lockhart Street. Ms. Hazelton stated that trucks from Austin Excavating, Porter’s Concrete, Guthrie shuttle buses, and employees from Guthrie, GE Railcar and Rynone all drive fast on the street.

Jenny Urbaniak of Tioga Street stated that she has nearly been run over by motorists on North Thomas Avenue when she has attempted to cross that roadway because vehicles are traveling too fast.

Rita Delaney, 101 North Higgins Avenue stated that vehicles are traveling as fast as 60mph on North Higgins Avenue and that something needs to be done on that street too.

Mr. Farley asked the Public Safety Committee and Public Works Committee to work together to develop potential solutions to the concerns raised by the residents.



**Approval of Bills List** - A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the bills list. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Correspondence Report** - There were no questions or comments.

**Finance Report – December 31, 2016** - There were no questions or comments.

**Committee Minutes** – The following reports were presented to the Borough Council;

Administration – Mr. Cerutti reviewed the issues discussed by the Committee at their meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> and outlined the Committee’s 2017 goals and objectives.

Public Works – Mr. Flick reviewed the issues discussed by the Committee at their meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> and explained that this year’s paving list is being developed.

Public Safety - Mr. Daly reviewed the issues discussed by the Committee at their meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement Agency – Mr. Cerutti reviewed the issues discussed by the Agency Board and outlined the Agency’s 2017 goals and objectives.

Planning Commission – Mr. Daly reported that the Commission completed the final review of the definitions section of the Borough Code.

Library – Mrs. Slocum reported the Library’s annual wine & cheese event will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the event is the largest fundraiser of the year.

**Elected & Appointed Official’s Reports** – The following reports were presented to the Borough Council;

Police Chief – Chief Reynolds reported that the Borough’s portable speed device was deployed on North Thomas Avenue four (4) times between October 2015 and March 2016 and that a total of 76,000 vehicles were counted. Chief Reynolds explained that more than 74,000 vehicles that passed the device were in compliance with the posted speed limit or considered to be low risk. Chief Reynolds stated that a “low risk” vehicle would be operating 0-10mph above the posted speed limit which is 25mph on North Thomas Avenue. Chief Reynolds stated that there were a total of 66 “high risk” vehicles and explained that a “high risk” vehicle would be operating 15mph faster than the posted speed limit.

Borough Manager – Mr. Jarrett reported that there are several projects planned in 2017 and that a final recommendation on the site for the new firehouse will be made as soon as March.

Code Enforcement Director – There were no questions or comments.

Fire Chief – There were no questions or comments.



Valley Joint Sewer Authority – There were no questions or comments.

Emergency Management – Mr. Daly reported that he will be coordinating a NIMS training course for elected officials and participating in a precipitation measuring program coordinated by the Bradford County Emergency Management Agency.

Solicitor – Attorney Foster reported that the proposed sign ordinance was submitted to the Bradford County Planning Commission for review and that the ordinance will now be ready for adoption by the Borough Council in February. Attorney Foster also stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Daly and Chief Reynolds to finalize the traffic ordinance amendment.

Mayor – Mr. Thomas stated that the designation of the baseball field in honor of Ralph Hendershot was well deserved.

**Vote to Resolution 2017-01 - Equipment Fees** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to adopt Resolution 2017-01. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6 NAY - 0**

**Vote to adopt Resolution 2017-02 - Yanuzzi's Liquor License Transfer** – A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Osmun to adopt Resolution 2017-02. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to adopt Resolution 2017-03 - Waiving the requirement of Borough Police Officers to contribute five percent (5%) of their salary to the Police Pension Fund.** A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Mr. Daly to adopt Resolution 2017-03. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to adopt Resolution 2017 – 04 establishing the 2017 hourly rate for part-time and per diem employees.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to adopt Resolution 2017-4. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to approve the 2017 agreement with Aquatic Environment Consultants of Scotland, PA.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve the 2017 agreement with Aquatic Environment Consultants. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun; NO.**

**Vote to approve the proposal from Robinson's Landscaping in the amount of \$2,200 for the removal of non-aquatic vegetation and trimming of aquatic vegetation at Island Pond.** A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the proposal from Robinson's Landscaping in the amount of \$2,200 for the removal of non-aquatic vegetation and trimming of aquatic vegetation at Island Pond. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**



**Vote to officially name the baseball field in Riverfront Park as Ralph Hendershot Field.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to officially name the baseball field in Riverfront Park as Ralph Hendershot Field. **Under the question:** Mr. Flick stated Mr. Hendershot was a well respected member of the community and the honor is well deserved. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve the purchase of the Tactical Training Simulator and equipment from TI Training LE, LLC of Golden, Colorado for a total cost not to exceed \$50,000 as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.** A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the purchase of the Tactical Training Simulator and equipment from TI Training LE, LLC of Golden, Colorado for a total cost not to exceed \$50,000. **Under the question:** Mayor Thomas asked if any of the other municipalities were asked to help defray the cost of the simulator. Chief Reynolds explained that the decision was made last year for the Borough to purchase the simulator and other departments would provide in-kind support and that the Sheriff's Department and Athens Township Police Department are covering the cost of upcoming training courses for Sayre officers. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve the 2017 Fire Department Officers List.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the 2017 Fire Department Officers List. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve the proposal submitted by Borton-Lawson Engineer for engineering services for the Cayuta Creek Bank Stabilization Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the proposal submitted by Borton-Lawson Engineer for engineering services for the Cayuta Creek Bank Stabilization Project for an amount not to exceed \$54,400. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$59,072.35 submitted by Vacri Construction Corporation for work complete on the Milltown Pump Station Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$59,072.35. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

**Vote to approve Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$105,557.54 submitted by Vacri Construction Corporation for work completed on the Keystone/Valor Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$105,557.54. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**



**Vote to approve the request from the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce for the 2017 Farmer's Market in Howard Elmer Park beginning May 12 through October 13<sup>th</sup>.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to approve the request from Jessica Callear to use Howard Elmer Park on Saturday, August 5, 2017 for an event hosted by Guthrie Bariatric Center.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6 NAY - 0**

**Vote to approve the request from Guthrie Sports Medicine for the 2017 Guthrie Gallop on Saturday, May 13, 2017.** A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to approve the request from Beth Herbst for the 2017 Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 23, 2017.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to approve the request to use Riverfront Park on Saturday, May 27, 2017 for the 2017 Pound the Ground for Ultra Sound.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Vote to approve the request from Mary Ellen Rhodes for the seventh annual Jean & Pete Run on April 8th.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 6**

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. There were no objections.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David M Jarrett  
Borough Secretary / Manager**

