

Sayre Borough Council

Minutes – August 26, 2020

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

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Cori Belles, Jessie Dekar, Patrick Gillette, Jessica Meyer, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, Council Vice-President; and James Daly, Council President. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, Fire Chief; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens To Be Heard – The following individuals addressed the Borough Council;

- Audrey McKean, 127 North Higgins Avenue – Ms. McKean addressed the Borough Council regarding a property maintenance issue at the neighboring property located on the corner of North Higgins Avenue and Tioga Street. Ms. McKean explained that her retaining wall is being pushed by the natural slope of the neighboring yard. Mr. Kaiden explained that he is aware of the situation and that the retaining wall was installed by the prior owner of Ms. McKean's property and that it was cut into the side of the hill and that in his opinion the issue is Ms. McKean's responsibility to repair the wall.
- Donna Hazelton, 212 North Thomas Avenue – Ms. Hazelton addressed the Borough Council regarding speeding on North Thomas Avenue. Ms. Hazelton asked why priority was given to Bradford Street after citizens expressed their concern with speeding, and Mr. Gillette explained that an evaluation of traffic on Bradford Street arose after resident's concerns with the new Guthrie daycare project and how it will increase traffic on the street. Mr. Gillette stated to Ms. Hazelton that he is still willing to go with her to meet with Guthrie about the shuttle buses speeding on North Thomas Avenue. Ms. Hazelton asked that stop signs be installed at the intersection of North Thomas Avenue and Holly Street and North Thomas Avenue and Tioga Street to slow down traffic, and Mrs. Slocum stated that she would be concerned with traffic getting backed-up if there were that many stop signs.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on July 29, 2020 and Borough Council Workshop meetings held on August 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020 were approved as presented and placed on file.

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

Correspondence Report – August 2020 – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – July 31, 2020 – There were no questions or comments.

Elected Officials – Questions & Comments – 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 and that 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. Approval of request submitted by Annie Caplan to use Howard Elmer Park on August 29th to host a children and family Black Lives Matter event
- b. Approval of advertisement of an ordinance amendment that would only require sidewalks for new commercial construction if the property abuts an adjoining property with sidewalks.
- c. Approval of request submitted by Guthrie to only require new sidewalk on North Elmer Avenue pending adoption of the ordinance amendment.
- d. Approval of offer submitted by William Sutton for the purchase of the Borough's 2012 and 2014 Dodge Charger vehicles for the amount of \$500.00 each.
- e. Approval for Police Department to sell the unclaimed bicycles currently stored by Department and the proceeds of the sale to go to the Department's Sirens for Santa program.
- f. Approval of bid submitted by Krieger Construction of Scranton, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$208,735.00 for the completion of infrastructure improvement work in conjunction with the PA 199 project as recommended by the Borough Engineer.
- g. Request the Civil Service Commission to begin testing process to establish a list of qualified candidates for future full-time patrol officer positions.
- h. Adoption of Resolution 2020-06 News Media Policy
- i. Approve the termination of the lease agreement between the Borough and Engine Company #1 for the third floor space in the Borough Hall effective December 31, 2020.
- j. Accept the resignation of Karen Cooley from the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board with regret.
- k. Approval of reclassification of Dalton Spencer from Permanent Part-time Patrol Officer to Per Diem Patrol Officer.
- l. Approval of reclassification of Seth Murrelle from Per Diem Patrol Officer to Permanent Part-Time Patrol Officer.

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

Recess – Mr. Daly recessed the meeting at 6:15pm prior to going into executive session.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session at 6:20pm to discuss a personnel issue. The session ended at 6:35pm and no action was taken.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting 6:35pm. There was no objection.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary