

Borough Council

Minutes– August 28, 2019

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; Eugene Cerutti, Jesse Dekar, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, and James Daly. **Also present;** Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Solicitor; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on July 24, 2019 were approved as presented.

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

- Alesha Blokzyl of Clare Printing on South Keystone Avenue addressed the Borough Council regarding the PA199 project that will be completed by PennDOT. Ms. Blokzyl stated that the property currently has eleven parking spaces however six of those parking spaces will be taken away after the project is completed and that five parallel parking spaces will be created. Ms. Blokzyl stated that the company's employees will park behind the building or underneath the overhang, however 15% of the company's business is walk-in business and that there will only be five spaces for customers to park. Mr. Daly explained that the project is a state project and that the Borough has very little control over the project.
- Jennifer Parrish, 501 South Keystone Avenue owner of Parrish's Deli addressed the Borough Council regarding the PA199 project that will be completed by PennDOT. Ms. Parrish stated that she was not fully aware of the project scope of work when she met with Representative Pickett and a representative of Senator Yaw and she has since contacted an attorney to represent her business. Ms. Parrish stated that she spoke with John Spencer who is the engineer on the project and that Mr. Spencer proposed three (3) options that would enable the business to keep their awning however PennDOT is not interested in the options. Ms. Parrish stated that she was surprised that PennDOT will not re-evaluate the possible options. Ms. Parrish also stated that she is concerned that her property value will decrease as a result of the project.
- John Amato, owner of Original Italian Pizza located at 205 South Keystone Avenue addressed the Borough Council regarding the PA199 project that will be completed by PennDOT and stated that everyone's hands are tied because PennDOT owns the roadway and they can do whatever they want to do. Mr. Amato asked if the Borough would support him if he purchased properties near his business and demolish them so that the properties can be used for parking. Mr. Daly stated that demolition regulations only apply to structures located within the Borough's historic district and that the Planning Commission would not be involved in creation of a parking lot in the Light Commercial District, but the Commission would require a zoning hearing for

residential properties that would be redeveloped for parking. Mr. Daly recommended to Mr. Amato that he contact the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss his plans. Mr. Amato stated that he hopes that the Borough would support him if he decides to purchase properties for parking.

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. 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 Bills List
- b. Approval of Conference Attendance Request – School Safety Seminar
- c. Authorize the Council President to notify FEMA that the Borough would like to pursue the Natural Valley Mapping process

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 no questions or comments. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of 2020 Ford F-550 Dump Truck in the amount of \$69,484.20 from Hondru Fleet and Bradco Supply Company. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 Dump Truck in the amount of \$69,484.20 from Hondru Fleet and Bradco Supply Company.

Under the question: Mr. Jarrett explained that grant funds will cover 90% of the purchase and that the Borough would be responsible for the remaining 10%. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of 2,000 Yard Waste Containers in the amount of \$18,800.00 from TM Fitzgerald. A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the purchase of 2,000 Yard Waste Containers in the amount of \$18,800.00 from TM Fitzgerald. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that grant funds will cover 90% of the purchase and that the Borough would be responsible for the remaining 10%...

Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Vote to approve the proposal from Teledair Communications of Sayre, Pennsylvania to upgrade the Recycling Center camera system at a cost of \$10,995.00. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve the proposal from Teledair Communications of Sayre, Pennsylvania to upgrade the Recycling Center camera system at a cost of \$10,995.00. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that grant funds will cover 90% of the purchase and that the Borough would be responsible for the remaining 10%. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance 957 amending Chapter 125 -Peddling & Soliciting. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to adopt Ordinance 957 amending Chapter 125 -Peddling & Soliciting. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance 958 amending Chapter 19 – Pensions. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to adopt Ordinance 958 amending Chapter 19 – Pensions. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance 959 amending Chapter 27 – Police Department. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to adopt Ordinance 959 amending Chapter 27 – Police Department. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to adopt Ordinance 960 approving the vacation of an unnamed street. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adopt Ordinance 960 approving the vacation of an unnamed street. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call – Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Serfas to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.