

# Borough Council

Minutes – April 25, 2018

**Call to Order** – Mrs. Slocum called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, and Mr. Flick led the Pledge of Allegiance & Meeting Prayer.

**Roll Call** – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Eugene Cerutti, Jessie Dekar, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas, and Irene Slocum. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Officer; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager. **Excused:** James Daly, Council President and Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Mr. Gillette to approve the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on March 28, 2018 as presented.

**Special Presentation** - Mrs. Slocum & Mayor Farley presented Certificates of Recognition to Ms. Kayla Hughey and Ms. Madison Romberger for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award and to Sam Vandermark for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Ms. Hughey explained that her community project was the creation of a Costume Closet that provided Halloween costumes to area children. Ms. Romberger explained that her community project was the installation of a "Buddy Bench" at Snyder Elementary that is designed to foster friendships between children. Mr. Vandermark explained that his project was to complete improvements to the trail system in Riverfront Park and the installation of two (2) new signs for the trail. Mayor Farley and Mrs. Slocum thanked Ms. Hughey, Ms. Romberger, and Mr. Vandermark for their improvements to the Community.

**Citizens To Be Heard** - Chris Davis, 309 Glen Valley Road, Athens, Pennsylvania addressed the Borough Council regarding his interest in creating a community dog park. Mr. Davis explained that the project would benefit the Greater Valley community and that he would like to use the project to increase cancer awareness. Mr. Serfas asked how much land would be needed for the project. Mr. Davis stated that about one (1) acre of land would be ideal.

**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** – Mrs. Slocum announced 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 new garbage packer purchase from Cyncon Equipment in the amount of \$89,400 as recommended by the Public Works Committee
- c. Approval of proposal submitted by Metal Fusion in the amount of \$2,695.00 to construct and furnish four (4) aluminum archways to be used as holiday decorations in Howard Elmer Park as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
- d. Approval of proposal submitted by Bradco Supply Company in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a flat tamp as recommended by the Public Work Committee.
- e. Approval of proposal submitted by Robinson's Contracting and Landscaping in the amount of \$1,500.00 for clean up at Island Pond as recommended by the Public Works Committee

- f. Approval of proposal submitted by Robinson's Contracting and Landscaping in the amount of \$1,025.00 to furnish and plant four (4) trees in Howard Elmer Park as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
- g. Approval of proposal submitted by JH Designs to furnish and install sponsor plaques for the Downtown Clock Project as recommended by the Administration Committee
- h. Approval of advertisement for the 2018 Paving Project as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
- i. Approval of sale of equipment through State Line Auto Auction's Heavy Equipment Auction as recommended by the Public Work Committee.  
*Note: Equipment being sold include a 1994 GMC Dump Truck with snow plow; 1991 International Cab & Chassis with recycling body; 1990 Ford Cab & Chassis; 1995 Leaf Vacuum; and leaf chipper (year unknown).*
- j. Approval of request to authorize Patrol Officer Nathan Ross to attend Taser Instructor Certification Course as recommended by the Administration Committee.  
*Note: Certification Course was held on April 10, 2018 in Elmira, NY*
- k. Approval of the following park use and street closure requests as recommended by the Public Works Committee & Administration Committee.
  - Guthrie Employee Picnic – Howard Elmer Park – May 16<sup>th</sup>
  - American Legion Post #283 – Howard Elmer Park / Memorial Day Parade – May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Guthrie Resident Orientation – Howard Elmer Park – June 27<sup>th</sup>
- l. Approval of the proposal submitted by JH Designs for the sponsorship plaques for the Downtown Clock Project as recommended by the Administration Committee.
- m. Approval of the updated Borough Council meeting schedule rescheduling the Borough Council meetings for May and August to the following dates; May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, & August 29<sup>th</sup> as recommended by the Administration Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, and Mrs. Slocum. YES.**

**Vote to approve the employee Meal Allowance Policy as recommended by the Borough Solicitor.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Serfas to approve the policy. **Under the Question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, and Mrs. Slocum. YES.**

**Vote to adopt Adoption of Resolution 2018 - 03 authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Cayuta Creek Bank Stabilization Project as recommended by the Administration Committee.** A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adopt Resolution 2018-03. **Under the Question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, and Mrs. Slocum. YES.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Mrs. Slocum announced that that there will be two Borough Council meetings in May. A special meeting for general purposes will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:00pm and the regular monthly Borough Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 6:00pm. Both meetings will be held here in the Community Room at the DPW Building.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm.