

Borough Council

Minutes - February 21, 2018

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

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Jessie Dekar, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, and James Daly. **Also present;** Henry Farley, Mayor; Jonathan Foster Jr., Borough Solicitor; Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager. **Excused:** Eugene Cerutti.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on January 25, 2018 were approved as presented.

Citizens To Be Heard - The following citizens addressed the Borough Council regarding their concerns with traffic on North Thomas Avenue;

- Donna Hazleton - 212 North Thomas Avenue - Mrs. Hazleton explained that speeding continues to occur on North Thomas Avenue and that something needs to be done. Mrs. Hazleton explained that she spoke to Cathy Leal who is the manager of Guthrie's Transportation Department regarding the organization's shuttle buses speeding on the street, and Mrs. Hazleton stated that Ms. Leal told her to have the Sayre Police Department do their job and pull over the buses if they are speeding. Mrs. Hazleton also stated that she was passed by a Valley Taxi vehicle recently on North Thomas Avenue. Mrs. Hazleton provided letters from Julie Bostwick and Dr. Joseph Hatef who both expressed concerns with safety on the street and vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Mrs. Hazleton stated that stop signs on the street would be helpful to slow down vehicles.
- JoAnn Sabatura – 105 North Elmer Avenue – Ms. Sabatura stated that she supports Mrs. Hazleton's concerns and that she was disappointed that no action has been taken to address the concerns. Ms. Sabatura suggested that other residents in the neighborhood be contacted to discuss their concerns and that discussions should also include representatives from GE Rail Car and Guthrie. Ms. Sabatura also stated that possible solutions should be implemented on a trial basis similar to other traffic changes that have been made in the Borough.
- Rebecca Casterline – 103 Holly Street – Mrs. Casterline stated that traffic is heavier during specific times of the day making it difficult to turn onto North Thomas Avenue from Holly Street. Mrs. Casterline stated that the speed limit on North Thomas Avenue in Athens Township is 35mph but the vehicles don't slow down when the speed limit changes to 25mph on the Borough's portion of the street.
- Gene Osmun- 515 North Wilbur Avenue – Mr. Osmun welcomed the new members of the Borough Council and suggested that the Public Safety Committee look at the transportation issues in the Borough. Mr. Osmun stated that he has noticed an increase in ambulance traffic on North Wilbur Avenue and that there was another motor vehicle accident recently at the intersection of North Elmer Avenue and Mohawk Street. Mr. Osmun also expressed concern with pedestrian safety at the intersection of North Lehigh and West Lockhart Street near Cerutti Gardens.

- John Ball – 112 North Thomas Avenue – Mr. Ball stated that he has difficulty getting out his driveway and was nearly rear-ended recently.
- Charles Brown – 120½ North Higgins Avenue – Mr. Brown stated that vehicles are speeding on North Higgins Avenue and that he is concerned with the safety of the children who are playing outside.
- Jane Bustin – 114 Valor Street - Ms. Bustin stated that she was supportive of Mrs. Hazelton concerns with traffic on North Thomas Avenue.
- Rita Delaney – 101 North Higgins Avenue – Ms. Delaney stated that vehicles continue to speed on North Higgins Avenue and that traffic coming off of the Packer Avenue Bridge onto North Thomas Avenue are speeding. Ms. Delaney stated that parking in front of Mangialardo’s Restaurant are causing problems. Ms. Delaney also stated that she has contacted the Sayre School District regarding issues with school buses.

Mr. Daly thanked the citizens for their comments and directed the issue to Mayor Farley and the Police Department.

- JoAnn Sabatura – 105 North Elmer Avenue – Ms. Sabatura asked if the Borough was planning to accept electronics in light of Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority’s announcement that they are accepting electronics again. Mr. Jarrett stated that he attended a recycling meeting with other representatives of the North Central Region including Leigh Twoey from Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority and that the Authority prefers that residents take their electronics directly to their facility in West Burlington Township.

Correspondence Report – February 2018 – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – January 31, 2018 – 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 Requests as recommended by the Administration Committee.
- c. Approval of Park Use requests as recommended by the Administration Committee.
- d. Approval of demolition request of 116 West Lockhart Street as recommended by the Planning Commission.
- e. Approval of re-designation of Christopher Bradley from Alternate Member of Planning Commission to Full-Time Member of the Planning Commission.
- f. Approval of request from Planning Commission to seek letters of interest for an Alternate Member on the Planning Commission.
- g. Approval of re-appointment of Karen Cooley to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. *(Note: Mrs. Cooley has been a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for more than twenty (20) years and her new term will expire on January 31, 2021.)*

- h.** Approval of request from the Bradford County District Attorney's Office – Victim Services to hang a banner over the intersection of West Lockhart Street and South Elmer Avenue.
(Note: Banner recognizes National Crime Victim's Rights Week)

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the Consent Agenda Items. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Vote to approve purchase of a snow plow from Watson Diesel Incorporated of Canton, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$6,844.00. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Gillette to approve the purchase of a snow plow from Watson Diesel Incorporated of Canton, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$6,844.00. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Roll Call: 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 Mrs. Slocum to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm.