

Borough Council

Minutes – April 24, 2019

Call to Order – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and announced that the Borough Council met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Fire Department and the Firehouse Project. 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, Jessie Dekar, Robert Flick, Patrick Gillette, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, and James Daly. **Also present;** Henry Farley, Mayor; Gilbert Crossett, Fire Chief, Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Borough Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on March 27, 2019 were approved as presented.

Citizens to be Heard – John Strange, 311 Lincoln Street addressed the Borough Council regarding his concerns with the following properties and presented photographs for the Borough Council's review;

- Parking across the sidewalk, widening of the driveway, and repairing vehicles in the garage at 404 Lincoln Street.
- Painted sidewalk in front of 129 South Keystone Avenue and vehicles blocking the sidewalk area
- Painted sidewalk in front of 148 South Keystone (OIP) and vehicles blocking the sidewalk area.
- Sidewalk paved over with asphalt at 305 South Keystone Avenue (EZ Wash)
- Front Yard Parking at 407 South Keystone Avenue
- Junk & Debris at 409 South Keystone Avenue
- Tree at 219 Olive Street
- Condition of sidewalk at 313 Lincoln Street

Mrs. Dekar asked if the PA 199 improvement project will include sidewalks and curbing, and Mr. Jarrett stated that PennDOT has not finalized the design for the area on South Keystone Avenue near the OIP and Clare printing yet and that PennDOT will be meeting with some property owners along the construction route next month.

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 other questions or comments.

Consent Agenda - 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 request for RPH Nurse Mile Walk – May 5th
- c. Approval of Request to use Howard Elmer Park - Abuse & Rape Crisis Center 40th Anniversary - September 7th
- d. Approval of Request to use Howard Elmer Park - Sayre Historical Society – September 14th
- e. Approval of Request to use Riverfront Park - Salt & Light Fall Festival – September 21st
- f. Approval of Request to use Howard Elmer Park – GVCC Farmer's Market – May 10th to Oct. 18th
- g. Approval of Request to use Howard Elmer Park – Guthrie Employee Picnic – May 15th
(**Note:** Request includes closing South Wilbur Avenue during event. This is an annual request.)
- h. Approval of Request to use Island Pond – Sayre Business Association – May 18th
- i. Approval of Request to close Desmond Street – Sayre Business Association – June 29th
- j. Adoption of **Resolution 2019-04** – Opposing HB349 Requiring Multiple Third Party Inspectors

A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar 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 tactical equipment with the \$75,000 in grant funding provided from the Bradford County Commissioners as recommended by the Public Services Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve the purchase of tactical equipment with the \$75,000 in grant funding provided from Bradford County Commissioners. **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 Underground Utility Agreement between Vacri Construction, AQUA PA, and Sayre Borough as recommended by the Public Services Committee. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the Underground Utility Agreement between Vacri Construction, Aqua PA and Sayre Borough. **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 recommendation of Administration Committee to allocate an additional \$25,000 from the Borough's UDAG fund to the Façade Grant Program. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to approve to allocate an additional \$25,000 from the Borough's UDAG fund to the Façade Grant Program. **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 hiring of Andrew Jelliff as a per diem fire truck driver as recommended by the Fire Chief. A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the hiring of Andrew Jelliff as a per diem fire truck driver. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

Announcements - Mr. Daly made the following announcements.

- a. There will be a CDBG Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 9:00am in the meeting room at the Sayre Borough Hall to receive public input on the transfer of funds originally allocated to the Higgins/Holly/Tioga Infrastructure Project to the ADA Crosswalk Improvement Project.
- b. Mr. Daly announced that there will be a special meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 9:15am in the meeting room at the Sayre Borough Hall to authorize the modification of the CDBG budget for funding years 2014 through 2017.
- c. The May Borough Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:00pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,



David Jarrett
Borough Secretary/Manager