

## **Borough Council**

### **Minutes – November 20, 2019**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Flick led the Pledge of Allegiance and led 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. **Excused:** Eugene Cerutti. **Also present;** Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Jonathan Foster Jr., Borough Solicitor; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, Assistant Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on October 30, 2019 as presented.

**Citizens to be Heard** – Paul Satterly, 132 Bradford Street in Sayre addressed the Borough Council regarding the pedestrian accident that occurred on South Wilbur Avenue and asked what the Borough will be doing to improve pedestrian safety on South Wilbur Avenue near the medical campus. Mr. Daly explained that the Borough has upgraded the street lights to LED lighting with a higher wattage and painted bolder crosswalks. Mr. Daly also stated that Guthrie had paid for the installation of flashing lights on South Wilbur Avenue at both ends of the medical campus several years ago. Mayor Farley suggested that the Public Services Committee discuss this issue at their meeting in December and for Mr. Satterly to attend the meeting to discuss possible improvements.

**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 Officials Reports** – Mr. Daly announced that the Borough received a request for sub-division of the property located at 704 South Elmer Avenue, and the request has been forwarded to the Bradford County Planning Office for review and comment.

Mayor Farley commended the Police Department for the number of arrests that led to convictions in Bradford County court. Mayor Farley explained that the most recent police blotter listed nine arrests and convictions and that the cases involved officers on each shift.

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Daly stated 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 2019 Shelter Agreement with Bradford County Humane Society
- c. Approval of advertisement of ordinance amendment to Chapter 3 of the Borough Code.
- d. Approval of Valley Joint Sewer Authority sewer camera agreement.

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

**Vote to approve the re-classification of Jeremiah Rogers from fire truck driver probationary to Fire Truck Driver Class 3 effective January 1, 2020.** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to approve the re-classification of Jeremiah Rogers from fire truck driver probationary to Fire Truck Driver Class 3 effective January 1, 2020. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to adopt Ordinance #961 establishing the 2020 millage rate at 10.37 mills.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Gillette to adopt Ordinance #961 establishing the 2020 millage rate at 10.37 mills. **Under the question:** Mr. Flick commended Ms. Fice and Mr. Jarrett as well as the Department Heads for their great work on the budget. Mr. Daly stated that 2020 will be the tenth year without a tax increase. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Vote to approve the 2020 Budget as presented.** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the 2020 Budget as presented. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Flick, Mr. Gillette, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.**

**Re-Organization Meeting –** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Gillette to hold the Borough's re-organization meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00pm. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES 6 – NAY 0**

**Planning Commission Appointment –** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Flick to appoint Jesse Buck of Sayre to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Bradley on the Planning Commission. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES 6 – NAY 0**

**Adjourn –** A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Jarrett  
Borough Manager/Secretary

