

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 9, 2018

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Consolmagno, Hannan, Gibbons, Harrison, McLean, Moury, and Mayor Jack Allen

Absent: Council Members Colella, Dixon and O'Brien

Also Present: Shawn Arbaugh, Manager;
Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager;
Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor;
Joseph Villella, Finance Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, March 26, 2018 to discuss police and personnel issues. Tonight, an Executive Session of Council was conducted on Monday, April 9, 2018 to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Moury said:

"Before we move into the Agenda, for those of you that are here for Planning and Zoning, Item A, has been removed from the Agenda tonight. Hopefully that will be placed back on there. It's for Millennium Woods sub-division approval, probably on next month's agenda."

Reports of Officials

4. Library Director's Report

There was no Library Director's report

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief O'Connor stated he had an important announcement tonight. On Friday, April 20, 2018, it's the Police Departments annual basketball game. Police vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers. The first game will be the Police playing the teachers of Bethel Park School District. The Chief stated then the Steelers will take the floor and they will beat them! Doors open at 6 p.m., it's the Police's big community event that they sponsor for the year. Admission is free and there are autographs! Historical Society will be in the lobby with their Auction as well as running the concession stand. The Chief hopes to see everyone on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 6 p.m.

The next Crime Watch will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The police will bring some equipment over and will have it on display. If you can't make it please follow the Bethel Park Police on Facebook and social media.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Brown gave the Fire report for the month of March. There were a total of 34 calls for the month of March. With a total of 124 calls for the first quarter.

Deputy Chief Brown informed everyone that on the Fire Departments website they listed locations that residents can purchase CO and smoke detectors.

Mr. Harrison asked Deputy Chief Brown if he was aware about the fire behind the Bruce Brothers Building and if he knew the cause of that fire.

Deputy Chief Brown responded to Mr. Harrison and stated that building was used for training firefighters.

7. Mayor's Report

At this time, Mayor Allen introduced Dan Duff of the Bethel Park Community Foundation. Mr. Duff was happy to announce the donation they received from Mike Panarello who owns Jersey Subs. Jersey Subs donated the total profits of their Opening Day to the Community Foundation for \$9,363.00.

At this time, Dan Duff introduced Bill Holden the Vice President of the Community Foundation. Bill Holden and Dan Duff presented a check to Dave Cable for \$8,000 to purchase new studio lights. Dan Duff stated that they are excited that the fireworks are coming back to Bethel Park this year! They presented a check to the Municipality of Bethel Park for \$2500 for the Firework Celebration at Millennium Park. Dan Duff stated if your Bethel Park organization would like a grant, the Bethel Park Community Foundation information is available on Facebook and on their website. Every year between \$50,000-\$75,000 is given in community grants.

Mayor Allen stated that the Military Banners are being put up around Bethel Park. In the past this has been done around Memorial Day and Veterans Day they are taken down. If anyone has purchased a Banner since Memorial Day of last year until now and April 30th is the last day. Those will be put together on May 16th.

Mayor Allen stated he is receiving calls about the location of specific banners. He stated that the banners move every year. Emily and her group will then go around with GPS to locate all the banners and place the information on the website so you can locate your banner.

Mayor Allen then introduced Emily Carter. Emily is a Girl Scout and has received a Presidential Award for volunteer hours.

Emily volunteers for clean-up day, she works at Girl Scout camps, volunteers at the VFW, the Bethel Park Library, and the Bethel Park Community Center and at the American Legion. Mayor Allen read a part of the congratulatory award from the White House. He then read the Presidential Service Award that Emily was given.

Mayor Allen announced that we are still looking for groups to participate in Spring Clean Up which will be held on Saturday, April 21st. He stated that this is also the opening day for Bethel Park Baseball, so if there are any groups interested in participating on Sunday, April 22nd, that is fine. Anyone interested in taking part in the cleanup can contact Janet Davin at the Municipal Building for a location and more information. Bags, vests and gloves will be provided.

Mayor Allen stated the Farmers Market is starting Tuesday, May 1st, 2018. This year it will be located in the parking lot of South Park Ice Skating Rink.

At this time, Mayor Allen introduced a school teacher Dave Minch who has been leading a student driven project to create plaques for 100+ windows for the School House Arts building, to represent the people who donated money for the windows. Dave Minch introduced Zach G the main student who has been working on this project using a CNC Router at school.

Mr. Moury thanked Dave and Zach on behalf of the Bethel Park Historical Society for all of their hard work on the plaques for the School House Arts building.

8. Municipal Manager's Report

Municipal Manager, Shawn Arbaugh announced that there are a lot of projects underway at the Municipality.

Bethel Park has partnered with Allegheny County on a Vacant Property Recovery Program. This program is run through the County. Mr. Arbaugh explained that the program allows applicants to obtain properties that are vacant and retain those to take over those properties. One thing with the program, they require a plan. The property has to be vacant and 3 years of tax delinquency to be eligible. You can find more information on our website www.bethelpark.net. Just type Vacant Property in the search bar at the bottom of the home page.

Mr. Arbaugh stated that the Municipality passed an Ordinance in February for homes that are in the process of foreclosure to register with the Municipality. That will require a bank to assign a property manager to the property, so that when we do have violations, property maintenance issues, the Municipality will be able to get them addressed very quickly. In addition there is a registration fee for that program, the plan is to use any monies we receive

through the registration process back into the budget for enforcing different codes and tearing down structures that need to be torn down.

Bethel Park has a lot going on right now. You are going to see a lot of construction and activity starting in the next 2-3 weeks. Mr. Arbaugh stated that the 2018 Road Program, Storm Sewer Project, Sanitary Sewer Ling Project and numerous other,. Mr. Arbaugh stated that they are doing a big project at Village Green. That field will be converted to an artificial turf field, a nice walking path will be added. Additionally at Simmons Park we will be updating the playground equipment as well us some restoration and upgrades to the restrooms.

Mr. Moury asked Mr. Arbaugh, Where do residents go to file a complaint?

Mr. Arbaugh stated that residents can go to our website and click on Citizen Action Line. If you would like to be contacted regarding your complaint, enter your email. If you would rather remain anonymous then you can do that as well.

9. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018. Motion Carried 6– 0. Council Member Colella, Dixon and O’Brien absent.

10. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #040918 in the amount of \$1,672,708.32. Motion Carried 6–0. Council Members Colella, Dixon and O’Brien absent.

Residents' Comments (non-agenda items only)

None

GENERAL POLICY AND FINANCE

11. Citizens’ Comments – General Policy and Finance Items

None

12. General Policy and Finance Items

No Items

Mr. McLean wanted to advise the public and note for the record, that Council is continuing to discuss the language for the proposed revision to the Home Rule Charter. It has been discussed numerous times on the floor over the past few months. Council has been reviewing the language with the solicitor and will review it again at the next Caucus meeting in two weeks on April 23, 2018. The expectations are that once Council and the

Solicitor have gone through the revisions and give their approval, then it will be brought to the floor for a vote. That would then result in the proposed amendment being placed on the ballot for the general election in November for vote by the public.

Mr. Harrison said that he wanted to add to Mr. McLean's comments. He feels this will place undue burden on the citizens to change this part of the Home Rule Charter and make it more complex. He stated he provided council with some information, indicating that some of the discussion is not necessary.

Mr. Moury stated that what Mr. Harrison is eluding to is the definition of an electorate. Which is not something we are currently discussing. It has nothing to do with the changes that are potentially being proposed.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

13. Citizens' Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

No Items

14. Planning and Zoning Items

Resolution No. R4-09-18A - Active Allegheny Grant Program (AAGP):
Brightwood/Lytle Station Trail Project

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file a grant application for an Active Allegheny Grant Program to fund the design of a trail connection from Brightwood Road through Municipal Property to the Lytle Station parking lot. Motion Carried 6– 0. Council Members Colella, Dixon and O'Brien absent.

15. Resolution No. R4-09-18B - Park Rehabilitation and Development Funding (PRD) Grant: Millennium Park Redevelopment

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file an application for a Park Rehabilitation and Development Funding grant to fund improvements to Millennium Park. Motion Carried 6– 0. Councils Member Colella, Dixon and O'Brien absent.

16. Resolution No. R4-09-18C – Gaming Economic Development Funding (GEDF) Grant: Park Avenue Redevelopment Phase 1

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file an application for Gaming Economic Development Fund grant to fund improvements to Park Avenue. Motion Carried 6– 0. Council Members Colella, Dixon and O'Brien absent.

17. Resolution No. R4-09-18D – Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant – Park Avenue Redevelopment Phase 2

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to adopt the resolution authorizing the Manager of the Municipality of Bethel Park to file an application for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program grant to fund additional improvements to Park Avenue. Motion Carried 6– 0. Council Members Colella, Dixon and O'Brien absent.

Mr. Moury thanked staff and the Recreation Board over the past year and a half there has been a lot of evaluation of the parks and what to do going forward. A lot of changes are coming.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

18. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

No Items

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

19. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

20. Public Works and Maintenance Items

No Items

21. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:57 P.M.



Manager