

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: December 12, 2016

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Municipal Building

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Consolmagno, Colella, Dixon, Gibbons, Hannan, Harrison, McLean, Moury and O'Brien

Also Present: Mayor Jack Allen; William J. Spagnol, Manager; Judith L. Miller, Assistant Manager; Solicitor Robert L. McTiernan; Chief Timothy O'Connor; Jean Statler, Municipal/Environmental Engineer; Joseph Villella, Finance Director; Ashley Moore, Municipal Planner

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chair Announcement

An Executive Session of Council was conducted on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 to discuss personnel and contractual items and on Monday, December 12, 2016 to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Reports of Officials

4. Library Director's Report

Library Director, Christine McIntosh, stated that the Bethel Park Public Library provides services to inform, inspire and enrich the community.

Ms. McIntosh announced the current library programs. Ball Exercises will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. You can learn the benefits of core stabilization with an interactive presentation led by Physical Therapist Martine Marino. Social Security Plus will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. where you can learn strategies that could increase lifetime benefits and key factors you need before applying for Social Security, presented by Adri Bleier, Vice President of Financial Planning at the Monteverde Group. Home School Happenings will take place on Thursday, December 15 for Grades 2 through 5

with three classes. Art at 1:00 p.m. and STEM at 2:00 p.m. Games around the World will begin at 3:00 p.m. Registration is required.

On Wednesday, December 21, Tinkercad Basics will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 3D Printing will be held at 6:00 p.m. Class participants will learn the basics of 3D printing, intro to cad software and see an object printing before your very eyes.

The Library will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday and reopen on December 26 at 1:00 p.m.

The Library will also be closed on December 31 and January 1 for the New Year Holiday.

For more information on these and the many other programs and services offered by the Library, visit the Library's web site at bethelparklibrary.org. You can also follow the Library on Facebook or Twitter.

5. Police Chief's Report

Chief O'Connor, on behalf of the officers and staff, he wished everyone a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

The next Crime Watch meeting will take place on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Chief O'Connor introduced Police Chief Kenneth Truver of Castle Shannon Borough. Chief Truver was in attendance to award letters of Commendation to Bethel Park Police Sgt. Ed Kach, Sgt. Rob Stiglich, Detective Giles Wright and Officer Keith Jones, as well as Communications Officer Skip Dobson for their excellent work in capturing the man who robbed the Dollar Bank at 400 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard in Castle Shannon on November 16th. Mayor Allen presented them with their commendations.

Chief Truver said that everyone should know that the terrific work that our agency does impacts not only the residents and business of Bethel Park, but the residents and businesses of Castle Shannon through inter-agency cooperation. He said these officers did a fine job and this success story is owing to that.

Mr. Moury thanked Chief Truver for attending the meeting to honor our officers.

You can follow the Police Department news on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

6. Fire Chief's Report

There was no Fire Chief's Report.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Allen announced that this year's Lighting and Decorating Contest is in full swing. If you would like to nominate your home or a home in your neighborhood, please contact the Municipal office. Winners will be announced at the January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor advised that Municipal Council's annual Blood Drive will take place at the Community Center on Friday, December 30, 2016 from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Allen recognized Finance Director Joseph Villella for being awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mayor thanked Council Member Mark O'Brien for speaking kind words at last month's Council Meeting regarding the American Legion and all that they do for the community and our veterans. He announced that that portion of the Council Meeting will be played via BPTV at the Legion for all their members to hear.

Mayor announced that this year's Bethel Park High School Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at Bethel Park High School Auditorium.

Mayor then introduced Judy Murtaugh Volpatti and presented her with a Proclamation. Mrs. Volpatti started Judy Murtaugh's Dance Studio, and is celebrating 40 years in her business. Mrs. Volpatti participates as a Board Member of the Bethel Park Cheerleaders. Mrs. Volpatti is also the founder of Bethel Park Cheerleading.

Mrs. Volpatti thanked Mayor Allen for the honor.

Mayor Allen introduced Diane Ford. Ms. Ford is being honored for her dedicated service and hard work with starting the Thanksgiving Community Fund Drive for soliciting and providing turkey dinners for 30 families with help from Frank's Pub and Restaurant and the American Legion. It started by her efforts in helping 2 families that expanded and resulted in helping 30 families. Mayor presented Mrs. Ford with a Certificate of Recognition for her service to the community.

Mrs. Ford said that it is a blessing to be from a community that completely supported everything she did. She said it was a true community effort, including the help from the school, donations from teachers, principals of the schools, Municipal Council, Mayor Allen, and the nurse at the high school. She said that there are those that suffer in silence and we as a community must come together to give support. She thanked Mayor Allen and Council and said that she knows Adopt-a-Family is going on and we must support that as well by paying attention to what is going on in the community.

Mayor Allen wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Colella spoke about resurrecting the Adopt a Family South Hills Program. He and his wife Pamela found sponsors for 28 families in one short

month (41 adults, 86 children and 1 senior citizen) for the holiday season. He thanked all who donated and said a special thank you to the Almanac and the Post-Gazette for including articles in their publications about bringing this program to the community. He said it was a crazy, busy month but very worthwhile and would like to continue this drive in the future.

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

9. Bills and Payrolls

Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Bills and Payrolls for the Municipality per Bill List #121216 in the amount of \$995,297.41. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

10. 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

2017 Regular Council Meeting Dates

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the Year 2017 Regular Council Meeting dates with a starting time of 7:30 p.m.: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

13. Ordinance – Year 2017 Administrative Salaries

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve the ordinance providing 2017 salaries for the Bethel Park Management, Supervisory and other confidential employees. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

14. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 205

Motion by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the contract with the Teamsters 205 for a term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, in accordance with the Municipality's final offer, as ratified by the Bargaining

Unit, with final contract language subject to the Municipal Solicitor's approval. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Moury mentioned that this contract was ratified on Monday, December 12, 2016 and covers the Public Works and staff for 5 years. Mr. Moury thanked the Solicitor, Manager and Assistant Manager as well as staff and the Teamsters who were involved for working through this so that we have a satisfactory contract for everybody.

Mr. Harrison said:

“There’s a lady appeared here a couple of times about walkways along Brightwood down to 88. She’s communicated with Council and word came back if walkways could be put in by Bethel Park and maintenance by Bethel Park. The reason I bring it up, I just want to ask the question, the solicitor can answer, I told her that I don’t think we can spend municipal tax money to put walkways along county road. Is that true, or could we do that?”

Mr. McTiernan said:

“Generally, it would be in the right-of-way, we wouldn’t have the ability to put anything in another municipal entity’s right-of-way without that entity’s permission.”

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

15. Citizens’ Comments – Planning and Zoning Items

16. Planning and Zoning Items

Application No. 2016-0383, Extenet Small Cell Node, Conditional Use, 3405 South Park Road (Public R-O-W)

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve Application No. 2016-0383, Extenet Small Cell Node, Conditional Use, 3405 South Park Road (Public R-O-W). Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Moury explained that this is going to be an enhancement to the satellite communication. It is a small top that will be placed either on top or the side of the existing telephone poles. It will not be a full antenna, it will just be an extension to the poles and the average person will not know what it is.

17. Application No. 2016-0475, Bethel Park Public Works Complex, Conditional Use, 2490 Slater Road

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve Application No. 2016-0475, Bethel Park Public Works Complex, Conditional Use, 2490 Slater Road. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Moury said that a Public Hearing was held at the last Committee Meeting and the issues of concern to residents in the area have been addressed. Two major issues were address. One was water runoff. When we do any type of development in Bethel Park, whether it is ours or not, there is a storm water management plan, and from an engineering standpoint, the storm water runoff from the property will be at a slower rate when the project is finished than it is today. It is 90% of pre-development flow which is an improvement from its present flow. They made sure it wasn't on the Lenox Park side. The way the system is designed is that it will come off the front side into two detention ponds, one on the front and one on the rear towards Brightwood Road and then those ponds will feed into our storm water system. We were told by our engineers that there will be no runoff to the properties below. The second item is visibility. We advised the neighbors that once the building is finished in the spring of 2017, we will look into installing fencing or shrubs to reduce visibility of the complex from the residential areas.

Mr. Dixon said that the storm water will not affect Lenox Park. Currently, there is no storm water facility on that property. We are going to control the storm water runoff moving forward and part of our development policy is that we are to collect all the storm water and release it at a rate of no more than 90 percent of the pre-development flow. So we are actually improving storm water runoff on the site. This plan has gone through significant scrutiny by our Planning Commission as well. This has been studied and improved upon. It is a very good plan. We don't expect any problems with storm water affecting Lenox Park.

Mr. O'Brien said that we will hold ourselves to the same standards that we expect from everyone else.

18. Resolution – Transfer of Liquor License

Motion by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to adopt the resolution for the Transfer of Liquor License request by El Paso Mexican Grill, Bethel Park LLC, Owner, from 6520 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 to 1778-1780 North Highland Road, Pittsburgh, PA. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Dixon also mentioned that the matter of the sidewalks that Mr. Harrison spoke of has been referred to Allegheny County Councilwoman Sue Means and we will let that resident know what the status is.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ITEMS

19. Citizens' Comments – Health, Safety and Welfare Items

None

20. Health, Safety and Welfare Items

Bethel Park School Guard Contract Agreement – Years 2017-2020

Motion by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mrs. Gibbons to approve the contract agreement with the Bethel Park School Guards for a 4-year period (2017-2020) with a yearly rate increase of 2%. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Harrison said:

"I'll be voting no on this motion. It's not that I disagree with the content of the contract, but I speak all the time about us running our business legally and we violated the Home Rule Charter on getting the ballot question on the fire company and I think that we ought to put our business in the (unintelligible). Now, the reason I'm voting against it is that we get our mail on a Thursday before the meeting. I opened my mail and I find out that this item is on the agenda. I could tell you as a council member I was completely unaware (unintelligible) was going on. Maybe it was discussed and I wasn't there, sometime I have to leave early. The second item is that I am basically saying that I would expect as an elected officials, knowing that we're going to be asked to take action on an item we ought to be aware of where this is being negotiated and be aware of the conditions and neither one of those criteria was met, so I am voting no."

Mr. O'Brien spoke about the robbery incident that occurred on November 16, 2016. Tonight we saw accommodations handed out to some of our brave police officers. Even the Chief of Castle Shannon was in attendance. He said he thought of the details of that day. He said his dad loved to do two things. He used to love listening to the Pirates games on the radio and the other thing was to listen to the police scanner. When his brother became a police officer, the scanner remained off. He said for the families of police officers, it is become real for everyday life. The event happened at approximately 3:00 in the afternoon that day when the robbery was in progress at Dollar Bank in Castle Shannon Boulevard. Every officer that received that call went into action. Bethel Park Police Officer Jones spotted the vehicle and the driver that met the description at Library and Brightwood Roads. The sergeant on duty shut the pursuit down. The bank robber worked his way somehow into the Coverdale neighborhood and abandoned his car and walked back towards South Park Road. The work of all the officers, sergeants and the dispatch officer came in to play. The robber was spotted on Main Street and was spotted and tackled by Officer Wright who placed him in custody. This event all took place and finished in thirty-seven minutes. Mr. O'Brien said to take the time to think of how many homes were in that area, how many people and how many doors were open at that time of day. Parents were waiting for children to get off the school busses and how many people were traveling up and down South Park Road at that time. It was not known if the robber was armed or not. He said he wanted to take this time to thank all the officers for signing on because we truly do not know what this man's true intentions were. With their training, their diligence, with their professionalism and patience, they caught this man in thirty-seven minutes. Mr. O'Brien said that as his father did, we must truly understand what these men and women do for the people of Bethel Park every day. He said when he got notice that there was a bank robbery, there were three communities involved and two of the other officers were his brother and his nephew who were on duty that day.

Mr. Harrison said:

"One thing I want to put on record is that we just passed a motion, but in my mail that I received, I have a signed contract, signed by Mr. Moury, Mr. Spagnol and two police sergeants. So a signed contract was already made a record before we made the vote. I just think that is inconsistent with running a reasonable type business or governing body or whatever. Thank you."

Mr. Moury said:

"Just for the record, Mr. Harrison, you voted yes."

PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

21. Citizens' Comments – Public Works and Maintenance Items

None

22. Public Works and Maintenance Items

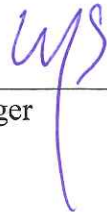
Public Works Complex

Motion by Mrs. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. Hannan to approve the General Construction Contract to Hudson Construction, Inc., for the base bid, Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 for a total bid amount of \$3,475,000; Electrical Contract to McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$565,000; Plumbing and Fire Protection Contract to Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC, in the amount of \$891,200; and the HVAC Contract to East West Manufacturing & Supply Company, Inc., in the amount of \$474,000. Motion Carried 9 – 0.

Mr. Moury said that the Recreation Department and the Bethel Park Historical Society will sponsor a Comedy Night on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Community Center. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Department or from any member of the Bethel Park Historical Society.

23. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.



Manager