

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Walker at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: President Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Derr, Mr. J Pfeil, Mayor Aber, Mr. D Pfeil, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Moralez (Mrs. Mabus was absent). Also present: Jess Novinger, Amy Day, Sam Shaffer, Doug Diehl, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Atty Hartley

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from Oct. 25, 2023: **1st Moralez / 2nd Swartz / Carried**

Borough Manager's Report

- Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to allow her to apply for this year's Local Share Account (LSA) funding grant for equipment in the Public Works Department. The application can be up to \$1 million and does not require a match. I would apply for a bucket truck, paver, skid steer, and mini excavator if the application would allow. Applications are due November 30th
Motion to allow the application of an LSA grant: **1st Moralez / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
- Attended a Susquehanna Greenway Mini-Grant webinar on November 2nd – possible funding for some gateway signage – working with Corey Ellison
- Working with the EPA on a potential Brown Field funding project and will know more after a webinar next Wednesday, November 15th
- 519 Mahoning Street was successfully demolished this week, working on filling in the foundation
- Reminder that the Borough Office is closed 11/23 and 11/24 for Thanksgiving

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Aber thanked Mr. J Pfeil for all the time he gave the borough and wished him luck with his business

President's Report

- President Walker thanked Mr. J Pfeil for his four years of service
- Mr. Kevin Sheimreif is the winner of Ward 3 for our new Councilmember

Chief of Police's Report

- Officers were unfortunately dispatched to the death of an infant child and have spent the last 24 hours investigating this event
- Had another barricaded incident on Shakespeare – the Officers resolved it peacefully, and our co-responded was able to successfully get involved
- The PD will be doing their Christmas program again this year
- Ms. Fawess thanked the PD for handling the incident with the tractor trailer hitting a pole

Public Works Director's Report

- Leaf Pick-up continues – no issues
- Brush Pick-up went well

- Paving is completed on all state routes, there are few ADA ramps and some minor touch-ups that are being wrapped up in the meantime
- Parking stalls on N Front St have been painted

Fire Chief's Report

- 7 Calls for Service, 11 EMS Calls, and 56 MICU calls
- Ten (10) members participated in and completed a 16-hour training
- Ambulance 15-2 is in Iowa until February for rechassis

Public Comments

- Nothing to report

Public Works and Cemeteries

- Nothing to report

Public Safety

- Nothing to report

General Government and Finance

- *Motion* to approve Conditional Use Hearing No. CU-2023-03 (McCann School of Business and Technology & Mr. Milton, LLC) **1st Fawess / 2nd D. Pfeil / Carried**

-MEETING MOVED TO THE CONDITIONAL USE HEARING-

Transcripts for the Conditional Use Hearings are available upon request at requester's expense

Motion to adjourn from the Conditional Use Hearing at 7:18 PM

1st Fawess / 2nd Moralez / Carried

- *Motion* to approve the first reading of the 2024 budget **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
(Swartz opposed)

-COUNCIL ENTERED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONELL MATTERS-

7:19 pm – 8:04 pm

- *Motion* to authorize advertisement of the 2024 budget **1st Fawess / 2nd D. Pfeil / Carried**
- *Motion* to authorize Attorney Wiley to prepare and advertise the 2024 Tax Ordinance **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**

- *Motion* to pay the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$111,785.80: **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**

Final Comments

- None

Motion to adjourn at **8:09 PM**

1st Meckley / 2nd D Pfeil / Carried

Submitted By:



Brittnee Vann
Secretary / Treasurer