

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

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

Attendance: President Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Derr, Mr. J Pfeil, Mayor Aber, Mr. D Pfeil, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Morales. Also present: Jess Novinger, Amy Day, Sam Shaffer, Seth Heddings, Chief Zettlemyer, and Atty Wiley (Borough Secretary Brittnee Vann was absent).

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2023: **1st Morales / 2nd J Pfeil / Carried**
(D. Pfeil abstained)

Borough Manager's Report

- Sam and Dale Pfeil coordinated the demolition of Milton Panther Cub (MPC) field. Asking Council's consideration to allow the scrap metals to be placed on Municibid and the proceeds be returned to the MPC **1st J Pfeil / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
- Police parking lot has been repaved – all work was done in house and paid for with ARPA funding. Asking Council's consideration to allow the sale of all bricks and cobblestones that were removed in the demo process on Municibid, and those proceeds be used to pay for the paving project in front of the Borough building **1st Morales / 2nd D Pfeil / Carried**
- Remaining PD parking lot is being seal coated to ensure the longevity of the entire paved surface
- PD (MPOA) and DPW (Teamsters) negotiations are still continuing and going well
- The LERTA public hearing notice has been drafted by Solicitor Wiley and then reviewed by the General Gov. & Finance Committee. Any Councilmember with questions can see me as we move forward with the public hearing process
- We are beginning the process for the 2024 Budget so please call and schedule meetings with me as I try to block off days to dedicate to the budget

Mayor's Report

- Attended the Harvest Festival Princess Pageant and the 9/11 Ceremony
- Reminder that the tree planting for Mayor Nelson is this Saturday at 9:00 AM in Hermani Park

President's Report

- Happy Birthday Mayor Aber!
- Also shared a reminder of Mayor Nelson's tree planting ceremony
- Wants to bring attention to Safety during the Harvest Festival
- Revitalization Committee met and it went well. Doug was able to answer a lot of questions
- Brown Ave Committee met and also had a great meeting. Would like to commend the Borough Manager and Police Chief for providing a lot of positive information

Chief of Police's Report

- Responded to a Rescue with the Fire Department where a mental health patient fell down on the bank of the river. She was found unharmed, and the responders used their UTV and boat to reach and rescue her. Chief is proud of the local Emergency Services units and the coordinated efforts that are put forth for the community
- Final planning for the cameras is scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 AM
- PD parking light has been installed and a camera will be located here as well
- PD assisted Marshall services with some apprehensions of some fugitives in the area

Public Works Director's Report

- Municipal lots and parking stalls have been repainted as well as all the lines downtown such as crosswalks and parking stalls
- The PD parking lot has been repaved and line painting the stalls will be finished tomorrow
- Will be starting the Borough Office parking lots next week
- Crew continues to clean up the parks as needed; they will be cleaning up downtown in preparation of Harvest Festival events
- HRI will start milling on Sunday night (this is all night work)
- Next Monday morning Big Rock Paving will be starting Brown Ave paving from the gas project

Fire Chief's Report

- 13 Calls for Service, 11 EMS Calls, and 81 MICU calls
- Participated in a fundraiser at Harvest Festival making french fries, fish sandwiches, and hotdogs

Public Comments

- No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries

- Nothing to report

Public Safety

- *Motion* to approve nine (9) members of the MFD join the Task Force 80
1st D. Pfeil / 2nd Moralez / Carried
(Derr abstained)
- *Motion* to approve the "Pickleball Players" group placing a porta-potty near the pickleball/tennis courts at Brown Ave Park, at their expense
1st D. Pfeil / 2nd Swartz / Carried
- *Motion* to approve a section of the municipal parking lot be blocked off from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the YMCA's Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 14th
1st D. Pfeil / 2nd Moralez / Carried

-MEETING MOVED TO THE CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS-

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

Motion to adjourn from the Conditional Use Hearings at 7:47 PM

1st D Pfeil / 2nd Moralez / Carried

General Government and Finance

- *Motion* to approve Conditional Use Hearing No. CU-2023-04 pending local, county, state, and federal permits are acquired **1st Fawess / 2nd Moralez / Carried**
- *Motion* to approve Conditional Use Hearing No. CU-2023-05 pending local, county, state, and federal permits are acquired **1st Fawess / 2nd Moralez / Carried**
- *Motion* to adopt Zoning Ordinance 1249 **1st Fawess / 2nd D Pfeil / Carried**
- *Motion* to pay the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$79,866.21: **1st Fawess / 2nd Derr / Carried**

Final Comments

- During the Public Safety reports Dale Pfeil thanked the Public Works Crew and their Director for the work completed at MPC Field
- President Walker shares that he and Jess Novinger were able to spend some time with Senator Culver and Rep. Stender and covered a lot of Borough aspects
- President Walker also sends prayers and condolences go out to the Flickinger and Engle families who have lost children in recent devastating events
- Joe Moralez asked if we have ever considered installing a mirror at the corner of Filbert and Mahoning
- Mr. Yocum (public) asked some questions regarding Zoning Ordinance 1249 in which Jess Novinger, Dale Pfeil, and Solicitor Wiley explained the ordinance

Motion to adjourn at **7:55 PM**

1st D Pfeil / 2nd Derr / Carried

Submitted By:



Brittnee Vann

Secretary / Treasurer