

BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Rager called the August 25, 2020 Elizabeth Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:01p.m. The meeting was held at the Elizabeth Borough Fire Department Bingo Hall located at 107 Market Street, Elizabeth, PA 15037 to allow for social distancing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rager lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were Ms. Desiree Gephart, Mr. Tim Guffey, Mr. Andy Miklos, Ms. Cindy Morris and President Chad Rager. Also, present were Secretary Lauren Zang, Solicitor Krisha DiMascio, Chief William Sombo and Engineer Joe Dursa. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Paul Shaner, Ms. Jocelyn Smrdel and Mayor Barry Boucher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the minutes from the July 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gephart to authorize the payment of the bill list dated August 24, 2020 in the amount of \$37,326.16. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Guffey to approve the July 2020 Treasurer's Report with the addition of the TAN Loan information and the correction of the Farmer's Bank Loan information. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boucher was absent. Chief Sombo provided an update for the department including recent statistics on the speed sign. Chief Sombo explained the need for the purchase of two web cameras for juvenile court cases now being held virtually. The cost of each camera is \$39.99 plus tax on Amazon.

A motion was made by President Rager and seconded by Ms. Morris to purchase two webcams in the amount of \$39.99 plus tax each, not to exceed \$100 from Amazon as requested by Chief Sombo. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor DiMascio provided her report in executive session and stated the Vargo Animal Control Contract was reviewed and ready for voting.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Chief Sombo explained the agreement for Vargo and the attachment to the contract that was previously in question was removed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance- Ms. Morris stated three proposals were received for the STAMP project. The committee will meet on September 2, 2020 to discuss the proposals along with the 2021 Budget.

Public Safety- Mr. Miklos made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Guffey to replace the tires on the 2016 Ford Explorer as quoted by Firestone at \$596, not to exceed \$600. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Engineer Joe Dursa provided an update on current grant projects and upcoming projects.

Parks & Recreation- President Rager stated there was recently an issue with kids playing in the playground after dark and the officers will need to enforce closing the park. Ms. Morris commented that new equipment is needed for the park.

Ordinance- Ms. Smrdel is absent, no report provided.

Personnel- Mr. Guffey stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Economic Development- no report

Planning- Ms. Morris stated a motion is on the agenda for a subdivision approval.

MOTIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the \$25 monthly gas stipend for Mark Reis, Building Inspector. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the recommendation from the Elizabeth Borough Planning Commission to subdivide the parcels known as 317 S. 2nd Avenue, Lot & Block # 1133-L-145. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to accept the bid from Todd's Asphalt & Sealing in the amount of \$1, 824.00 to seal and stripe the 2nd Avenue Public Parking Lot. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Morris to install a light at the 2nd Avenue Public Lot through West Penn Power in the amount of \$15 per month. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Gephart to authorize the transfer of the old West Elizabeth Lumber Sign information from PennDot to Mitchell Plumbing and Heating for the refurbishing of this sign at no expense to the Borough. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gephart to authorize the amended Animal Control Agreement with Sam Vargo Animal Control. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the price quote of \$400.00 from LTM Line Striping, LLC to layout and paint yellow fire lane area in front of 210 5th Avenue. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the quote in the amount of \$510 to clean the air conditioning system and replace filters at the building. Upon a voice vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mr. Guffey to advertise for letters of interest for the Elizabeth Borough Sanitary Board and the Elizabeth Borough Planning Commission. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the termination letter for the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector, Patricia McGrail. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded Mr. Miklos to go with Folino Construction in the amount of \$131,131.00 for the paving project being "piggy-backed" with EBMA. Upon a voice vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Ms. Gephart read the letter prepared by Solicitor DiMascio to PNC Bank requesting a meeting regarding the branch closure.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gephart to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.