

AGENDA
Borough of Elizabeth—Regular Meeting of Council
December 27, 2022. 7:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Guffey led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present – President Guffey, Mr. Rager, Mrs. Cress, Mrs. Gephart, Mr. Smith

Also Present – Solicitor Gary Matta and Borough Manager Mr. Craighead

Absent – Mr. Buchina, Mrs. Turner, Mayor Boucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This meeting is being recorded for transcription of the minutes only.

Executive Sessions were held on December 21, 2022 to discuss personnel and legal issues.

VISITORS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Workshop and November 22, 2022 Council Meeting.

- Motion – Mr. Rager
- Second – Mr. Smith
- Voice Vote - All in Favor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as presented.

- Motion – Mr. Smith
- Second – Mr. Rager
- Voice Vote - All in Favor

REPORTS

Mayor –

Treasurer – Report in packets

Solicitor – Nothing for public session

Building Inspector

Chief of Police – Report stands as written. Rebecca Cappalonga has successfully passed her MOPEC test. Now we have to move on to the other steps for requirements for hiring.

Animal Control –

Borough Manager – Report is in packets.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance

President Guffey reported we have a balanced budget and it will be voted on tonight.

Public Safety

Public Works

Mr. Rager thanked the street department for their hard work throughout the year and commended the job they did.

Parks and Recreation

Ordinance

Personnel

Economic Development

Planning

Old Business

- None

New Business

1. Motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as proposed.

- Motion – Mr. Smith
- Second – Mr. Rager
- Roll Call Vote - All in Favor

President Guffey asked for a motion to approve Motion 2 through Motion 17 in a single Motion.

- Motion – Mr. Smith
- Second – Mrs. Gephart
- Voice Vote - All in Favor

2. Motion to approve the Chief of Police contract with William Sombo for a 1-year term at \$57,368.17.
3. Motion to increase the wages of Dwayne Lewis to \$18.75 per hour effective January 1, 2023.
4. Motion to increase the wages of Cole Buchina to \$16.75 per hour effective January 1, 2023.
5. Motion to not accept the quote from the current Worker's Comp policy from State Worker's Insurance Fund for \$33,331 plus population adjustment.
6. Motion to accept a new Worker's Comp Policy from AmTrust Financial quote for \$22,478 plus population adjustment.
7. Motion to approve the insurance policy for the period 1/15/23- 1/15/24 at a cost of \$32,879.00.
8. Motion to re-appoint Barry Boucher to the Board of the Elizabeth Borough Municipal Authority for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2024.
9. Motion to re-appoint Andy Miklos to the Board of the Elizabeth Borough Municipal Authority for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2024.
10. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise 2023 meetings.
11. Motion to pay borough share of Plum Street Grant for \$31,055. (Change Order)
12. Motion to Approve the Borough Manager to apply for the TAN loan with First Commonwealth Bank for \$100,000 at 5.80%.
13. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-09 of 2022 appointing Mark Turnley, CPA, to audit the 2022 finances.
14. Motion to advertise ordinance for UCC Appeal costs (pending solicitor review).
15. Motion to advertise ordinance for Tax credits for Volunteer Firemen (pending solicitor review).
16. Motion to look into renewing the PNC mortgage loan for the borough building that expires March 31, 2023.
17. Motion to accept a donation of a taser X2 (at a cost of \$1,299) and 2 Blackhawk Holsters (at a cost of \$89 each) from the Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

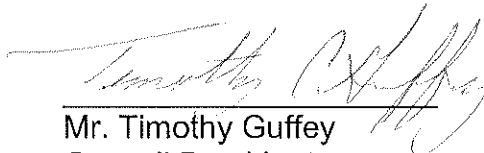
PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion – Mr. Rager
- Second – Mrs. Gephart
- Voice Vote - All in Favor

Prepared by:


Mr. Timothy Guffey
Council President


Scott Craighead
Borough Manager