

AGENDA
Borough of Elizabeth—Regular Meeting of Council
May 23, 2023 7:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Guffey led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present – President Guffey, Mrs. Cress, Mrs. Gephart, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Buchina, Mr. Smith

Others present – Borough Manager Mr. Craighead, Solicitor Dalfonso

Absent – Mr. Rager, Mayor Boucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VISITORS

Larry Ross – Plum Street first concert is on June 8th and the next Market Day is June 10th. He asked for Plum Street closure to take place on Friday June 2nd. Council agreed to close the street on June 2nd. Thursday morning meters will be bagged on Lower Plum and Lower Plum will be closed at 4:30. Sanitation is coming June 7th for portable restrooms.

Andy Miklos – Thanked council for providing more reports and information in the public packet distributed at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Workshop Meeting and the April 25, 2023 Council Meeting.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as presented.

- Motion – Mrs. Buchina
- Second – Mrs. Turner
- Voice Vote - All in Favor

REPORTS

Mayor –

Treasurer – Report in packets

Solicitor – Nothing for the public session

Building Inspector -

Chief of Police – Reports are in packets. Addendum, there was another assault at Duke Park. There were six calls in the last three weeks for Duke Park. The police are patrolling the park regularly.

Animal Control –

Borough Manager – We are continuing to finalize the plans with the Army Corps of Engineers project. Steel Rivers COG is putting a quote out for

engineering services for the River Trail project. The EADC has filled in the Moose property and planted the grass and plants. The 2 original grants if we receive them will finish the park along with many street, sidewalk and security improvements for that section of town. An event for a Children's Festival is on the agenda tonight to be held on Plum Street. It is good for additional events to occur throughout the summer in order to justify closing the street for the summer months. We did receive a quote for the cameras at Duke Park that came in higher than expected. We will look for a solution that is affordable that may not need internet connection. The Chief and I will work on signage for the park.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance – The treasurer report is in the packet.

Public Safety –

Public Works – The reports are in the packets. Mr. Guffey commented on how nice town is looking

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Gephart inquired about getting lighting on the Duke Park basketball court. Mr. Craighead stated that he attended a meeting this week about grants that was very informative. He indicated that there are a lot of grant opportunities that may provide the borough the ability to make substantial improvements to Duke Park.

Ordinance – Chief Sombo indicated that enforcement of the Quality of Life is in full swing. We have 10 cases open, when they are cleared more will be looked at.

Personnel – We will talk next month further on hiring a secretary.

Economic Development – Mrs. Cress reminded everyone about the Whole House Repair Program. Mr. Craighead said as we look at quality of life issues that residents cannot afford to complete, they will be guided towards the Whole House Repair Program.

Planning –

Old Business

- None

New Business

1. Motion to table to hire Michele Rothery as the Borough Clerk at a salary of \$19.00 per hour.

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

Motion Tabled

President Guffey asked for a motion to approve Motion 2 through Motion 5.

- Motion – Mrs. Gephart
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Voice Vote - All in Favor
2. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 supporting applications for a change in liquor licenses to provide for serving alcoholic beverages in outdoor settings.
 3. Motion to approve Children’s Festival on Plum Street Event application for June 24, 2003. The Event will be held through the Bethesda United Presbyterian Church/Bright Beginnings Pre-School.
 4. Motion to approve payment of \$50,000 from the general fund towards the TAN.
 5. Motion to approve payment of the second quarter donation to the Elizabeth Borough Fire Department for \$5,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

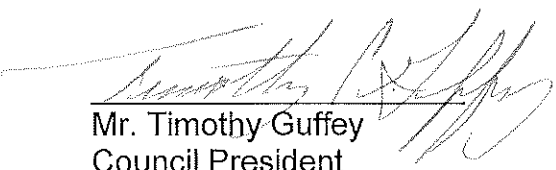
Andy Miklos – On the cameras, in 2021 council passed getting cameras for the park. He also indicated that we only have one cable provider and he wanted council to look at competition. Mr. Craighead indicated that he has a meeting setup with Verizon to look at providing services. Mr. Miklos indicated that Steel Rivers COG might be helpful in soliciting services.

GOOD OF THE ORDER


ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by:



Mr. Timothy Guffey
Council President



Scott Craighead
Borough Manager