

BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH

MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAY 24, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Guffey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Guffey led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present – Mayor Boucher, Solicitor Krisha DiMascio, and Secretary Jean Warren

Absent – Mrs. Gephart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Executive sessions were held on May 18, 2022 and May 24, 2022 to discuss personnel issues.

VISITORS

Andrew Miklos, 140 Patterson Street, addressed Council regarding an issue with a decorative light pole repaired by Moses Electrical and showed photos that the work was not completed. He also stated that the dump truck ordered build has changed and offered to assist in the final purchase.

Larry Ross, EADC, gave the Secretary an insurance certificate for 2022-2023 and that the Elizabeth Guardian Angels are available to assist people displaced by the waterline break flooding.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Workshop Meeting and April 26, 2022 Council Meeting:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as presented holding the check to Moses Electrical a:

- Motion – Mr. Smith
- Second – Mr. Buchina
- Roll Call Vote – All in Favor with Mr. Buchina abstaining from payroll-related payments

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Boucher reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade and ceremony; and reported that a LaFayette Trail sign will be placed by the firehall and at least six other historical signs will be going up over the summer. He stated that the flowers planted by the borough and firemen look good, and thanked Eastman for helping. He also stated that he will be presenting a key to the borough to a submarine navy unit.

Treasurer

No report.

Solicitor

Mrs. DiMascio reported the items lost in the basement flood have been logged.

Building Inspector

No report.

Chief of Police

Chief Sombo's report on the police records portion of the records lost in the basement flood and stated the PA State Police conducted an investigation and the reports are being stored in a shipping container until final approval of disposal. He stated that the DA's office will determine the disposition of the police reports. Chief also reported that the 2016 police vehicle is due back tomorrow and has been in the shop due to a timing sensor and battery cable. An update on the newly hired officers Brand and Trunzo was provided and the Chief is hopeful they will be able to cover any open shifts. He also reported the ORI number is in effect.

Animal Control

It was reported that Council was provided a proposal from Who Rescued Who to review.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance

No report.

Public Safety

Mr. Rager reported that 2nd Avenue will be shutdown during waterline replacement.

Public Works

Mr. Buchina reported they will be bagging meters for Memorial Day and getting street sweeping scheduled.

Parks & Recreation

No report.

Ordinance

No report.

Personnel

Mr. Guffey reported that three applicants will be interviewed for the position of borough manager.

Economic Development

No report.

Planning

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the additional payment of \$1,175 to Moses Electric for installation of new pole that was part of an insurance claim.
2. Motion to retain Jean Warren as an independent contractor starting June 1, 2022 at a rate of \$35 per hour on an as-needed basis.
3. Motion to revoke the April 26, 2022 motion approving transfer of \$400 from the General Fund to the American Rescue Plan Fund for IT services.
4. Motion to transfer \$800 from the American Rescue Plan to the General Fund for IT services.
5. Motion to transfer \$60.37 from the Special Project Account to the General Fund for a TAN refund.
6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 to place a stop sign at 4th & Walker, as advertised in *The Mon Valley Independent*.
7. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-04, an amusement device tax ordinance, amending Ordinance 553, as advertised in *The Mon Valley Independent*.
8. Motion to approve uniform rental from Aramark for Cole Buchina of the Streets Department.

9. Motion to appoint Martin J. Steiner to the Elizabeth Borough Zoning Board through December 31, 2023.
10. Motion to appoint Andrew W. Miklos, Jr. to the Elizabeth Borough Zoning Board through December 31, 2024.
11. Motion to approve a Special Event Application for the Elizabeth Borough VFC Bike Night on Monday evenings June through October.
12. Motion to approve a Letter of Intent to PA DCED requesting technical assistance for a Regional Police Consolidation.
13. Motion to approve payment of \$50,000 from the General Fund towards the TAN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Elizabeth Borough Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held Monday, May 30, 2022.**
- **Movies in the Park are scheduled as follows:**
 - **June 10 Angels in the Outfield**
 - **July 8 Shrek**
 - **August 12 Transformers**
 - **September Little Giants**
- **A homeowner and business owner flood education workshop is being held May 25, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at the Homewood Branch of the Carnegie Library.**

ADJOURNMENT

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