

**BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH
MEETING OF COUNCIL
OCTOBER 26, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rager led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present – Mr. Rager, Mr. Miklos, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Gephart and Mrs. Turner

Also Present – Mayor Boucher, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Chief Sombo, and Cheryl Sorrentino for Secretary Jean Warren

Absent – Mr. Shaner and Mr. Guffey

VISITORS

None

COMMENTS ON AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2021 Council Meeting:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

- Motion – Mrs. Gephart
- Second – Mrs. Morris
- Roll Call Vote:
 - o Mr. Rager – Yes
 - o Mr. Miklos – Abstain
 - o Mrs. Gephart – Yes
 - o Mrs. Morris – Yes
 - o Mrs. Turner - Yes

REPORTS

Mayor

- Motion to hire Nicole Honick as a part-time probationary police officer pending outcome of personnel committee interview:
 - Motion – Mr. Miklos
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Mayor Boucher swore in Mrs. Honick.

Treasurer

No report.

Solicitor

Mr. Dalfonso reported he looked into an ordinance regarding nepotism and nothing was located.

Building Inspector

No report.

Animal Control

No report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance

Mrs. Morris reported the audit is done and the TAN loan application will be done soon and asked if she should apply for \$100,000. Mr. Rager replied yes to the TAN amount and she reported the auditor will be at the workshop on November 17.

Public Safety

Mr. Rager reported the Halloween parade went well and that trick-or-treat will be October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. He also reported that they attended a drill at Moraine State Park and that they did very well and were in the local newspaper for their excellent performance.

Public Works

Mr. Miklos reported on the following items:

- 4th Street will not be paved this year.
- 8th Street will be done by the end of the year.
- West Penn Power will be sending a forester to look at trees on 8th Street and will submit a report.
- The tree on 4th Avenue will be cut on Thursday.

- He needs a response on the tags for the parking meters as the current meters have different dates and times and should be consistent. Chief Sombo stated there are days and times listed in the ordinance. There was discussion regarding adding Saturday to collection days and the Solicitor stated that a new ordinance would need to be advertised and adopted to make that change.
- He is getting prices for new trays for the parking meters.
- The price to fix the Veteran's Honor Roll is \$2,200 and they are looking at fixing it themselves. Mr. Ross suggested using Eagles Scouts and donated materials.

Parks & Recreation

No report.

Ordinance

No report.

Personnel

It was reported that Mrs. Honick was interviewed and hired as a police officer.

Economic Development

No report.

Planning

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to accept the bid of \$410 from Donald Conrad through Municibid for traffic light:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve the purchase of BR 800 C-E Blower for \$649.99 from Export Outdoor Power:
 - Motion – Mr. Miklos
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to purchase an extended warranty for the John Deere loader at a cost of \$600 for 36 months with a \$100 deductible:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

- Motion to approve renting a dumpster for \$80 to clean up and scrap a salt spreader and miscellaneous items with the scrap money being deposited in the General Fund:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Gephart
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to accept the bid of \$78,300 from Shults Ford South for a 2022 F-550 including all accessories with a final cost of \$63,300 after trade-in credit of \$15,000:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call vote – All in Favor
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 to follow the municipal records schedule of the PA Historical and Museum Commission for the destruction and retention of records, papers, and documents, as advertised in The Mon Valley Independent:
 - Motion – Mr. Miklos
 - Second – Mrs. Gephart
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 relating to and defining dangerous dogs and prohibiting dogs running at large; providing for the regulation governing fees charged for licensing of dangerous dogs by providing for regulation, confinement and destruction of dangerous dogs by providing for the penalty for violation; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent therewith, as advertised in The Mon Valley Independent:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Gephart
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 to apply for \$500,000 of GEDTF funds for street reconstruction:
 - Motion – Mr. Miklos
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 to apply for \$264,000 of GEDTF funds for VFD parking lot reconstruction:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mr. Miklos
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 applying for \$44,000 of CDBG funds for street reconstruction of 4th Avenue from Walker to end and Birch Street from Walker to end:
 - Motion – Mrs. Turner
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve a handicap parking spot at 403 S. 2nd Avenue located on the Walnut Street side:
 - Motion – Mrs. Turner
 - Second – Mr. Miklos
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

- Motion to purchase two filing cabinet locks with keys up to \$100 from Barrier Protection:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to purchase a dehumidifier at a cost not to exceed \$600 from Lowe's:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Patrick as a part-time police officer effective November 8, 2021:
 - Motion – Mr. Miklos
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve the purchase of a camera system for Duke Park at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. Mr. Miklos asked where the cameras will be located and will they be on Borough property. Chief Sombo responded that there will be 10 cameras that can be moved around and that they will be on Borough property:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mr. Miklos
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve the Special Event Application for Elizabeth Halloween Parade on October 25 with a rain date of October 28. Mr. Rager noted that this motion is to ratify the vote and the parade took place on October 25:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve the Special Event Application for Elizabeth Borough Light-Up Night on November 18, 2021:
 - Motion – Mrs. Gephart
 - Second – Mrs. Turner
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve training hours for officers on the new Allegheny County Inform Reporting system:
 - Motion – Mrs. Morris
 - Second – Mr. Miklos
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor
- Motion to approve the repair of 2 lights on Plum and 1 light on Market for a cost not to exceed \$1,000:
 - Motion – Mrs. Turner
 - Second – Mrs. Morris
 - Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ross thanked Council for their support.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion – Mr. Miklos
- Voice Vote – All in Favor