

Minutes
Borough of Elizabeth - Regular Meeting of Council
September 26, 2023. 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation & Personnel Issues

President Guffey called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Buchina, Mrs. Cress, Mrs. Gephart, Mr. Rager, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Guffey

Others Present: Solicitor Dalfonso, Mr. Craighead

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VISITORS

Larry Ross – October 14th is the last market day of the season, October 21st is the Witches Walk Sip and Shop, October 26th is the Mobster, Moles and Marinara Murder Mystery. He had a discussion with Mrs. Kolodziej about purchasing some more garbage cans for Plum Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023 Workshop Meeting and the August 22, 2023 Council Meeting.

1st Mrs. Turner
2nd Mr. Smith
All in favor – Motion passed

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as presented.

1st Mr. Smith
2nd Mrs. Turner
All in favor – Motion passed

REPORTS

Mayor –

Treasurer – Report is in the packet.

Solicitor – The Volunteer Fireman Tax Credit Ordinance has been reviewed and is ready to advertise for adoption. Council will have to approve a resolution before the hearing.

Building Inspector - Nothing

Chief of Police – Report is in the packet

Animal Control –

Borough Manager – The report is in the packet. We are going to be applying for \$450,000 under the GEDTF for the rest of the Maple Avenue project. We will be submitting \$236,000 for the fire department under the GEDTF grant for their parking lot. We will be soliciting bids for the LSA grant for initial Maple Avenue work to begin the repairs of the roadway and hillside. We submitted a CD50 pre grant application to wrap up paving in Walker Heights. We will also submit an additional LSA grant for 2024 for possibly vehicles and other construction projects. The 2023 budget is on course and preliminary talks have begun for the 2024 budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance – We are looking at preliminary budget numbers for 2024.

Public Safety –

Public Works – Report is in the packet.

Parks and Recreation – We are still in the process of mounting the cameras.

Ordinance – We will be advertising the ordinance for the Volunteer Fireman Tax Credit ordinance. We will need the criteria resolution.

Personnel – A new Part-time police officer will be starting once we receive all required documentation.

Economic Development – Construction will be starting on the Maple Avenue Project. We have applied for a CD 50 grant application for street projects. In November or December, we will be putting bids out for the Market Street projects. Got an update from the Army Corp that they want to meet with us sometime this week.

Planning – We will be setting up a meeting for a lot revision.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Motion to approve the concurring resolution for the GEDTF grant for the Elizabeth Borough Fire Department in the amount of \$236,000. The funds will be used for VFD parking lot reconstruction.
2. Motion to approve the concurring resolution for the GEDTF grant for Elizabeth Borough in the amount of \$450,000. The funds will be used for the Maple Avenue Improvements.
3. Motion to ratify the conflict waiver concerning Elizabeth Borough Municipal Authority.
4. Motion to enter into a joint defense agreement with the Elizabeth Borough Municipal Authority.
5. Motion to Advertise for bids on LSA Grant.
6. Motion to approve the Summer on Plum Street Application from June 6, 2024 to August 29, 2024.

7. Motion to approve the Halloween Parade Application.
8. Motion to approve the Light-up Night application for Thursday, November 16th with the rain date on Sunday, November 19th.
9. Motion to approve removal of trees from Center Avenue at approximate cost of \$6,400.00 upon receiving a waiver from residents.
10. Motion to purchase GPS for borough vehicles not to exceed \$1,500.
11. Motion for permission to advertise an ordinance for the Volunteer Fireman Tax Credit and public hearing upon solicitor review.

Motion to accept motions 1 through 11 in one motion.

1st Mr. Smith
2nd Mrs. Gephart
All in favor – motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

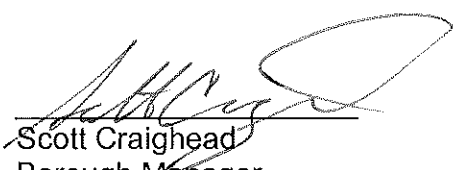
GOOD OF THE ORDER - There was a discussion on where the cameras will be placed in Duke Park.

ADJOURNMENT

1st Mr. Smith
2nd Mr. Buchina
All in favor – motion passed

Prepared by:


Mr. Timothy Guffey
Council President


Scott Craighead
Borough Manager