

BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 28, 2020

President Rager called the April 28, 2020 Elizabeth Borough Special Council Meeting to order at 10 a.m. The meeting was held remotely vial Zoom Online Meeting Software.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Rager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present for roll call were President Rager, Vice President Miklos, Mayor Boucher, Mr. Guffey, Ms. Smrdel, Ms. Gephart and Mrs. Morris. Also, present for the meeting were Solicitor DiMascio and Ms. Wagner, Secretary Zang and Chief Sombo. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Shaner.

Visitors

Larry Ross- 129 Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236; spoke regarding the 2020 Plum Street Concert Series and how COVID-19 has impacted the series.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to approve the March 28, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Upon a voice vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the April 11, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and to include the financial form submitted by Mr. Miklos. Upon a voice vote all were in favor motion carries.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mrs. Morris to pay the bill list dated April 22, 2020 in the amount of \$26,728.00. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the Treasurer's Report submitted at the April 11, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Mayor's Report

Mayor's audio was not working to provide report

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor DiMascio addressed the tasers from the police department to be returned. Credit Card policy still under review for potential changes. Act 537 Plan should be ready for the next workshop meeting. Contacted Solicitor of West Elizabeth to discuss issues regarding the police contract.

Building Inspector Report- none

Animal Control

Chief Sombo stated the contract is ready and waiting for things to calm down with the COVID-19 to address.

Discussion- none

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance- Mrs. Morris stated the Credit Card policy is under review and the application for the new police vehicle with 911 Leasing is complete.

Public Safety- COVID-19 update, latest stats reviewed.

Parks & Recreation- Parks closed due to COVID-19, kids are still playing. Chief to post reminder on Facebook regarding parks being closed.

Ordinance- Mrs. Smrdel is continuing to research what changes need to be made to fee schedule with a resolution.

Personnel- none

Planning- none

Public Works- Mr. Miklos stated that he has a meeting set up with the Elizabeth Township Public Works to investigate drainage issues near Fallen Timber Run.

Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos to authorize a resolution to extend the collection of the face amount period for the real estate taxes by 30 days. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Ms. Gephart and seconded by Mr. Miklos to authorize a resolution for the Borough of Elizabeth to file an application for funds with the RAAC. Whereas, the Borough of Elizabeth is desirous of obtaining funds from the RAAC in the amount of \$264,000. Upon a roll call vote Ms. Gephart, Mr. Guffey, Mr. Miklos, Mrs. Morris and Ms. Smrdel were in favor and Mr. Rager abstained, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Rager and seconded by Mr. Guffey to table a resolution supporting the application for change in liquor licenses to provide for serving alcohol beverages in outdoor settings for the 2020 Plum Street Concert Series.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Gephart to table the motion to approve the authorization to obtain a credit card from PNC Bank for official Elizabeth Borough use. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mr. Guffey to advertise the 2014 Ford Explorer on the Municibid Website with a reserve bid. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to pay the minimum bid amount to Cargill and accept the 120 tons of salt.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Gephart to authorize the signature of Vice President Miklos to cancel the bond for former Secretary Sharp. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mrs. Morris to advertise an RFP for Auditing Services. Upon a voice vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to authorize the following

Purchase a leaf blower in the amount of \$251 for the Street Department.

To pay the \$500 fee for the repair of 10 meters.

Accept the bid from Weed, Inc. in the amount of \$650 to treat weeds at River Bank, Water Street, River Front and Irwin Street with the condition of funds being available.

Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mrs. Morris to pay Chief Sombo for 2 weeks unused vacation time from 2019 due to the Borough needs. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Good of the Order

President Rager to sign letter to authorize contractor for River Front project to return to work.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gephart to adjourn the meeting at 8p.m.