

MINUTES TO SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Michael Stelmasczyk at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following answered the roll call: Mr. Behers, Mr. Ducker, , Mr. Fischer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Conley, and Mr. Stelmasczyk. Also present were Mayor Depretis, Mr. John Barrett, Borough Manager and Police Chief Michael Scott. Mr. Moeller was absent.

Borough Manager, John Barrett, introduced the owners of the Craffhouse, Charlie Stage and Kirk Radziukinas and asked them to address residents concerned over the several issues along with parking on Rosewood Drive. Both Mr. Stage and Mr. Radziukinas began to explain their initiatives to resolve any parking problems in the neighborhood. They claim to have over 160 spots along with a complimentary, insured professional valet service available to all patrons, including bowling alley patrons.

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Agenda Items Only: 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP

Mr. Stelmasczyk asked the audience if they would like to address Council and the owners of Craffhouse.

Residents then began asking the owners about their concerns with parking and resident safety:

1. What instructions were given to the valets when they park vehicles and where to park?
2. Concerning child and resident safety, several vehicles now park on Rosewood Drive in addition to speeding cars not stopping at the stop sign at the intersection at Clelia Drive and Rosewood Drive.
3. There is an increase in trash on the road and patrons are leaving with open containers.
4. Several street lights and telephone poles are in need of repairs on the street.
5. What is the occupancy limit for Craffhouse

Mr. Barrett said regarding the street lights, residents have the ability to report these problems online. Additionally, he will look into the matter and contact Duquesne Light. Mr. Stage and Mr. Radziukinas discussed some of these current issues and the solutions that may resolve not only the parking, but neighborhood safety concerns. Mr. Stage stated the increase in traffic and parking should decrease once the bowling leagues end for the summer.

Mr. Fischer offered a suggestion for permit parking or “No Parking” on one side to start resolving these issues, however, residents rejected the idea of “No Parking” on the street. Additionally, members of Council suggested the club could put a more positive emphasis on valet parking to patrons. Clarifying the valet parking service is complimentary, provides safety for parking and is being done by a professional valet. Residents offered suggestions on how to enforce “permit parking” for homeowners and the positive impact it may have to resolve some of these issues. Residents provided ways to implement permit parking with both online registration and temporary passes.

Chief Scott spoke of the popularity of the Craffhouse and the increase in traffic. He continued to explain that current practice for block parties is to contact the police with any parking issues. It was discussed if “No Parking” signs would help as a starting point to control the flow of traffic

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and the amount of vehicles on the street. Also, speed signs put in this area could also be a way to reduce speed on the street.

It was concluded that speed signs would be put up for the traffic study and Mr. Stelmasczyk asked for a motion for the purchase of residents parking only signs:

M-1 *Mr. Ducker made a motion to purchase “resident parking only” signs for Rosewood Drive; second by Mr. Fischer. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Stelmasczyk also asked that a traffic study be completed by the Borough Police Department on Rosewood Drive:

M-2 *Mr. Fischer made a motion to conduct a traffic study for Rosewood Drive in regards to speed bumps and lowering speed limit to 15 MPH; second by Mr. Scott. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned by Mr. Stelmasczyk at 8:45 pm with a motion to adjourn:

M-3 *Mr. Ducker made a motion to close the Special Meeting; second by Mr. Fischer. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively Submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

John Barrett
Borough Manager