

MINUTES TO REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Edward Moeller at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019

After the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Mr. Behers, the following Council answered to roll call:

Mr. Chad Hurka
Mr. Michael Stelmasczyk
Mr. John Egger
Mr. Francis Scott- absent
Mr. James Behers
Mrs. Marianne Conley- Vice-President
Mr. Edward Moeller-President
Mr. David Depretis-Mayor
Mr. Jason Stanton- Engineer
Mr. Stanley Lederman- Solicitor
Mr. Michael Lederman- Solicitor
Mrs. Diana Behers- Treasurer
Mr. Robert Firek- Interim Borough Manager

Mr. Moeller stated to the audience that prior to the Council Meeting, a short executive session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- M-1** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-2** *Mr. Egger made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2018; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

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

Mr. Moeller asked the audience if they would like to address Council on anything that is on the Agenda. Please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

No one from the audience approached.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Stanton noted his Monthly Engineers report from January 3, 2019 summarizing activity for the month. He asked Council for the following motions for consideration:

- M-3** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve partial payment No.5 in the amount of \$386,158.28 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for Contract No. 17-S1 (LR-30 Project), per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Stelmasczyk. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-4** *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to approve partial payment No.14 (Final) in the amount of \$63,619.29 to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. for Contract No. 14-S1 (Equalization Tank and Lift*

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Station), per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Stelmasczyk. Upon vote, motion passed.

- M-5** *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a Motion to approve partial payment No. 5 in the amount of \$31,205.60 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 18-R01 (2018 Roadway and Storm Sewer Project), per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Engineer. Mr. Stelmasczyk asked Mr. Stanton if this is for the 2018 Road Program and if they are not getting final payment due to items that were not completed from the punch list. Mr. Stanton explained some punch list items were completed in December and it was reflected in the December payment. They still have a few items to complete once the weather permits.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Lederman stated on January 31, 2019 we will be having a review on the LR30 easements and condemnation in the Field with the Board of Viewers with Mr. Stanton there to assist.

Tonight, they will be taking action on the new chief of police and taking action on the pending garbage bids for a contractor.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for the Solicitor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported the following for the month of December:

- Calls for the month were 501
- Calls given to police from 911 were 756
- Fees collected for December 2018 were \$1133.00
- The monthly activity report for K-9 Nikko was provided.

The Mayor asked for a motion that was not on his report:

- M-6** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to change the status of the following officers from Probationary Employees to Full-time Employees, Officer Nikolas Eichenlaub and Officer Adam Greenebaum; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for the Mayor.

The Mayor announced it would be Chief Scott's last meeting since he will be retiring January 31, 2019 and he would like to say thank you to the chief for many years of service and he wishes him well in his retirement.

Chief Scott wished to thank council for their support and it has been instrumental in helping to carry out the administration and the mission statement of this department. It has been an honor to serve with such men and women as they have in the Baldwin Police Department. He feels honored to turn the department over in the very good hands of Tony Cortazzo along with Keith Hagan.

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The Mayor announced a “Go Away” luncheon at the Municipal Building on January 21, 2019 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Mayor.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek reviewed his report with Council at the last meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. He has several motions tonight for Council:

M-7 *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a Motion to approve partial payment No. 2 in the amount of \$50,821.83 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 18-PK-01 (Colewood Park Ph. II Improvements), per the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Services/ Interim Manager; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-8 *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a Motion to Award Contract No. 18-SWC01, Solid Waste Collection Removal & Disposal for a five (5) year period (2019 - 2023) to Waste Management; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Motion amended by Mr. Stelmasczyk to include Waste Management was awarded the bid.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Firek.

FINANCE

Mr. Hurka reviewed the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure reports with Council the previous week.

Mr. Hurka would like to ask for the following motions:

M-9 *Mr. Hurka made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2018; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

M-10 *Mr. Hurka made the Motion to Ratify Bills in the Amount of \$665,497.57 and approve bills in the amount of \$1,012,851.34 for a total of \$1,678,348.91; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hurka.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Firek updated Council for Mr. Scott and listed the items that Public Works is currently or working on or have completed:

- Winter season progress and all of the salt supplies remain full. They have used the minimum salt requirement from the SHACOG and zero of the minimums from COSTARS.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mr. Firek.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

M-11 *Mr. Stelmasczyk made a Motion to approve the January 2019 Blanket List; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Stelmasczyk.

ZONING & PLANNING

Mr. Egger said The Planning Commission has no meeting in January
The Zoning Hearing Board – No hearing scheduled
Reviewed the monthly Inspection Report for November
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Building Inspection and Zoning Monthly reports:

- Permits issued for November 2018- 51
- Permits issued YTD 2018 – 944
- Fees for November 2018- \$13,838.36
- Fees YTD 2018- \$148,580.80
- Fees for November 2017- \$8,859.12
- Fees YTD 2017- \$117,080.22

Welcome to Emily Moldovan as the Community Compliance Manager and Kyle Ferkett the Community Compliance Officer.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers read the following Activity Reports for BEMS and Volunteer Fire Departments:

- BEMS 256 calls 6.34 minute response time
- Option Fire 28 incidents 6.47 minute response time –November 2018
- 21 incidents 9.43 minute response time- December
- Baldwin #105 22 incidents 5.34 minute response time
- SBVF 13 incidents 9 minute response time

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions for Mr. Behers

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley would like to make the following motions:

M-12 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to Appoint Detective Tony Cortazzo to Position of Chief of Police effective February 1, 2019; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions on the motion.

Detective Tony Cortazzo spoke a few words to thank everyone who was instrumental in hiring him as the next Chief of Baldwin.

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The Mayor asked if anyone wishing to be in attendance for the swearing in of the Chief, they may attend the January 21, 2019 swearing in Ceremony.

M-13 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to accept the resignation of employee Donald Waigand from the Public Works Department; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions on the motion.

M-14 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Donald Waigand as a part-time hourly employee to the position of Evening/Weekend Grounds Maintenance/Custodian; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, Mr. Stelmasczyk voted no. Motion passes 5-1.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions on the motion. Mr. Stelmasczyk said he would be voting no on this motion as he believes this should be a full-time position and by doing it this way, we will be opening ourselves up for problems.

M-15 *Mrs. Conley made a Motion to Advertise for the position of Public Works Employee; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Conley.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business from the audience.

AUDIENCE AGENDA –Any issue pertaining to Borough Business: 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP

Bob Ieraci of 5880 Andrade St. said he is asking about the motion on the agenda about the Public Works Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Moeller said in executive session this motion was pulled.

M-16 *Mr. Egger made the motion to adjourn; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, motion passed.*

Respectively submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Interim Borough Manager