

# MINUTES TO AGENDA MEETING OF MAY 8, 2018

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The Agenda meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President Edward Moeller at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following Council answered to roll call:

Mr. Michael Stelmasczyk  
Mr. John Egger  
Mr. Francis Scott  
Mr. James Behers  
Mr. Chad Hurka  
Mrs. Marianne Conley- Vice-President  
Mr. Ed Moeller-President  
Mr. David Depretis-Mayor  
Mr. Jason Stanton- Engineer  
Mr. Stanley Lederman- Solicitor  
Mr. Michael Lederman- Solicitor  
Mr. John Barrett- Borough Manager

## **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. No one came forward.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Jason Stanton submitted his monthly report on May 3, 2018 summarizing activity from the last Council Meeting. Additionally, Mr. Stanton provided brief updates on the following items:

- The Pleasant Hills Authority project is making continued progress and will be completed with the treatment plant upgrade around November or December of 2019.
- The LR-30 project was advertised last month. LR-30 Bids were opened on May 3, 2018 at 11:00 am. Independent Enterprises is the low bidder for the base bid amount as well as the 4 alternates. LSSE will put in a recommendation to award Independent Enterprises the bid along with the four alternates as the amount is within our budget.
- The Streets Run Rd. drainage area Phase I Consent Order is scheduled to lapse on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Three Rivers Wet Weather (3RWW) Group has provided guidance for tap availability and municipalities are asked to submit to DEP for review and approval. Ultimately, DEP will issue an Interim Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with a Phase II Consent Order to be finalized around January 1, 2019.
- The 2017 Road Improvement Program completed work as of May 3, 2018 with a few remaining punchlist items. The final pay request will be at the June Council Meeting.
- The 2018 Road Improvement Program is opening bids on May 14, 2018. Assuming all goes smoothly, Council will be asked to award a contract at the Regular Meeting this month.
- Mr. Stanton would like to put on next week's agenda a Resolution needed for the Elm Leaf Park Planning Module to account for the public restroom in the park.
- Lastly, Joe Boward and Miles Walker of Garvin Boward Beitko, Geotechnical Engineers, provided a report with options to repair the Cathell Road landslide.

Mr. Moeller asked if there were any questions for the Engineer. None were asked.

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## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Lederman provided Council with the following updates:

- Mr. Michael Lederman has been drafting an Ordinance establishing regulations for Group Homes in the Borough. Council discussed the contents of this Ordinance and what changes need to be made before it can be adopted. A first reading will be done next week.
- Ordinance No. 889 was completed with Chad Hurka's input. Mr. Michael Lederman explained the existing Ordinance No. 753 loosely covers fire alarms, but the new Ordinance No. 889 will more directly include fire alarms. A First Reading will be done at the next meeting.
- Mr. Barrett provided Mr. Stanley Lederman with Affidavits of Service for the properties within the Gardenville Road (LR-30) project area that have not signed a Right of Way agreement.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the solicitor. He asked about the distance that is required for the completion of Ordinance No. 890 and how soon this decision needs to be made. Council asked the Manager to review the impact of 2500 feet being used and to respond back when the ordinance is discussed again.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Depretis will give his report at the Regular meeting. He had other items to discuss:

Streets Run and Lutz Hollow will be done by the end of this month. June 8, 2018 will begin construction for the next section of road on Streets Run Rd. and Doyle.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for the Mayor. None were asked.

Mr. Stanley Lederman did have a few questions:

- Mr. Lederman asked Mr. Barrett about the property that is deemed unsafe on Chestnut St. They need to have a hearing and have the Code Enforcement Officer deem the property to be unsafe and a hazard to others. An Ordinance will need to be passed stating this is a blighted property and then they would have the authority to demolish this home. Mr. Barrett understood the next steps.
- Also, Mr. Lederman asked Mr. Stanton about a Gary Cindrich who wanted a refund on the interest and penalty charges for late tax payments. They are recommending he receives this since the County did not file the correct paperwork initially causing the delay in payment.

## ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Barrett submitted his monthly written report to Council for review. In addition, Mr. Barrett would like to review the following with Council:

- Mr. Barrett discussed the LR-30 Bid Opening and what the next steps would be from the Borough.

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- The Cathell Land Slide was discussed by Council and Mr. Barrett asked what the recommendation would be to move forward. There was consensus that the Soil Nail Launch remedy be pursued for the side repair, and direction was given to Mr. Barrett to pursue the next steps with this project.
- Elm Leaf Phase II was originally proposed to renovate Municipal ball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts and lower parking lot area. A DCNR Grant of \$200,000 was awarded to partially fund these improvements. Mr. Barrett suggested reduce the scope of work to exclude the ball field renovations at this time, and allow the Borough to seek out additional grants to fund that portion of the project. Discussion continued around the use of the proposed changes in this phase to be ready to potentially begin later this year or Spring of 2019.

Mrs. Conley asked Mr. Barrett about the possibility of a grand opening for Elm Leaf Park, but he explained another land slide occurred in Elm Leaf Park and had the soils tested by Geotechnical Engineers and designed a fix to keep the costs down. Several more things need to be installed before the park is 100% complete.

- The Borough's application to the Local Government Academy (LGA) Municipal Intern Program was previously denied. However, Mr. Barrett was informed a community removed themselves from the program and the Borough could now be a participant in the LGA intern program.
- The Finance Officer position and hiring process will be discussed under personnel
- SHACOG will begin joint police testing in August. Discussion took place to either have SHACOG perform the testing or our Civil Service Commission could conduct the testing. Mr. Egger expressed his interest in securing an eligibility list. The consensus was to create a new list using SHACOG.

Mr. Moeller asked Council if they had any questions with the Managers report. None were asked.

## FINANCE

Mr. Hurka reviewed the various financial reports with Borough Council, the revenues and expenditures was a standard month with nothing out of the ordinary. The Cash Flow report showed a positive trend. Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had questions for Mr. Hurka. None were asked.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Scott reviewed his monthly report with Council noting that Spring work has begun for Public Works. Additionally, Mr. Firek provided his monthly report showing updates for Council:

- Street Opening Permits- explaining utilities are starting tasks that require paving
- 2017 Roads- Contracts R01 (GF) and R01 (LF) were awarded to A. Liberoni, Inc.
- Elm Leaf Park Phase I- Bids were awarded Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting, Inc.
- 855 Streets Run Rd.- Asbestos abatement has held up the project and we are waiting for approval to move forward with the demolition
- 3040 Brentwood Road - Demolition has been completed

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Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions or items for Mr. Scott or Mr. Firek. No questions were asked.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mr. Stelmasczyk said he will give his report next week. We have seven (7) requests for Elm Leaf Park on the Blanket List for May.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Stelmasczyk. No questions were asked.

## **ZONING AND PLANNING**

Mr. Egger reported the Library will hold a Ground Breaking event for the construction of the new Library. Members of Council were encouraged to attend if available.

Mr. Egger explained the Library property on Churchview Ave. was advertising this property as a being commercially zoned and asked Mr. Barrett about the zoning. Mr. Barrett reported the zoning is Residential, R-1 for this parcel on Churchview. Additional discussion of this property and zoning took place.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions from Mr. Egger's report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Behers reviewed the various reports submitted by our Volunteer Fire Departments and BEMS.

Mr. Barrett explained that he would need more details from the Option VFD on false fire alarms generated by the Residences of the South Hills and will work with Chief Barbour to secure.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Behers. No questions were asked.

## **PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Conley and other Borough Officials interviewed two (2) candidates to fill the Finance Officer position. Both candidates were outstanding, however Caitlyn Hornyak was very impressive with her knowledge during the interview. Mrs. Conley recommended the Borough extend an offer to Caitlin, and Mr. Barrett commented that she has accepted the offer of employment contingent upon a credit check and criminal history.

Mrs. Conley explained John has received eight (8) applications to fill only 6 positions for the summer Public Works help this year. They will be selected at the next meeting.

Mr. Moeller asked if anyone had any questions for Mrs. Conley. No questions were asked.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stelmasczyk asked about a meeting with City of Pittsburgh officials for the Hays Woods property, commonly referred to as 40 acres. He asked Mr. Barrett to ask for additional representation from Baldwin Borough be included in this effort, and asked if Council would approve Pat Bondi being added to represent Baldwin. There were no objections and Mr. Barrett was directed to have Mr. Bondi added to the committee.

**AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business; 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP, no one approached.**

**M-1** *Mr. Scott made a motion to enter Executive Session; second by Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Council entered Executive Session at 9:37 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN  
John Barrett