

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Invocation was given by Mrs. Brown.

The following Council members and staff answered to roll call:

Mrs. Patty Boyer	Mr. David Depretis – Mayor
Mr. James Behers	Mr. Jason Stanton – Engineer
Mrs. Erin Brown	Mrs. Ashley Wagner– Solicitor
Mr. Raymond Dee	Mr. Robert Firek – Borough Manager
Mrs. Denise Maiden	Mrs. Diana Behers – Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Conley - Vice-President	Chief Tony Cortazzo
Mr. John Egger - President	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- M-1** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-2** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

AUDIENCE AGENDA - Agenda Items Only: - No one asked to speak.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Monthly Engineer's Report was submitted to Council at the Agenda meeting last week. Mr. Stanton had the following motions for Council's consideration:

- M-3** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve **Partial Payment No. 6** in the amount of \$68,639.91 to Grahamboys LLC dba Graham Construction for Contract No. 21-MB1 (Municipal Building Renovations, Re-Bid, General Construction) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-4** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve **Partial Payment No. 8** in the amount of \$23,263.41 to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. for Contract No. 21-MB3 (Municipal Building Renovations, Re-Bid) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-5** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Award Contract No. 22-S2, 2022 Sanitary Sewer Operation and Maintenance Improvements to Roto-Rooter Services Company in the amount of \$177,265.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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SOLICITOR' S REPORT

The Solicitor's report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week. Mrs. Wagner provided an overview of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Procedure.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided the January report:

Calls to Police: **757** Fees collected: **\$890** Arrest Totals: **21** Citations/tags: **40**

Mrs. Maiden commended Chief Cortazzo for his work coordinating Officer Sean Sluganski's funeral procession.

ADMINISTRATION

The Manager's Report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week.

M-6 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2023-02-02** approving a capital lease from Huntington Public Capital Corporation for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV's and Accessories Police Vehicle in the amount of \$72,540.00; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-7 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2023-02-03** Approving the transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1274 into Baldwin Borough from Mt. Lebanon Township for La Calera Mexican Restaurant; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Due to an Administrative error, the Resolution numbers were incorrectly read as 2022-02-02 an 2022-02-03.

Mr. Firek commended everyone who was involved with the planning of Officer Sean Sluganski's funeral procession.

FINANCE

The monthly finance report was provided to Council.

M-8 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-9 *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Ratify Bills in the amount of \$873,588.31 and approve bills in the amount of \$234,007.18 for a total of \$1,107,595.49; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. Maiden provided an update on projects the Community Events Advisory Committee is working on currently.

PUBLIC WORKS

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Mr. Dee provided his report.

PARKS & RECREATION

M-10 *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve the February Blanket List; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Paul Hayhurst, President of the Library Board, provided the monthly report and provided Council with a quarterly financial report.

ZONING & PLANNING

Mrs. Brown provided her report last week.

M-11 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the Tuscan Ridge Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission contingent upon resolution of all outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated February 2, 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-12 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the Tuscan Ridge Land Development Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission contingent upon resolution of all outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated February 2, 2023; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-13 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the J. Poli, Inc. Equipment Building Land Development Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission contingent upon resolution of all outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated February 9, 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-14 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve Coen Markets Lot Consolidation Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-15 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the Coen Markets Preliminary and Final Land Development Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission contingent upon resolution of all outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated December 29, 2022; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers restated his report that was given at the Agenda Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley had no report this evening.

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AUDIENCE AGENDA - Any issue pertaining to Borough

Mike Greives of 600 Lucy Drive discussed the Borough Ordinance regarding fences and his subsequent permit denial due to height requirements in our Ordinance for a fence on a corner lot property. He was advised by Mrs. Wagner that his next steps should he wish are to pursue a variance in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Wagner also noted that a curative amendment of the current fence ordinance is not applicable. The current Zoning code is neither invalid nor unconstitutional.

Mark Frankenfield of 154 Brailer Court asked Council for an update on 81 Walton Road, as he claims that business activity is still being conducted from the residential property. He also thanked Chief Cortazzo for having officers patrol the stop sign at Joseph Street and Glass Run Road. Mrs. Wagner noted that this is in litigation and Council cannot comment on it.

Mary Sullivan of 5211 Scenery Drive voiced concern over the removal of street lights in her neighborhood. Chief Cortazzo responded a study was conducted in 2013 and certain street lights were removed based on the findings of that study. He will have officers patrol the area in different weather conditions through the night to determine if the area is “uncharacteristically dark” compared to other areas within the Borough and will make a recommendation to Council if it is determined that lights would be beneficial.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Egger began a discussion regarding the possible hiring of a part time Recreation and Events Director. Mr. Dee asked for Council to work on a list of pros and cons regarding the hire so that they can make an educated decision. It was decided that the item will be put on the March agenda for further discussion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

M-16 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn to executive session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-17 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn from executive session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-18 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Borough Manager