

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2023

The Agenda Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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

Mr. James Behers (*Not Present*)
Mrs. Erin Brown
Mr. Raymond Dee (*Not Present*)
Mrs. Denise Maiden
Mrs. Patricia Boyer
Mrs. Marianne Conley – Vice President
Mr. John Egger – President

Mr. David Depretis – Mayor
Mr. Jason Stanton - Engineer
Mrs. Ashley Wagner – Solicitor
Mr. Robert Firek – Borough Manager
Chief Tony Cortazzo

AUDIENCE AGENDA – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one wished to speak.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Stanton reviewed the monthly written report and gave the following updates:

2023 Road Improvement Program

- The bid opening is scheduled for April 12, 2023 with a tentative bid award scheduled for April 18, 2023.

2021 Municipal Building Improvements

- The construction project is in its final phase. Work is currently being completed in the Police Station records room. May 20, 2023 is the tentative date for project completion.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Wagner’s report will be given in Executive Session. A discussion was had regarding the schedule for the public hearing and advertising for the Zoning Amendment. Mrs. Wagner also discussed the Borough’s possible participation in an Opioid Settlement Agreement through Allegheny County.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Mayor Depretis will give his monthly report next week.

Chief Cortazzo had the following discussion items:

- A copy of Chief Cortazzo’s streetlight review for Scenery Dr. was provided to Council. The review was requested by a resident who feels the street is too dark after the removal of a streetlight in 2013. Their conclusion was this area is no darker than any other in the Borough.
- Chief Cortazzo requested permission to ask the Civil Service Commission to conduct Entry Level Officer testing as well as a Sergeant’s Exam in the coming months. There were no objections from Council.
- A discussion was had regarding the possible hire of a full-time Social Services Coordinator for the Police Department which is in the 2023 budget.

M-1 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Advertise for the position of Social Services Coordinator; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek gave the following report:

- A revised job description for a part-time Recreation & Events Director was provided to Council members for review.
- PennDOT will be reconstructing Curry Hollow Road from Regis Ave. to the South Park Traffic Light Junction beginning in the fall of 2023. The road milling and resurfacing will take place overnight.
- Baldwin Borough received a \$600,000 grant for pool improvements. The grant money needs to be used by June 30, 2026. Several upgrade/repair options will be presented to Council at a future meeting.
- Sign options were discussed for the naming of the Municipal Deck Hockey Rink, which will be named "Slug's Deck" in honor of Officer Sean Sluganski.

FINANCE - Mrs. Maiden provided her monthly financial report to Council as well as an update on the Community Events Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Dee will provide his report next week.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lubin provided a few updates to Council:

- People's Gas will be replacing a waterline on Elmwood Dr. that should take approximately two months to complete. They are also making repairs to private lines with leaking valves, which should also take approximately two months to complete.
- Columbia Gas has selected 100 homes in the Borough whose gas meters are inside of the house. Banks Gas Services will move the meters to the outside of the home. Residents chosen for this project will receive communication directly from Columbia Gas.
- Painting and Repairs will begin soon on the pool to get it ready for the upcoming season.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Mrs. Boyer will provide her report next week.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mrs. Brown provided the following updates:

50 permits were issued for the month of March. 196 permits have been issued in 2023. Fees collected for March 2023 are \$21,876.45. The total fees for 2023 thus far are \$30,293.95

- There was no Planning Commission Meeting held this month, as there were no items on the agenda.
- The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held April 20, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Behers will give his report next week.

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Conley had no report this evening.

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NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor made Council aware of the death of Jeanette Sonick who was a member of the Baldwin Borough Library Board for many years and made many contributions to the community during her lifetime.

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business – No one wished to speak.

- M-2** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to enter into Executive Session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-3** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adjourn from Executive Session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-4** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adjourn; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek,
Borough Manager