

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2023

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The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Invocation was given by Mayor Dave Depretis.

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 ( <i>arrived at 7:09 pm</i> )	Mrs. Diana Behers – Treasurer ( <i>Not present</i> )
Mrs. Marianne Conley - Vice-President	Chief Tony Cortazzo
Mr. John Egger - President	

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- M-1**      *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).*
- M-2**      *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).*

## AUDIENCE AGENDA (Agenda Items Only):

Linda Roth of 641 Penn Street spoke in opposition of hiring a Part-Time Recreation and Events Director

## 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. Conley made a motion to Award **Contract No. 23-R01 (General Fund) 2023 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvement Program, Base Bid to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$970,345.93; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).***
- M-4**      *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Award **Contract No. 23-R02 (Liquid Fuels) 2023 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvement Program to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$214,901.91; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).***

## SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor’s report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week. Mrs. Wagner added that the zoning ordinance amendment was approved by Allegheny County Planning.

*Councilwoman Maiden Arrived*

- M-5**      *Mr. Dee made a motion to add a motion to the agenda; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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**M-6** *Mr. Dee made a motion to Pursue a Draft Revision of the Fence Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken:*

*Mrs. Brown - No  
Mr. Behers - No  
Mrs. Boyer - Yes  
Mr. Dee - Yes  
Mrs. Maiden -Yes  
Mrs. Conley - Yes  
Mr. Egger - No*

*Upon vote, the motion passed with 4 votes for and 3 votes against the motion.*

The residents of 600 Lucy Drive and 641 Penn Street spoke in favor of the ordinance draft.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Depretis provided the March report:

Calls to Police: **757** Fees collected: **\$4,285** Arrest Totals: **18** Citations/tags: **99**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Manager's Report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week. Mr. Firek added that the SHACOG waste collection bid for 2024 through 2028 will be advertised on April 27<sup>th</sup> and will be opened on June 5. Additional information will be provided after the bids are opened.

**M-7** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2023-04-06** Approving a capital lease from Huntington Public Capital Corporation for the purchase of a 2023 International HV507 SFA 10-Ton Truck in the amount of \$111,288.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-8** *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2023-04-07** to enter into and be a part of the state's settlement agreement regarding the opioid crisis; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-9** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-04-08** Approving the Sanitary Sewer Planning Module for the Enos Residential Development (Tuscany Ridge); second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-10** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Authorize Council President and the Mayor to sign the joint letter signed by Baldwin Township, Whitehall Borough, and all the youth sport organizations in these municipalities to the Baldwin-Whitehall School Board requesting the School District to eliminate the fees imposed upon the youth organizations utilizing the school's athletic facilities; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-11** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to purchase a Sign and Memorial plaque to be placed at the Dek Hockey Court in Elm Leaf Park in honor of Ofc. Sean Sluganski in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.*

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- M-12** *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Advertise for a Public Hearing for the May 15 Council Meeting regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Amber McKeeton, of Hoff's Landscaping, spoke with Council about Hoff's plan to host a dunk tank at Community Day with proceeds going to the Ofc. Sean Sluganski Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## FINANCE

The monthly finance report was provided to Council.

- M-13** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2023; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-14** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Ratify Bills in the amount of \$1,033,953.38 and approve bills in the amount of \$1,159,404.13 for a total of \$2,193,357.51; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. Maiden discussed plans for Community Day and suggested scheduling a speaker to attend a future Council meeting to talk about assisting Autistic residents during emergency situations.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Dee provided the Public Works report. The transition from Winter to Summer maintenance has begun.

## PARKS & RECREATION

- M-15** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve the April Blanket List; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

## LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Boyer provided the Library report. Paul Hayhurst, President of the Library Board, commented that he will provide a financial report to Council at the next regular meeting.

## ZONING & PLANNING

Mrs. Brown provided her report last week.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers gave his report:

**BEMS:** 277 calls 6.6-minute response time

**SBVFC:** 26 calls 7.29-minute response time

**Option VFC:** No Report Provided

**Baldwin VFC #105 (February):** 16 calls 7.29 -minute response time

**Baldwin VFC #105 (March):** 28 calls 9.13 -minute response time

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## PERSONNEL

The benefits and concerns of potentially hiring a part-time Recreation & Events Director were discussed. Mr. Dee stressed the importance of retaining the volunteers that are currently serving on the Community Events Advisory Committee.

**M-16** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Advertise for a part-time Recreation & Events Director Position; second by Mrs. Brown. A roll call vote was taken:*

*Mrs. Brown - Yes*

*Mr. Behers - Yes*

*Mrs. Boyer - Yes*

*Mr. Dee - Yes*

*Mrs. Maiden - No*

*Mrs. Conley - Yes*

*Mr. Egger - Yes*

*Upon vote, the motion passed with 6 votes for and 1 vote against the motion.*

## AUDIENCE AGENDA - Any issue pertaining to Borough

Mark Frankenfield of 154 Brallier Court asked Council for an update on the ongoing issues with a property on Walton Road.

Linda Roth of 641 Penn Street asked Chief Cortazzo to clarify times for the Community Day Road closure of Churchview Avenue for the Baldwin Mile.

## NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. Dee offered to conduct a training session with members of Council on effective listening to help with their response to residents and to each other.

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

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

**M-19** *Mrs. Brown made a motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,  
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek  
Borough Manager