

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022

The Agenda Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 10, 2022.

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

Mr. James Behers
Mrs. Erin Brown
Mr. Raymond Dee
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 T. Firek - Borough Manager
Chief Tony Cortazzo

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Agenda Items only. There were none.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Stanton reviewed the monthly report dated May 5, 2022 summarizing activity since the last Council Meeting and gave the following updates:

Blossom Hill and Charlotte Sanitary Sewer Repairs:

- Lining work to be completed May 11, 2022.

Streets Run/Glass Run Multi Municipal Project:

- PaDEP is anticipated to issue a permit soon.

General MS4 Activity:

- Annual MS4 Elected Official Training was conducted by Mr. Stanton at this meeting.

Cathell/Breckenridge Retrofit (SW Auth Project):

- The work is set to begin within the next week.

2022 Road Program:

- Bids were opened on May 3, 2022. Bid Reports were issued May 6, 2022.

Municipal Building Improvements:

- LSSE has recommended Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$13,347 to Grahamboys LLC by letter dated May 5, 2022 for Contract. No. 21-MB1 (Re-Bid) for General Construction

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CDBG Year 47 Demolition Contract:

- The Borough made a recommendation to SHACOG to award the contract.

Ferry Electric:

- A letter extension request of 60 days was issued by the architect on May 2, 2022.

Everest Foods/Fresh Foods:

- A bond reduction request was received on May 4, 2022 and is under review.

Keston-Bush Plan of Lots (Brallier Court and Gensler Road):

- The review letter regarding the lot line modification was issued on May 6, 2022.

Municipal Building Concept Site Plan:

- Concept plans will be reviewed with Council at the June meeting.

Colewood Park Improvements:

- A meeting was held May 10, 2022 to discuss preliminary needs of the soccer association. Concept plans should be ready to present to Council at the June meeting.

Mayor Depretis asked how the bids for the road program compared to the budget. Mr. Stanton responded that bids were in line with the budget and were competitive.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Wagner reminded Council that the Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Hearing for WOW Asian Palace LLC. will take place at the May 18, 2022 Council meeting.

The remainder of Mrs. Wagner's report pertains to legal matters and will be presented in Executive Session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Depretis will give his monthly report next week.

Chief Cortazzo updated council on the following items:

- The hiring process for a new police officer is still ongoing. Council gave verbal approval to begin background investigations on top candidates after written test scores are received.

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- The Chief is looking into grant opportunities for the purchase of new body cameras.
- A motion will be added to the agenda for the May 18, 2022 meeting for Council to consider applying for a COPS Hiring Grant.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek submitted his monthly written report to Council for review and gave the following updates:

Sanitary Sewer Sale:

- Mr. Tom Wyatt from Obermayer introduced himself to Council and spoke about his role in the Sanitary Sewer Sale process. A discussion was had about Mr. Wyatt's experience with other Sanitary Sewer Sales.

Fire Department Consolidation:

- Mr. Firek and two members of Council and the Mayor plan to attend the upcoming May 19, 2022 meeting.

Marquee Sign/Message Board:

- Senator Brewster identified grant money to cover the cost of a new message board sign for the Borough Building.

Fence at McAnnulty School:

- The Baldwin-Whitehall School District would like to place a fence around the soccer/play area at McAnnulty School. A portion of the field/fence are on unused Borough Park property.

A discussion was had about the fence and property maintenance. Mayor Depretis suggested notifying neighbors of plans to construct the fence.

Municipal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):

- A draft copy was provided for consideration at next week's meeting.

FINANCE

Mrs. Maiden provided her monthly financial report. She also discussed the increased activity at the Library.

Mrs. Maiden asked for permission to hang a roadway banner within the Municipality to advertise for Community Day. Council gave verbal consent to hang a banner if one is obtained.

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Mr. Dee added that there may be a liability issue hanging a sign across a roadway that should be checked out with the insurance company before proceeding.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Dee will give his report next week.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lubin provided a few updates to Council:

- 2021 Road Program punch list items are being scheduled by the Contractor.
- Bids for the 2022 Road Program were opened, with A. Liberoni coming in as the lowest bidder. Mr. Lubin recommended delaying any add alternates at this time due to recent emergency repairs that were unexpected impacts to the budget.
- Elm Leaf Park final phase work is ongoing. There will be two pay requests on the agenda for approval next week.
- A sewer line on Kirk Ave. is in need of a spot liner.
- There was a hill slide within the Borough's gated storage area in Elm Leaf Park that was in danger of impacting the nearby stream and necessitated an emergency repair. A pay request for repairs will be on the agenda for approval at next week's meeting.
- There will be an event at the Library on June 8, 2022 for senior citizens.
- Pool cleaning and patchwork is underway.
- A replacement diving board for the pool will not be available until at least June. Therefore, the pool will open without a diving board until one is available for purchase.
- The SHACOG salt agreement will be given to Council for review after it is received in June.
- The new traffic signs for Walton Road will be installed at the end of next week.
- There was a sewage backup behind the Backdraft Bar and Grill which was cleaned up and the line is now in the process of being repaired.

Mr. Egger asked about a sanitary storm sewer lid that supposedly blew off behind Young Dr. Mr. Lubin replied that that was not accurate and clarified that a storm manhole (a round concrete slab with a drain cap in the center) had storm water

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exiting through the center hole. Mr. Lubin added that a full investigation has been done and no problems have been identified with the Borough Storm line.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Boyer will provide her report next week.

ZONING AND PLANNING

Mrs. Brown will provide her report next week. She provided the following update:

- The Planning Commission Meeting was held May 9, 2022. Moving the Keston property line was discussed.
- Mark Duffy submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission.
- Mrs. Brown spoke with Representative Pisciotano regarding the Rt. 51 Streetscape Ordinance.
- The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held May 19, 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers provided his report:

	<u>Calls:</u>	<u>Average Response Time:</u>
BEMS	265	7.1 minutes
Option VFD	40	8.15 minutes
South Baldwin VFD	24	8.5 minutes

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley had no report at this time.

Mr. Dee asked for an update on the social work internship through Slippery Rock University. Chief Cortazzo updated that there is an agreement in place and he hopes an intern will be available this Summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Egger expressed that he is upset over the Baldwin Borough Democratic Organization being denied a booth at Community Day. A discussion was had and it was agreed upon that the list of approved/denied booths will be brought before Council for review at next week's meeting.

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business.

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Ms. Lori Goettler 807 Glass Run Rd. Apt. B asked if pool passes will be provided for members of the fire department this year. Mr. Egger confirmed that they will continue to be provided.

Mr. Jason Anthony Mavilla of 180 Curry Hollow Rd. asked to bring a matter before Council. Since Mr. Mavilla is not a resident of Baldwin Borough, Council took a roll call vote to allow a non-resident to speak during the Audience Agenda portion of the meeting.

M-1 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to allow a non-resident of Baldwin Borough to speak during the audience agenda portion of the meeting; second by Mrs. Boyer.*

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Dee – No

Mrs. Boyer – No

Mrs. Brown – No

Mrs. Maiden – No

Mr. Behers – No

Mrs. Conley – No

Mr. Egger – No

Upon vote, the motion failed unanimously.

Mrs. Daria DiGorio of 665 Charlotte Dr. asked for an update on Summer Camp. Mrs. Maiden responded that funding for wages was not obtained so unfortunately, it seems that Summer Camp would be not be feasible this year. She is hoping that it will be able to happen next Summer.

M-2 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion was passed unanimously.*

M-3 *Mr. Dee made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion was passed unanimously.*

M-4 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2022-05-13** Appointing George Janocsko as the Neutral Hearing Examiner for*

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the Heart and Lung Hearing for Officer Luke Sedar; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

M-5 *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