

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 2023.

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
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:

2021 Municipal Building Improvements

- Punch list items remain.

General MS4 Activity

- Field sampling began on June 5, 2023 and will continue through the Summer.
- Plantings at the Breckenridge 1 site have been completed.

BJNT Enos Townhomes (Tuscany Ridge)

- Revised plans were received. The Developer’s Agreement is moving forward.

A discussion was had regarding the amount of punch list items left for the Municipal Building Improvement project and how to proceed with the remaining payment requests since the project is beyond the completion date.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Wagner reminded Council of the public hearing that will be held at next week’s meeting regarding the Institutional Homes Zoning Amendment. The remaining items in Mrs. Wagner’s report are for Executive Session.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Mayor Depretis will give his monthly report next week. Chief Cortazzo had several updates:

- A streetlight survey was conducted on Scenery Dr. in response to a resident request. After conducting the survey, Chief Cortazzo recommends that streetlights not be added.
- A streetlight survey was conducted on Middle St. in response to a resident request. There are two streetlights that have not been updated by Duquesne Light to LED bulbs. The Chief feels that once those bulbs are updated, the lighting will be adequate. Additional streetlights are not recommended.
- Two speed surveys were conducted in response to resident complaints. The first was on Shieck St. Over a 14-day period, 2700 vehicles were clocked. The 85th percentile speed was 22 mph, which is below the speed limit.
- The second speed survey was done over a 14-day period on Colewood Dr. with 5500 vehicles clocked and 85th percentile speed was 21.8 mph. No further action is recommended.

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- A \$100,000 grant was received through the Jefferson Regional Foundation in partnership with Pleasant Hills and West Mifflin Police Departments to replace the AED units for all three Police departments and also the AED unit at Baldwin Pool. The Grant will cover 100% of the replacement costs.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Firek gave the Manager's report with the following updates:

- Mr. Firek, Mr. Lubin and LSSE will be working on options for the Pool and how best to use the \$600,000 grant money that was received for the project and present those to Council in late summer/early fall.
- Part-time Recreation & Events Director applications are still being accepted. 2 interviews have already occurred with 4 total applications received to date.
- A discussion was had regarding deer complaints and options for deer population management.
- A discussion was had regarding fee waiver requests for the pool for groups.
- A discussion was had regarding the recent SHACOG Bid Opening results for the Joint Bid Contract for solid waste/recycling removal contract for years 2024 through 2028 and changes to the collection process in that bid package. More details and exact amounts will be provided when Mr. Firek receives the full Bid Tabulation from SHACOG.

FINANCE - Mrs. Maiden provided her monthly financial report to Council.

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lubin provided a few updates to Council:

- The 2023 Road Program Notice to Proceed was issued on June 12, 2023. Mobilization of equipment is anticipated in the coming days.
- PennDOT closed Glass Run Rd. from Cathell to Rt. 885 for landslide remediation.
- Site visits along Churchview Ave. have begun for anticipated gas line replacement work in 2024.
- The pool is still leaking, similar to last year. The recirculation pump will need to be replaced but Mr. Lubin is hoping it will last through this season.
- Due to repeated vandalism issues at Colewood Park, the bathrooms within the park will remain closed until security cameras can be procured and installed.
- Mr. Lubin discussed an electric vehicle conference he and Mr. Firek attended and how electric vehicles may fit into the Borough's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

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

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

41 permits were issued for the month of May. Fees collected for May 2023 are \$13,903.38. The total fees for 2023 thus far are \$70,951.13.

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- The Planning Commission Meeting was held on June 12, 2023. Coen Markets is hoping to break ground in July. Mrs. Brown also provided comments from the Planning Commission on the Zoning Amendment update, redefining Addicting Treatment Facilities.

Mr. Dee asked for an update on the fence ordinance revision. A discussion was had regarding the process. Mr. Egger noted to Mr. Dee that he heard the Planning Commission would be providing Council with a recommendation at next Month's Council meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Behers provided his report:

- BEMS: 277 calls, 6.7 minutes response time
- South Baldwin VFD: 31 calls, 7.75 minutes response time
- Option VFD 43 calls, 6.15 minutes response time
- No report was provided by Baldwin #105

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Conley had no report this evening.

COMMUNITY EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Mrs. Maiden provided an update to Council:

- There was a review of Community Day.
- Summer camp will take place the month of July for 4 weeks.
- The first Farmer's Market has taken place. The next Market will be June 22nd. Mrs. Maiden discussed the SNAP and Senior Vouchers programs.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was had regarding the review of the fence ordinance.

AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business

Dave Ernst of 3486 Brickley Drive is starting a business and asked Council to sign off on paperwork to verify zoning for his business. He was referred to the Planning and Zoning Officer.

Doug Curran of 1653 Dunluce Drive asked for Council's guidance regarding a neighboring property that has trash and vehicles in the yard. Mr. Firek explained that multiple citations have been issued and the case is currently active in the court system.

M-1 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to enter into Executive Session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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

M-3 *Mrs. Brown 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