

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

The invocation was done by Mayor 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 (<i>via phone</i>)	Mr. Gavin Robb – Solicitor
Mr. Raymond Dee (<i>not present</i>)	Mrs. Diana Behers – Treasurer
Mrs. Denise Maiden	Mr. Robert Firek – Borough Manager
Mrs. Marianne Conley, Vice-President	Chief Tony Cortazzo
Mr. John Egger - President	

POLICE COMMENDATIONS PRESENTATION

Mayor Depretis and Chief Cortazzo presented Certificates of Commendation to Detective Clay Baumgard and Detective John Prilla for going above and beyond in their professionalism during an investigation involving child endangerment. Sergeant Mike Falcione, Officer Anthony Williams, and Officer Lou Parrotta received Department Citations for their quick response in a life-saving effort involving the same child endangerment case.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- M-1** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-2** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT

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

- M-3** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$6,507.00 to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. for Contract No. 21-MB3 (Municipal Building Renovations, Re-Bid) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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- M-4** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$35,025.52 to Grahamboys LLC dba Graham Construction for Contract No. 21-MB1 (Municipal Building Renovations, Re-Bid) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-5** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$28,982.81 to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co., Inc., for Contract No. 21-S1 (Blossom Hill/Charlotte Sanitary Sewer Repairs) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-6** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$14,403.94, to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 22-R01 (General Funds) 2022 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Conley.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor's report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week.

- M-7** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to advertise for Proposed **Ordinance No. 923** to comply with PA Act 57 requiring the Borough Tax Collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes beginning in tax year 2023 if they meet the requirements set by the state Act 57; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-8** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Advertise for a Proposed Ordinance Authorizing the incurrence of Lease Rental Debt in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,445,424 by guaranteeing Sewer Revenue Bonds to be issued by the Pleasant Hills Authority (PHA) associated with the PHA Master Meter Project; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided the Civil Service Commission Annual Report (2020/2021) and his July report:

Calls to Police: **727** Fees collected: **\$155.50** Arrest Totals: **21** Citations/tags: **38**

Chief Cortazzo thanked Council for approving the hire of two new officers at the August 9, 2022 Agenda Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATION

The Manager's Report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week. Mr. Firek asked Council for the following motions:

- M-9** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$12,646.82 to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co., Inc. for Ranchview Drive Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair per the recommendation of the Borough Manager; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-10** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$15,228.87 to Jet Jack, Inc. for Glass Run Road Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair per the recommendation of the Borough Manager; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-11** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2022-08-18** for Approving the Acquisition of Vacant Property Block and Lot Number 136-K-40 (3610 Oakleaf Road) and is in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the Borough under the Vacant Property Recovery Program; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-12** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2022-08-19** for Public Traffic Safety Grant Program Application; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-13** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2022-08-20** Approving the transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License No. R-16397 into Baldwin Borough from Homestead Borough for First Watch Restaurants, Inc.; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-14** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Adopt **Resolution No. 2022-08-21** approving an intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Whitehall Borough to provide for a cost sharing agreement for paving Whitehall's portion of Frich Drive adding to the Borough's Paving contract for reimbursement from Whitehall; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-15** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Advertise for the Community Events Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2023 and to change the three (3) remaining meetings for 2022 to be held at the new location of the Backdraft Bar and Grill; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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Mayor Depretis stated that he is not in agreement with having meetings anywhere but the Municipal Building. Mr. Egger agreed.

A roll call vote was taken:

*Mrs. Boyer – Yes
Mr. Dee – Not Present
Mr. Behers – Yes
Mrs. Maiden – Yes
Mrs. Brown – No
Mrs. Conley – Yes
Mr. Egger – No*

Upon vote, the motion passed with 4 votes in favor and 2 votes against.

Mr. Firek mentioned that a candidate for the open seat on the Planning Commission will be interviewing with Council before the September 13, 2022 Agenda Meeting.

FINANCE

Mrs. Maiden provided her report last week and had the following motions for Council's consideration:

- M-16** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-17** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Ratify Bills in the amount of \$514,635.76 and approve bills in the amount of \$267,702.49 for a total of \$782,338.25; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*
- M-18** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve the Mid-Year Budget Updates; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. Maiden provided Council with a copy of the August Library Report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Firek stated that Mr. Dee provided his report last week at the Agenda Meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Boyer provided the August Blanket List to Council and asked Council to consider

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the following motions:

M-19 *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve the August Blanket List; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

M-20 *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Allow the Pittsburgh Aviary to utilize Elm Leaf Park on Saturday and Sunday November 5 & 6 from 7pm to 9pm for their annual "Owl Prowl;" second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

ZONING & PLANNING

Mrs. Brown provided her report last week at the Agenda meeting.

M-21 *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the Herron Lot Consolidation Plan at 101 Donahue Drive per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. LSSE had no comments per their letter dated August 11, 2022; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Behers restated his report from the Agenda meeting and added that Option VFC had 28 calls and a 7.8 minute average response time for the month of July.

PERSONNEL

M-22 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Appoint Loran Skinkis to the full-time position of Custodial Services, Municipal Facilities, contingent upon him passing a background check; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

AUDIENCE AGENDA - Any issue pertaining to Borough

Karin and Tom Blazinski of 3040 Meadowvue Dr. spoke about an issue with their driveway.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Maiden thanked Council for allowing the Events Advisory Committee to have their meetings at the Backdraft Bar and Grill. A discussion with Mr. Egger followed regarding the time of the meetings and his disagreement with the decision.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

M-23 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters; Second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

M-24 *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn from executive session; Second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION TO ADJOURN

M-25 *Mrs. Maiden made the motion to adjourn; Second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,
BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek
Borough Manager