

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2022

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The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:38 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

The invocation was done by Mrs. Boyer.

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	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. Conley made a motion to approve the Agenda Meeting Minutes of September 13, 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 September 20, 2022; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

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

## 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 Approve **Partial Payment No. 1** in the amount of \$6,019.20 to Reno Bros., Inc. for Contract No. 21-MB2 (Municipal Building Renovations, Re-Bid) per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-4** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Approve **Partial Payment No. 2** in the amount of \$34,803.00 to R&B Mechanical, Inc. for Contract No. 21-MB4 (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. 3** in the amount of \$56,545.53 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 22-R01 (General*

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*Funds)2022 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-6** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to Approve **Partial Payment No. 2** in the amount of \$44,407.81 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for Contract No. 22-R02 (Liquid Fuels) 2022 Roadway and Storm Sewer Improvements per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-7** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Award Contract No. 22-S2, Streets Run and Glass Run Multi-Municipal Sanitary Sewer Improvements to SAK Construction, LLC in the amount of \$5,822,260.00; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

## **SOLICITOR' S REPORT**

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

Mrs. Wagner discussed the Borough's contract with Legal Tax Service. Mrs. Wagner also clarified that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss various legal items, sale of borough property, ongoing litigation and litigation strategy.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided the September report:

Calls to Police: **756** Fees collected: **\$75** Arrest Totals: **18** Citations/tags: **60**

Mayor Depretis stressed the need for Allegheny County poll workers for the upcoming election. The Mayor and Chief Cortazzo will present a Proclamation to 94-year-old Baldwin resident and veteran Harvey Hess, who will be honored on November 11, 2022 for his contributions to his country and community.

Chief Cortazzo mentioned that grant money will fully fund the purchase of new body cameras for the department.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Manager's Report was provided at the Agenda Meeting last week.

Mr. Firek attended a Multi-Municipal Sports Summit at Baldwin High School to discuss

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the use of sports facilities within local communities and how to best accommodate the needs of all youth sports organizations within the Baldwin Whitehall School District communities.

Mr. Firek also discussed how the Post-Gazette strike is affecting the Borough's ability to stay compliant with legal advertising requirements.

## FINANCE

The monthly finance report was provided to Council.

**M-8** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2022; second by Mrs. Conley. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-9** *Mrs. Maiden made a motion to Ratify Bills in the amount of \$2,897,940.89 and approve bills in the amount of \$1,389,633.05 for a total of \$4,287,573.94; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Dee provided his report.

Mr. Randy Lubin updated Council on the purchase of a new Ford truck (the previous order that was approved by Council was canceled by Ford due to supply chain issues) and asked for Council's approval to place an order for 2023. There were no objections from Council.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Mrs. Boyer provided the Library report.

**M-10** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve a request by the three Baldwin Borough Volunteer Fire Companies to use the Municipal Building Auditorium for a Consolidation Meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2022 with a fee waiver; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed 6-0-1. (Mr. Dee abstained due to a conflict of interest, as he is a member of the fire company.)*

**M-11** *Mrs. Boyer made a motion to Approve a request by Baldwin Kiwanis to hold the Baldwin Holiday Festival at the Municipal Building on Friday, December 9, 2022 from 4:30-7:00pm with a fee waiver; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

A discussion was had regarding the Kiwanis Holiday Event hours.

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## ZONING & PLANNING

Mrs. Brown provided her report last week.

**M-12** *Mrs. Brown made a motion to Approve the Hayes Mine Storage Building Land Development per the recommendation of the Planning Commission, contingent upon addressing outstanding comments in LSSE's letter dated September 29, 2022 and providing a bond to the Borough for the project in the amount of \$335,667.78; 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 34 calls and a 7.4-minute average response time for the month of September.

## PERSONNEL

Mrs. Conley had no report this evening.

## AUDIENCE AGENDA - Any issue pertaining to Borough

*Mike Grieves - 600 Lucy Dr.* - Mr. Grieves discussed the Borough's fence ordinance.

*Jim Vogel – 5149 Colewood Dr.* - Mr. Vogel asked for assistance with scheduling an occupancy inspection.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mrs. Maiden asked for approval from Council for the Events Advisory Committee to approve the contract and cost with Pyrotecnico (\$5,500.00) to provide fireworks for 2023 Community Day. There were no objections.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

**M-13** *Mrs. Brown made the motion to enter into executive session; Second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-14** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn from executive session; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**M-15** *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