

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

TOWN HALL

The Town Council meeting of February 24, 2020 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Zachary (Ward1), with the following in attendance: Council Members Bill Kirk (Ward 2), Charles J. Mazur (Ward 3), Joan D. Powers (Ward 4), Angela M. Woods (Ward 5), Carolyn L. Schweiger (Ward 6) and Patricia A. Cloonan (Ward 7). Others present: Town Attorney Gavin A. Robb of Tucker Arensberg, Town Manager Robert T. Grimm, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Trisha Greathouse, Junior Councilperson Michael Taffe, Administrative Assistant Marie Haller and citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Carolyn L. Schweiger and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT – CLAYTON BLOUGH

Council President Zachary recognized and welcomed Boy Scout Clayton Blough, Troop 344 of Wexford who is currently working to obtain his Citizenship in the Community Badge.

ANNOUNCEMENT – MANAGER’S COFFEE

Council President Zachary announced a Town Manager’s Coffee would be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Loafers Bread Company in the Wexford Plaza. She reported this is the first in a series of coffees scheduled and invited citizens to join her, Town Manager Grimm and a few staff members to share a cup of coffee and conversation.

COUNCIL FIELD TRIP TO REVIEW MS4 PROJECTS

Council President Zachary reported that she has discussed taking a field trip with Councilmembers to view various MS4 projects within the Town.

LIAISON REPORT

a. Activities Committee – Patricia A. Cloonan; Carolyn L. Schweiger (alternate)

No meeting was held in January. Members have been coordinating efforts to prepare a database and meeting space along with planning for an ice-cream social scheduled on June 5th.

b. Community Day Committee – Angela M. Woods; Patricia A. Cloonan (alternate)

A meeting was held on January 28, with the next meeting scheduled on March 10th. Plans are moving along for this year’s event.

c. Environmental Advisory Committee – Angela M. Woods; Carolyn L. Schweiger (alternate)

Planning is underway for a Spring Cleanup on April 4, the next speaker series event will be a Tick-Talk, and a recycling art show is currently being planned. Volunteers are needed and welcomed for both the roadside cleanup and art show events.

d. Finance Development & Promotional Committee for the Heritage Center – Joan D. Powers; Chuck J. Mazur (alternate)

The minutes are included in packet; the committee is working hard to have programs each month.

e. Joint Recreation Board – Chuck J. Mazur; Patricia A. Cloonan (alternate)

A meeting was held in January, discussed expanding next year's program, with a planning meeting to be held in October. Currently securing locations for this year's program.

f. Junior Councilmember – Michael Taffe

Mr. Taffe provided a summary of his report which included a suggestion that Town Council consider including and/or requiring electric car charging stations with land development plans. Councilmember Powers commended Mr. Taffe the time he has devotion in addition to his schoolwork. Councilmember Zachary discussed his appointment, noting the Junior Councilperson position will once again be posted in April, with an appointment in May for the next calendar year.

g. McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority – Chuck J. Mazur; Bill Kirk (alternate)

Bob Burkley was appointed as Chief Financial Officer for the Authority; the next meeting is scheduled on March 23rd. Board meetings are now posted on the McCandless Savvy Citizen and also on Franklin Parks site as well.

h. McCandless Industrial Development Authority – Chuck J. Mazur; Bill Kirk (alternate)

The annual meeting was held which included the election of officers.

i. McCandless Township Sanitary Authority – Bill Kirk; Chuck J. Mazur (alternate)

The minutes are included in the packet.

j. North Hills Council of Governments – Angela M. Woods; Chuck J. Mazur (alternate)

The first meeting was held on the 20th, the next meeting will be held March 19th.

k. Northland Public Library Authority – Joan D. Powers; Angela M. Woods (alternate)

The meeting minutes are pending.

l. North Pittsburgh Community Development Authority – Chuck J. Mazur; Bill Kirk (alternate)

No meeting has been scheduled.

m. Personnel Board – Carolyn L. Schweiger; Kim Zachary (alternate)

A meeting was held this evening, another meeting will be scheduled.

n. Planning Commission – Kim Zachary; Patricia Cloonan (alternate)

Minutes are included in folder.

o. Technology Committee – Bill Kirk; Angela M. Woods (alternate)

Minutes are included in folder.

p. Volunteer Firefighters Steering Committee – Carolyn L. Schweiger; Joan D. Powers

Minutes are included in folder. Councilmember Schweiger asked Mr. Grimm about information he has received from other area municipalities regarding tax credits given to volunteers who serve on mutual aid fire companies. Mr. Grimm reported a even mix of responses have been received, with some who participate and some that do not.

q. Zoning Hearing Board – Patricia A. Cloonan; Kim Zachary (alternate)

No meeting, nothing to report.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

No additional items reported at this time.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Grimm highlighted the following items included with his monthly report:

MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) Update

PVE Engineering, LLC continues to work with a private developer on a PRP project involving streambank work.

Multi-Modal Grants

Engineer proposals have been received from four firms for the Multi-Modal projects to connect the Wexford Flats with the Oakridge Plan and to complete the connection of McCandless Drive to Blazier Drive. These proposals are currently being reviewed to determine to which firm will undertake these projects.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Robb reported that his monthly report was submitted to Town Council in advance of this meeting and questions pertaining to this report, particularly those of a confidential nature, may be discussed in an Executive Session if deemed necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Check Listing

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Mazur to approve Check Listing No. 2, dated January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020, totaling \$1,074,218.42, as submitted to each member of Council and posted on the bulletin board and Town website.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1495 – Acceptance of Providence Boulevard

Motion was made by Councilmember Woods and seconded by Councilmember Cloonan to adopt Ordinance No. 1495, an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of Providence Boulevard as a Town Road and public right-of-way, the public stormwater system therein and replace the performance bond guaranteeing the public improvements with a maintenance bond.

Town Manager Grimm provided clarification of the Town's acceptance of this roadway. He explained that the public stormwater system therein including in this motion refers to the stormwater inlet and does not include a main 42" stormwater line that runs along this roadway which is to be maintained by the private developer.

The motion carried unanimously.

Award Excavation Contract – Parkedge Excavating

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Cloonan to award a contract to Parkedge Excavating, the lowest responsible bidder for rental of a .75 cubic yard or larger excavator with operator and a hi-lift with 1.5 cubic yard bucket or larger with operator.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESSReview Resolution for the Allocation of Regional Asset Proceeds

A motion was made by Councilmember Mazur and seconded by Councilmember Powers to adopt Resolution No. 4 of the 2020 Series, a resolution awarding the allocation of 25% of the 2019 Regional Asset Proceeds that exceeded the amount received in 2018 to Northland Public Library which is \$2,730.68, in accordance with Act 77 of 1993 and the Intergovernmental Cooperative Laws of Pennsylvania. Adjournment.

Councilmember Kirk requested clarification pertaining to eligible recipients and whether the Ambulance Authority may be considered.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kirk and seconded by Councilmember Schweiger to table this resolution pending further clarification.

The motion was tabled.

Notification of a Public Hearing – Proposed Zoning Amendment (8500 Thompson Run Road)

Councilmember were notified that a public hearing is scheduled on March 9, 2020 on the request of Don Pohl of Pohl Construction to change the zoning district of certain property located at 8500 Thompson Run Road, also identified as Block and Lot No. 717-J-216, from C-7 (Office Building District) to R-3 (Townhouse and Garden Apartment District) and amend the Town's zoning map accordingly.

Notification of a Public Hearing – Proposed Liquor License Transfer (Sheetz, Inc)

Councilmembers were notified that a public hearing is scheduled March 23, 2020 on the request of Sheetz, Inc., for transfer of Liquor License No. R-1720 from Aurora Huts, LLC, 7301 Saltsburg Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 to its new business to be located at 8500 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Zachary announced there will be an Executive Session held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the March 9, 2019 Meeting of Town Council to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers, seconded by Councilmember Schweiger and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert T. Grimm
Town Manager

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