

Bridgewater Borough Council Meeting – December 15, 2020

Minutes from the Council Meeting held on November 17, 2020

Council President Judith Bert opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Kim Pavlinich, present  
Frank Wilson, present  
Ryan Eichhorn, present  
Judy Bert, present  
Jason Well, absent  
Mayor Reddinger, present  
Attorney Spratt, present

At this time Mrs. Bert asked for a motion to accept the minutes from October's Council Meeting and the minutes from the Public Hearing for the Municipal Transfer of a restaurant/liquor license R-16906 which was held on November 12, 2020.

At this time Frank Wilson made the motion to accept these minutes. Ryan Eichhorn seconds the motion. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

At this time Mrs. Bert asked for the Tax Collector's Report. Frank Wilson stated that for the month of October Pat collected #2,159.08. At this time Frank also gave the financial report. Total revenue for the month of October was \$26,760.68...Total Expenditures for October was \$53,782.60. As of today, we have \$52,568.27 in the General Fund. This time last year our General Fund balance was \$31,195.85.

PERSONS PRESENTING MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL:

Craig Holdren would like to address Council however; he will wait till later in the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Spratt stated that he spoke with Jim Riggio from Beaver Falls Municipal Authority in regard to a lien that was filed against 1298 Market Street back in 2002. Attorney Spratt said that they are willing to settle up for about \$500 bucks. Due to Covid the Prothonotary Office is currently closed. Once they open Attorney Spratt will have the lien lifted from that property. This will be taken care of by the closing of that property.

Also, Attorney Spratt stated that he is getting calls from Keith Smiths' attorney. They want to have his termination of employment changed to him resigning from the police department. Would that be ok with Council to do so? Council doesn't have a problem changing his dismissal from being terminated to accepting his resignation. Attorney Spratt said that he would contact Smith's attorney and let her know of the change.

Attorney Spratt stated that he received a letter from Attorney Santicola, who represents John Kelly, owner of Kelly's Riverside Saloon. Attorney Santicola stated that his client would like to enter into an agreement for the hillside and flat behind the saloon. He is willing to pay all late fees from the prior agreement. At this time Judy Bert said that the decision was made at last months meeting...the borough will not go into any agreement with him and this decision still stands. Attorney Spratt said that he will notify Attorney Santicola with councils' decision.

At this time Attorney Spratt said the municipal authority signed into an agreement with CME. They will be maintaining the lift stations beginning in January.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police – Kim Pavlinich stated that the department has hired three part-time police officers. Kim also read the Mission Statement that was given to her from the Chief. Kim said that the way things are going now adays we are doing pretty good.

At this time Chief Paul Smith stated that there were a lot of administrative issues that had been neglected however; they have been taken care of and the department is up to date and running well. Also, a few new policies will be instituted and with these polices the Chief will have each police officer read and sign an acknowledgment that they have read and understand each policy.

Fire – Judy Bert said that with the passing of Paul McKeel, Chuck wasn't able to draw up a report. He will have a report ready in December.

Street – Judy Bert said that the planters have been cleaned...decorations will be going up on Bridge Street the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Recreation – Ryan Eichhorn had nothing to report at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Judy Bert would like a motion to adopt Resolution #02/2020. This resolution is waiving the member contribution to the police pension fund for the year 2021. Kim Pavlinich made the motion to adopt Resolution # 02/2020. Ryan Eichhorn seconds it. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

Judy Bert would like a motion to adopt Resolution #03/2020. This resolution is approving the Municipal Transfer of Restaurant/Liquor License R-16906 from Center Township to Bridgewater Borough. Frank Wilson made the motion to adopt Resolution # 03/2020. Ryan Eichhorn seconds it. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

At this time Mayor Reddinger would like to set a time limit on parking along Bridge Street. Also, the Mayor would like to know if anything could be done about people parking the wrong direction...this is an issue as well. Could signs be posted for that? Council said that they could post Bridge Street with 2 hour parking limit...that's not a problem. As for parking the wrong direction this is a vehicle code violation and violators will be ticketed.

At this time Craig Holdren said that last year council was asked if anything could be done about the marinas on Riverside Drive storing boats on their property. Craig would like to know if the borough could enforce a tax on storage. These guys are making a fortune and the borough isn't getting anything out of it. Attorney Spratt stated that under the Local Tax Enabling Act the borough would have to show some sort of legal basis to institute such a tax. You just can't draw up a tax for something just because you want money. Frank Wilson asked if this could be done like our Renters Registration Ordinance. Once again, Joe said that we would have to prove a legal basis on this.

At this time Judy Bert said that she would like a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Bridgewater Crossing II. The Conditional Use requested is to approve parking lot modifications to allow 76 spaces on site and 50 spaces off site. Also, to use the property for the site of a restaurant, exercise club and swimming pool. Kim Pavlinich made the motion to approve the Conditional Use for Bridgewater Crossing II. Frank Wilson seconds it. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

At this time Mr. Betters would like to thank everyone for their support. Also, Mr. Betters stated that there are some street lights out along Mulberry Street Extension and he would like to bring in his electrician to fix them...if that's alright with the borough. Judy Bert said absolutely...we appreciate it and thank you.

At this time Judy Bert would like a motion to pay the bills. Kim Pavlinich made the motion. Frank Wilson seconds it. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

At this time Judy Bert said that if there is nothing else she would like a motion to adjourn. Frank Wilson made the motion. Kim Pavlinich seconds it. All in favor say I. The vote is unanimous...Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Vickie Adams, Secretary