
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

1/11/2021

7:30 PM Council-Regular

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The January 11, 2021 Council Meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Allen Bayer in the Council Chambers located at 111 W New Castle St., Zelienople PA 16063. This meeting was held in a limited in-person environment as well as remotely through the WebEx technology due to the coronavirus pandemic situation and to comply with the Governors order to limit in person public meetings. It still complied with all rules of advertisement and the public had access to the meeting and was able to participate. In-person attendance were Council Members, Allen Bayer, Andrew Mathew III, Mary Hess, Doug Foyle, and Gregg Semel. Mayor Thomas Oliverio was not in attendance. Attending remotely was Council Members Marietta Reeb and Ralph Geis (joined in late).

Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Donald Pepe. Attending remotely was Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, Police Chief James Miller, Borough Engineer Tom Thompson, and Public Works Director Chad Garland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Hess.

Mr. Pepe gave a short tribute to Jill Stedina and asked for a moment of silence to honor her passing.

VISITORS

In person
Daniel Karns

Attending virtually
Autumn Crawford
Chad Hanley (HRG)
Tony and Debbie Corridoni
Jim Hulings

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Karns spoke about the Borough Gift Cards program, positive comments on the Zelig Business Association Holiday events, and the current political climate concerning the recent events at the Capital in Washington, DC and the public comment concerning one of our police officers in the hope he is treated correctly.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Semel to approve:

- Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Council Meeting
- Transfer of Funds, \$175,000.00 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund, if needed.

Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$747,251.04

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, seconded by Mr. Foyle to accept and approve the "Bills to Be Paid" report for January in the amount of \$747,251.04.

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE WESTERN BUTLER COUNTY AUTHORITY ACT 537 PLAN SPECIAL STUDY WITH FUTURE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN

A discussion and review of the Western Butler County Authority Act 537 Plan Special Study was made and lead by WBCA Manager, Autumn Crawford. The Western Butler County Authority has submitted an Act 537 Plan Special Study to the Borough in November. The purpose of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, Act 537 is to help address existing sewage disposal needs and to help prevent future problems through the proper planning, permitting, and design of all types of sewage facilities. When all review is completed and questions or comments have been addressed, resolution will be required from each municipality to adopt the Act 537 approved plan.

No formal council action was needed at this time.

Council member Ralph Geis joined the meeting during the discussion and review of the Act 537 Plan.

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Mr. Pepe noted three important items to submit to the record.

- The Borough received \$75,000 for the final reimbursement for our RACP grant phase I project.
- The Borough received \$10,000 for the Winter Maintenance Agreement from PennDOT
- The Borough received \$95,000 for the 2nd round of the Cares Act program.

Borough Manager asked for an Executive session on personnel matters.

Council President Bayer asked for an Executive session on a contract matter.

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 PM.

Council went into executive session at 9:05 PM and returned at 9:32 PM.

DISCUSSION ON NEEDED PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR 2021 AND AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE A FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITION

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, seconded by Mr. Semel to adjust our personnel structure as proposed and supported by the Council Human Resources Committee, and the Borough Manager was authorized to advertise for a Finance Director position.

Motion carried 7-0.

Being no further business, President Bayer closed the meeting at 9:32 PM.

ATTEST:

Borough Manager

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

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