
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

11/8/2021

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The November 8, 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 an in-person environment as well as remotely through the WebEx technology due to the coronavirus pandemic situation and to comply with the safety of all concerned. 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, Mary Hess, Doug Foyle, and Marietta Reeb. Council Member Ralph Geis and Gregg Semel attended remotely. Mayor Thomas Oliverio and Councilman Andrew Mathew III were not present.

Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Donald Pepe, Police Chief James Miller, Borough Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, and Borough Engineer Tom Thompson.

Council President Bayer announced that an Executive Session was held at 7:00 PM prior to the council meeting to discuss contractual matters relating to the Main Street project.

Executive Session (prior to council meeting) Time: 7:02 PM; Return: 7:17 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Hess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

In Person: Jim Hulings, Carol Sosak, Mike Sosak, Lynn Grinder, Jan Maharg, Jerry Maharg, Marsha Grabowski, Matthew Edwards, Zachary Shumaker, Lesa Gallagher

Remotely: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Zachary Shumaker spoke asking for consideration of a New Year's Eve "Ball Drop" at the ShuBrew restaurant. He asked if council would consider voting to put it on the agenda, since it was not on the advertised agenda, for this evening and then consider this request for approval. Since there were unanswered questions and the need for him to submit a Special Event permit, council did not agree to put it on the agenda for this meeting and asked him to submit materials for the next meeting in November.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mr. Foyle, to approve:

- Minutes of the October 25, 2021, Council Meeting
- Transfer of Funds, \$150,000.00 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund, if needed

Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF DRAW ON GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE (G.O.N.) SERIES OF 2020 BUTLER COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK – LOAN DRAW #1

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mrs. Reeb to authorize Loan Draw #1 in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 from the General Obligation Note (G.O.N.) Series of 2020 Butler County Infrastructure Bank and authorize the opening of a non-interest bearing account with WesBanco for the purpose of the deposit of the GON 2020 Butler County Infrastructure Bank funds.

Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$756,797.01

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, seconded by Mr. Foyle to accept, and approve the "Bills to Be Paid" report for November in the amount of \$756,797.01.

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION– SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY/ZELIE ON ICE

A motion was made by Mr. Foyle, seconded by Mr. Geis to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Small Business Saturday/Zelie on Ice provided by Matthew Edwards, representative on behalf of the Zelienople Area Business Association, to be held on November 27, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Main Street business district provided that the responsible party noted in the application coordinate communications with and be responsive to the Chief of Police and Public Works Director as needed and comply with the Borough of Zelienople's Special Event Rules,

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Code of Ordinances Chapter 174, Special Events and Alcoholic Beverages, Parades & Public Gatherings & all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws.

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDER PROPOSED RESOLUTION #459-21 TO AMEND BOROUGH ORDINANCE #870-20 FOR BUTLER COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, seconded by Mr. Geis to adopt Proposed Resolution # 459-21 to amend Ordinance #870-20 and to approve the Amendment to the Loan Agreement reflecting this same information.

Due to cut and paste errors from the bank preparing the loan documents, the original Ordinance approved by council #870-20 must be amended to reflect the correct projects and amounts that will be used for funding from the Butler County Infrastructure Bank (BCIB) loan program. This amendment can be done through a borough resolution.

Proposed Resolution is prepared for that purpose that corrects both the project titles and the amount for the loan agreement. Also, the loan agreement was updated as well.

A full and true copy of Resolution #459-21 can be found in the Resolution Book.



Borough Manager

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #460-21, A RESOLUTION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID FOR MUNICIPAL PENSION FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, seconded by Mr. Semel to approve Resolution #460-21, a Resolution for the Distribution of State Aid for Municipal Pension Funds.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under Act 205 of 1985, allocates a yearly amount to be given to municipalities with municipal pension programs and termed "State Aid". This year the Borough received \$158,310.32. The distribution of the State Aid will be made to each pension plan (Police & Non-Uniformed) based upon the unit value calculations. The Borough receives 2-unit values for each officer in the Police Pension Plan and 1 unit value for each employee in the Non-Uniformed Plan. The unit value for this year's state aid is \$4,797.2826 / unit. The Police Plan is credited for 16 units (8

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employees) and the Non-Uniformed Plan received credit for 17 units (17 employees) . The unit calculations are based upon 2020 employment information. The distribution of the aid as such would allocate \$76,756.56 to the Police Pension Plan and \$81,553.76 to the Non-Uniformed Plan.

State Aid does not entirely fund the MMO's. The total MMO required for the Police Pension Fund for 2021 is \$165,774 leaving a remaining balance of \$89,017.44 to be funded by the Borough. The total MMO required for the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund for 2021 is \$97,999 leaving a remaining balance of \$16,445.24 to be funded by the Borough.

A full and true copy of Resolution #460-21 can be found in the Resolution Book.


Borough Manager

Motion carried 6-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

Being no further business, President Bayer closed the meeting at 7:49 PM.

ATTEST:


Borough Manager


Council President

Approved by me this 29th day of November 2021.


Mayor