

Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

1/8/2024

7:30 PM

Council-Regular

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The January 8, 2024, Council Meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Mary Hess 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 to comply with the safety of all concerned and to allow for offsite participation. 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 Mary Hess, Andrew Mathew III, Gregg Semel, Doug Foyle, Spencer Mathew, Daniel Fritch, Steve Schoppe, and Mayor Thomas Oliverio. Junior Councilperson Kyra Fazio was also present.

Borough Manager Andrew Spencer, Borough Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, Borough Engineer Tom Thompson, Police Chief Jim Miller, and Public Works Director Chad Garland were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andrew Spencer

VISITORS:

Mike Sosak attended remotely

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Council Meeting.
- Transfer of Funds, \$150,000.00 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund, if needed.

Motion carried 7-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PROPOSED ORDINANCE #889-24 VACATING STREETS AND ALLEYS NEAR THE WESTERN BUTLER COUNTY AUTHORITY (WBCA) PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, seconded by Mr. Schoppe to authorize to advertise Proposed Ordinance #889-24 for the Vacating of Streets and Alleys near the Western Butler County Authority (WBCA) property.

Amendments have been made to the original ordinance. There remain several streets and alleys that abut the Western Butler County Authority (WBCA) property that have not been opened.

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT AND LOT CONSOLIDATION FOR THE FUTURE SITE OF WESTERN BUTLER COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY (WBCA) ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 607 MARKET STREET

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, seconded by Mr. Spencer Mathew to approve Western Butler County Sewer Authority (WBCA) Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation with the condition that all items listed in the Gannett Fleming Comment Letter are met.

The Western Butler County Authority (WBCA) has submitted Final Plans for the future administration building and garage to continue its current use as an Essential Service Building. The structure is located at 607 Market Street, Zones C-3 Heavy Commercial District & R-3 Urban Residential District.

The Western Butler County Authority is located at 607 Market Street, parcel # 550-S4-A828. The applicant proposes to construct a new one-story building along Allegheny Street, south of their existing facility. The new structure will allow the Authority's administrative functions to relocate to the new building. The construction includes a garage with facilities for the field crew and equipment.

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Zelienople Planning Commission reviewed and made the recommendation for approval of WBCA Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation.

Motion carried 7-0.

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NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628,815.39

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, seconded by Mr. Foyle to accept, and approve the "Bills to Be Paid" report for January in the amount of \$628,815.39.

Motion carried 7-0.

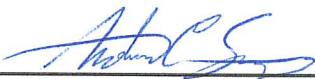
CONSIDER PROPOSED RESOLUTION #514-24 FOR NORTHERN POWER POOL AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER (AMP)

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, seconded by Mr. Foyle to approve Proposed Resolution #514-24 executing the Northern Power Pool Agreement with American Municipal Power (AMP).

Our municipal electric system is interconnected to the FirstEnergy transmission system, which is operated by PJM. PJM controls the regional generation and transmission grid ranging from Illinois to New Jersey. To take advantage of economies of scale for power scheduling, forecasting, and short-term energy supply in PJM, AMP has aggregated its forty one (41) members connected to the FirstEnergy transmission system into the Northern Power Pool. The Northern Power Pool Agreement provides the rules and methodologies for allocating among the Pool Participants, the charges and credits incurred by AMP for energy supply and transmission and generation delivery services.

The Northern Power Pool Agreement was last updated in 2011. During the past year it has become apparent that there are new charges and credits associated with the PJM settlement process that were not contemplated in the 2011 Agreement. This updated Northern Power Pool Agreement brings the contract up to date to formalize the way that the members are operating and invoiced for power supply and delivery costs and credits.

A full and true copy of Resolution #514-24 can be found in the Resolution Book.



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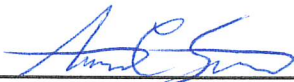
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CONSIDER PROPOSED RESOLUTION #515-24 - PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST BUTLER STORMWATER PLANNING GROUP

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, seconded by Mr. Schoppe to approve Proposed Resolution #515-24 for supporting and participating in the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group and the contribution of \$2,500.00 toward the cost of consulting fees for the group.

Ten municipalities in southwest Butler County over a year ago began to actively engage with their neighbors and officials from Butler County to begin discussing options for dealing with stormwater issues in the region and have become known as the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group. While this group holds no authority of its own volition, it has proven to be a valuable effort in intergovernmental cooperation that not only demonstrated solving problems, but also garnering resources to help solve those problems. For the group to continue in its efforts and work toward a conclusion, it is requested that the participating municipalities contribute \$2,500.00, which helps with the consulting costs from Jerry Andree and Micheal Foreman.

A full and true copy of Resolution #515-24 can be found in the Resolution Book.



Borough Manager

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION FOR ESTIMATE 4 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH ELECTRIC UTILITY UNDERGROUND SERVICE WORK PROJECT – CONTRACT 20-02

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, seconded by Mr. Fritch to approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for M and B Services LLC Construction Contract 20-02 for the Zelienople Borough Electric Utility Underground Service Work Project in the amount of \$62,059.97.

We will request reimbursement from the DCED grant once paid by the Borough.

Motion carried 7-0.

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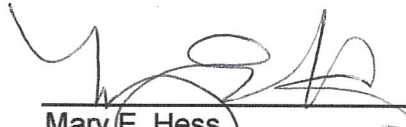
OTHER BUSINESS:

Being no further business, President Hess closed the meeting at 7:57 PM.

ATTEST:



Andrew C. Spencer
Borough Manager



Mary E. Hess
Council President

Approved by me this 29th day of January 2024.



Thomas M. Oliverio
Mayor