

Borough Council Meeting

January 17, 2013

Call to Order – Mr. Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Flick offered the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Howland, Mr. Osmun, Ms. Sabatura, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley. Also Present; Mayor Denny Thomas, Attorney Jonathan Foster Sr., Elizabeth Fice, Finance Coordinator, and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Approval of the Minutes – There were no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes of the regular December Council or the special Council Meeting held on December 18, 2012 will stand as presented.

Citizens to be Heard – The following citizens addressed the Borough Council in opposition of the Administration Committee's recommendation for proposed changes to the zoning map;

- Jan Scott - 204 Hayden Street
- Michael Setzer – 327 Chemung Street
- Melanie Setzer – 327 Chemung Street
- Jay Oliski – 508 South Elmer Avenue
- Barbara Ault – 332 West Lockhart Street
- Victoria Diltz – 115 Hospital Place
- George Lacey – 104 South Wilbur Avenue
- Robert Bird – 138 Keystone Avenue
- George Bizilia – 106 South Wilbur Avenue
- Sharon Cook – 306 South Wilbur Avenue
- Janice Gardner – 103 Park Place

Finance Report - The finance report for December 2012 was accepted and filed for audit.

Bills List – A motion was made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Howland to approve the bills list as presented. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call:** Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Howland, Mr. Osmun, Ms. Sabatura, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. **Motion Carries.**

Correspondence Report – Mr. Farley explained that the Borough received a request from the Bradford County Medical Association to host the 2013 Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2013. **A motion was made by Ms. Sabatura and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request.** Under the question: Mr. Farley stated that the Turkey Trot has grown into a very popular event that brings more than 1,000 people to downtown Sayre on Thanksgiving morning. There were no objections. **Motion Carries.**

Appointed and Elected Officials Reports:

- **Borough Manager** – There were no questions or comments.
- **Fire Chief's Report** – There were no questions or comments. Mr. Farley thanked Chief Yonkin for his service as Fire Chief to the Borough especially during the September 2011 flood event. Chief Yonkin was presented with a gift certificate on behalf of the Borough Council, Mayor Thomas, and all Borough employees in recognition of his retirement as Fire Chief effective January 31st.
- **Police Chief's Report** – There were no questions or comments.
- **Code Enforcement** – Mr. Cerutti explained that 2012 was the first full year that the Code Agency has been a Sayre only agency and that the Agency had a very positive year with revenues and completed projects.
- **Solicitor's Report** – Attorney Foster asked for a brief executive session to discuss a litigation issue.
- **Council President** – Mr. Farley provided an update on the Valley Joint Sewer Authority upgrade project and that explained that the project is behind schedule but under budget.

Vote to renew the agreement with Aquatic Environmental Consulting for Pond Management Program for Island Pond as recommended by the Public Works Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Howland to renew the agreement with Aquatic Environmental Consulting for Pond Management Program for Island Pond as recommended by the Public Works Committee. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Howland, Ms. Sabatura, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun; NO. Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve the 2013 Fire Department Officer's List as presented by Chief Thomas Yonkin. A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Ms. Sabatura to approve the 2013 Fire Department Officer's List as presented by Chief Thomas Yonkin. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve the request from Howard Elmer Hose Company to reserve Riverfront Park for the organization's annual car show. A motion was made by Ms. Sabatura and seconded by Mrs. Howland to approve request from Howard Elmer Hose Company. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve request from Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce to reserve Howard Elmer Park for the organization's Farmer's Market. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve request from Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve Resolution 2013 – 01 establishing the hourly rates for permanent part-time and per diem employees as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mrs. Howland to approve Resolution 2013 – 01. **Under the question:** Ms. Sabatura asked what percentage the increase was, and Mr. Jarrett explained that the permanent part-time patrol officers wage increase is \$1.00 per hour and all other positions were increased \$0.50 per hour. There were no other questions. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee to amend the zoning map and to commence the process to make the changes official. A motion was made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Flick to accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee to amend the zoning map and to commence the process to make the changes official. **Under the question:** Ms. Sabatura stated that the Planning Commission should be working on the changes to the zoning map and that further discussion is needed. Mr. Osmun commended Mr. Farley, Mr. Cerutti, Attorney Foster, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Cahill for their work on the proposed changes but that he thinks proposals should be sought from those affected and the potential loss of tax revenues. **Ayes:** Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Howland, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley. **Nays:** Mr. Osmun and Ms. Sabatura. **Motion Carries.**

Committee Reports

- Public Works – Mr. Flick reviewed the Committee's 2013 goals and objectives.
- Public Safety – Mr. Osmun reviewed the issues discussed at the Committee's January meeting.
- Administration – Mr. Cerutti reviewed the Committee's 2013 goals and objectives.

- Library – Mrs. Howland gave a review of the Library’s accomplishments in 2012 which included 300 new patrons, 1200 E-Book users, 55 Teen Advisory Council members.

Recess – Mr. Farley recessed the meeting at 7:07pm before going into executive session.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session at 7:14pm and the session ended at 7:52pm.

Vote to extend the Downtown Commercial District on North Lehigh Avenue to include the Morning Times property. A motion was made by Ms. Sabatura and seconded by Mrs. Howland to extend the Downtown Commercial District on Lehigh Avenue to include the Morning Times property. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to authorize the Council President, Vice President, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Manager to meeting with representatives of the Enterprise Center and Val Chem to discuss the proposed zoning change of those properties. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Howland to authorize the Council President, Vice President, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Manager to meeting with representatives of the Enterprise Center and Val Chem to discuss the proposed zoning change of those properties. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Motion Carries.**

Adjourn – A motion was made by Ms. Sabatura and seconded by Mrs. Osmun to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. There were no objections. **Motion Carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary