

Borough Council - Regular Meeting
March 17, 2011

Call to Order – Mr. Farley called the regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Dydynski offered the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley. **Also present;** Mayor Thomas, Mr. Jarrett, Borough Manager, Ms. Fice, Borough Finance Coordinator, Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief, and Attorney Foster, Borough Solicitor.

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes of the February regular meeting will stand as presented.

Finance Report - The finance report for February 2011 was accepted and filed for audit.

Bills List – A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the bills list. **Under the question:** There were no questions.

Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Motion Carries.

Citizens to be Heard – The Borough Council was addressed by Mary Ellen Onofre, 605 Desmond Street, Sayre asked for permission to use Borough streets for a 5K run/walk that is being organized in honor of her parents Jean & Peter Onofre who died of cancer. Ms. Onofre explained that proceeds from the event will be split between the Nancy Quatrini Fund and American Lung Association. The event will be held on April 9, 2011 and begin at the Valley Playland in Athens and use the South Lehigh Avenue, Chemung Street, and South Wilbur Avenue in Sayre.

A motion was made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr Osmun to approve the request from Ms. Onofre. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.**

Correspondence Report – There were no questions or comments of the correspondence report.

Appointed and Elected Officials Reports:

- **CDBG Coordinator** – Mr. Phinney is on vacation and did not submit a report.
- **Fire Chief** – There were no questions or comments for the Fire Chief.

- **Police Chief** – There were no questions or comments of the Police Chief’s report.
- **Code Enforcement Officer** -- Mr. Dydynski stated that 115 contractors have registered so far this year and that the Code Office received three (3) complaints in Sayre. Mr. Jarrett explained that the Code Officer will begin enforcing the front yard parking ordinance April 1st and that residents will receive a warning for the first offense, but citations for each future offense.
- **Borough Manager** – There were no questions or comments for the Borough Manager.
- **Borough Solicitor** – There were no questions on the Solicitor’s report.
- **Mayor** – Mayor Thomas commended the Public Works Department for their efforts during the recent snow storms. Mayor Thomas asked the Borough Council to authorize the hiring of Ryan Edsell, RR 2 Box 57A7, Wysox, PA as a per diem Patrol Officer. Mayor Thomas explained that one officer is out on medical leave, and Officer Wilson was notified that his Air Force Reserve unit will be activated for a minimum of 30 days. Mayor Thomas asked for a brief executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to hire Ryan Edsell as per diem patrol officer pending necessary clearances.

Under the question: There were no questions. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Motion Carries.**

- **Council President** -- Mr. Farley stated the application to upgrade the sewer plant has been sent to PA-DEP for their review and comment and announced that the April Borough Council meeting will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 at 6:00pm.
- **Valley Joint Sewer Authority** – Mayor Thomas asked about the status of the sewer plant discharge water. Mr. Farley explained that the Authority is waiting for a proposal from a Canadian company that will be meeting with the Authority Board in April. Mr. Farley also stated that the upgrade project may begin later this year.

Vote to purchase a 2011 Front End Loader through the Pennsylvania COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program. Mr. Farley announced that action on this matter has been tabled pending further discussion.

Vote to approve the request from the Guthrie Healthcare System for the 2011 Guthrie Gallop. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to approve the request from the Guthrie Healthcare System for the 2011 Guthrie Gallop. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to re-appoint Cy Morris, 98 Chemung Street, Sayre to the Sayre Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term expiring February 1, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Osmun to re-appoint Cy Morris, 98 Chemung Street, Sayre to the Sayre Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term expiring February 1, 2014. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to accept or reject the recommendation of the Sayre Borough Planning Commission regarding the demolition permit application submitted by the Guthrie Federal Credit Union for the property located at 100 Cross Street. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to accept the Borough Planning Commission's recommendation to allow the demolition of the structure located at 100 Cross Street. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.** *Mr. Hickey abstained from the vote to the fact that he is a member of the Guthrie Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.*

Vote to advertise the specifications for the Cayuta Street Guiderail Replacement Project. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to advertise the specifications for the Cayuta Street Guiderail Replacement Project. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett explained that the length of the project is approximately 750 linear feet. There were no other questions. **Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Kevin Guinane, Police Chief effective March 17, 2011 thru December 31, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Kevin Guinane, Police Chief effective March 17, 2011 thru December 31, 2013. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Motion Carries.**

Vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Attorney Jonathan P. Foster, Sr., Borough Solicitor effective March 17, 2011 thru December 31, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Attorney Jonathan P. Foster, Sr., Borough Solicitor effective March 17, 2011 thru December 31, 2013.

Under the question: Mr. Osmun asked Attorney Foster if he was happy with the terms of the agreement and Attorney Foster stated that he was.

Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Motion Carries.

Vote to appoint David Jarrett, 525 West Lockhart Street to the Sayre Borough Planning Commission to a term that will expire on February 1, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to appoint David Jarrett, 525 West Lockhart Street to the Sayre Borough Planning Commission to a term that will expire on February 1, 2015.

Under the question: Mr. Osmun stated that although he was not against appointing Mr. Jarrett, he would rather see a resident be appointed. Mr. Farley explained that this vacancy has been unfilled for several months and that no one has come forward to serve. Mr. Jarrett stated that he would resign his position on the Commission as soon as someone else comes forward. There were no other questions. **Motion Carries.**

Committee Reports

- Administration – Mr. Cerutti explained that the Borough’s investment plan has been finalized and is awaiting signatures, and that the Committee looked at the impact the new police building will have on the municipal parking rental income, and the snow removal ordinance.
- Public Safety – Mr. Daly stated that the re-addressing process is moving slowly in the Valley, and Mr. Jarrett informed the Council that the new street signs and posts have been delivered to the Borough. Mr. Daly explained that there will be a cost for classroom NIMS training, and that the Committee will not meet in April. Mr. Osmun asked if there was a plan in place in the event that residents lost power for an extended period of time. Mr. Daly stated that the Borough does not have a plan for such an event, but he would address the issue with the Committee.
- Library – Mr. Farley reminded the Council that the Library’s biggest fund raiser is scheduled for Monday, March 28th. Mr. Farley announced that the renovation project at the Library is on hold due to roof issues.

- Planning & Zoning – Mr. Dydynski stated that the Committee did not meet.
- Police – The Committee did not meet due to weather.
- Public Works – Mr. Osmun reviewed the issues discussed at the Committee’s meeting.
- Shade Tree Commission – There was nothing to report.

Recess – Mr. Farley recessed the meeting at 6:30pm prior to beginning the executive session.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session at 6:35pm and came out at 7:00pm.

Adjourn – With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osmun to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. There were no objections. **Motion Carries.**

Respectfully submitted:

David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary