

Sayre Borough Council

Minutes – March 14, 2016

Call to Order – Mr. Farley called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and announced that the Borough Council met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Daly, Robert Flick, Eugene Osmun, Timothy Shaw, Irene Slocum, Eugene Cerutti, and Henry Farley. Also present; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Finance Coordinator; Jonathan Foster, Sr., Borough Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; Tracy Stroup, 1st Assistant Fire Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens to be Heard – Barbara Ault, 332 West Lockhart Street addressed the Borough Council to thank the Police Department for addressing her concerns about Delaware Street that she expressed at last week's Code Enforcement Agency meeting. Mrs. Ault stated that the number of cars parking on the street has reduced and cars are no longer parking too close to the Stop Sign. Mrs. Ault asked how properties are selected for property maintenance enforcement. Attorney Foster explained that Mr. Kaiden is often out on the streets looking for violations and finds the violations and he also receives complaints. Mr. Jarrett explained that the situation on 105 Chemung Street was unique because the property owner abandoned the property and the mortgage holder was willing to forgive a large portion of the mortgage. Mr. Jarrett further explained that the Epstein Properties have been an issue for nearly 20 years and circumstances with the property owner have recently changed improving the chances of a quick resolution to the issue.

Vote to approve the request from the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce to host the annual Farmer's Market in Howard Elmer Park from May 13 through mid-October. A motion was made by Mr. Osmun and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the request. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to Accept the Resignation of Eric Keir. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to accept the resignation of Eric Keir as a full-time Patrol Officer effective May 31, 2016. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett stated that Officer Keir is retiring after 27 years of service. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to hire Eric Keir as the Police Department Administrative Services Coordinator and Records/Evidence Officer at an hourly rate of \$19.00 effective June 1, 2016 as recommended by the Administration Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Daly to hire Eric Keir as the Police Department Administrative Services Coordinator and Records/Evidence Officer at an hourly rate of \$19.00. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES.**

Vote to promote George Nichols from Permanent Part-Time Patrol Officer to Patrol Officer – Probationary effective July 1, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to promote Officer Nichols to Patrol Officer – Probationary effective July 1, 2016. **Under the question:** Mr. Osmun asked why the promotion was not effective until July 1st. Mr. Jarrett explained it is mainly for making the anniversary date easier to follow because an officer's anniversary date is the trigger for future pay increases and certain benefits that coincide with the date of hire. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Shaw; NO.**

Vote to promote Thomas Zebrowski from Per Diem Patrol Officer to Permanent Part-Time Patrol Officer effective July 1, 2016. A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Daly to promote Per Diem Patrol Officer Thomas Zebrowski to Permanent Part-Time Patrol Officer effective July 1, 2016. **Under the question:** Mr. Zebrowski was introduced to the Borough Council. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Shaw; NO.**

Vote to adopt Resolution 2016-07. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to adopt Resolution 2016-07 waiving the Planning Commission Hearing fee for the demolition of structure located within the Historic Boundary District. **Under the question:** Mr. Osmun asked how much the fee is, and Mr. Farley stated that it is \$100. Mr. Osmun also asked if there were any changes to the approval process. Mr. Farley stated that an applicant would still be required to go through the application and hearing process but there will be no fee. **Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; AYE.**

Vote to hire Stacy Cotter as a Per Diem Administrative Clerk at a rate of \$11.00 per hour as recommended by Chief Daniel Reynolds. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to hire Stacy Cotter as a Per Diem Administrative Clerk at a rate of \$11.00. **Under the question:** Chief Reynolds explained that Ms. Cotter has been a Bradford County Dispatcher for many years and is also employed by Guthrie as a Dispatcher. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Osmun, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Cerutti, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Shaw; NO.**

Adjourn - A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm. There were no objections.