
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

12/15/2014

7:30 AM Council-Special

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The December 15, 2014 special council meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Council President Allen Bayer. In attendance were Andrew Mathew III, Council Vice President, Council Members, Mary Hess, Gregg Semel, Ralph Geis, and Don Burgess. Borough Manager Don Pepe and Chief Jim Miller were also present. Council person Marietta Reeb and Mayor Tom Oliverio were not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Burgess

VISITORS

None

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 838-14 FOR SETTING THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Burgess, to adopt proposed ordinance # 838-14 for the purpose of setting the local real estate tax rate for 2015. The rate is the same as in 2014 and is as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes	1.81 mills
Tax rate for Fire Department purposes	3.00 mills
Tax rate for Library purposes:	0.50 mills
Total	5.31 mills

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Motion carried. 6-0

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2015 BOROUGH OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, second by Mr. Geis, to adopt/approve the 2015 borough operating and capital improvement budget which totals all funds at \$10,291,190.

Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER LIONS CLUB REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Hess, to approve assistance for the Christmas tree pickup project to be held on January 10, 2015 by providing a Dump Truck and driver on that day for about 3 or 4 hours to help with the pickup. The borough will absorb the cost of the truck use and staff time.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #294-14 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH TO MAKE A REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) GRANT FINAL APPLICATION FOR THE \$3 MILLION GRANT AWARD

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, second by Mr. Geis, to adopt proposed resolution #294-14 to authorize the submission of a RACP grant application for the purpose of obtaining the \$3 million grant award for the Main Street program and Kaufman House renovation projects.

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

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STAFF VACATION TIME DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, second by Mr. Geis, to take the following actions:

1. That since Shelly Kaltenbaugh has her one year anniversary date on December 1, 2015, to allow her the ability to use her 5 days (one week) vacation sometime prior to her anniversary date with the approval of the borough manager.
2. At the end of her probation period of one year, the council will consider her request for 10 days (2 weeks) vacation given her performance review.

Council will also revisit this issue as part of the employee manual rewrite to change the current policy by adding a phrase indicating the policy remains but council has discretion to make any change as needed

Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

There were comments made as follows:

Mrs. Hess; No comments

Mr. Semel: Updated council on Main Street revitalization property meeting

Mr. Geis: Thanked staff for a fruitful budget process and education.

Mr. Burgess: No comments

Mr. Mathew: No comments

Mr. Bayer: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mr. Pepe: Thanked council and staff for their assistance and dedication to our budget process this year.

Chief Miller: Noted new cameras are installed for monitoring the Police jail cell and outside back door area.

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Briefed Council on the status of the parking meter options

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Council President Bayer at 8:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Borough Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor