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9/14/2009

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The September 14, 2009 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:31 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Council members Russell Robertson, James Zeigler, Marietta Reeb, George McDowell, Andrew Mathew III and Allen Bayer. Junior Council member Spencer Mathew and Mayor Thomas Oliverio Council member were also present.

Manager Donald Pepe, Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer, Solicitor Matt Racunas, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Tom Surgalski

Mr. Surgalski addressed council to update them on the activities of the Airport Authority. He noted the following:

- Minutes will be provided on a regular basis
- Update as to the land acquisition project for the airport
- Safety enhancements at the airport, including a weather condition information access that the airport now has in operation
- He will make sure there is a briefing for Council on a regular basis.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, to consolidate the approval of the consent agenda items into one motion. It includes:

- Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Public hearing
- Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Meeting
- Minutes of the August 24, 2009 Special Meeting, with corrected item concerning the debt limit to be

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6.8 million not 68 million dollars

- Transfer of Funds-\$100,000 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund if needed
- Acceptance of the Financial Report for July 2009

Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consider the Water Committee recommendation for CIS charge changes and water supply improvement financing

This discussion resulted in two separate actions as follows:

1: A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to authorize the increase of the Capital Improvement Surcharge (CIS) in the amount of \$12.30 to a total CIS charge of \$18.50 and to change the assessment to an EDU based formula. Such an increase would be effective as soon as it is possible to put into effect. The estimated time would be either December 2009 or January 2010 billing.

In addition, any balance resulting from the actual costs incurred for the water line project and the loan amount taken to fund the water line project must be immediately set aside and invested as permissible by law.

Motion carried 7-0.

2: A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, top authorize the creation of an ordinance to amend the Capital Improvement Surcharge in accordance to the prior action taken by Council.

Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Park Board request for payment form Borough Park Contribution Fund

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A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second b Mr. McDowell, to approve the payment requisition of \$32,600, to the Park Board for operating expenses for 2009, with the condition that the Park Board provide council with monthly financial statements and minutes of their meetings. It was suggested that they also give periodic briefings to the borough council. A vote was taken. The vote was not unanimous. A poll of Council showed the following:

.Mr. Bayer, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Mathew, Mrs. Reeb and Mr. Underwood voting Aye.

Mr. Zeigler and Mr. Robertson voting Nay.

Motion carried 5-2

Consider approval of the Bills for September 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve the Bills to be Paid for September 2009 amounting to \$750,710.19. The larger than usual amount includes \$107,858.56 for paving and \$234,680.46 for water line construction cost share to BFWA.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider Approval of Final Payment for the community park pool-house renovation

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the final application for payment to the contractor for the community park pool house renovation from CDBG funds. Final payment amount is \$8,448.00.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider Beaver Falls Municipal Authority Pay Request #7

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve BFMA pay request #7 for \$134,414.60. This approval is on the condition that there are sufficient funds in the Water Project account to make this payment. If not, then payment must be held until funds have been dispersed to that account from the various reimbursement sources such as AK Steel, DEP and DCED.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Request by Fire Department to use Squad Vehicle for G-20 Conference

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve the Fire Department to lend the Borough Fire Department Squad vehicle to the Ross/West View EMS from September 22, 2009 thru September 27, 2009 to assist in G-20 coverage. This approval is on the condition that the

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Ross/West View EMS will provide an Insurance Rider covering the value of our vehicle before the vehicle is put under their control on September 27, 2009. This rider must be delivered to the Borough Manager prior to 9/22/09 in order for this approval to be effective.

Motion carried 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

Council took a break at 9:38 PM and reconvened at 9:45 PM

REPORTS:

Bayer

- HRC will meet on Sept. 23, 2009
- PNT will have a meeting with Chief Miller to discuss the contract on October 19, 2009
- Joint Comp Plan steering committee will have a public meeting on October 7, 2009 at Stewart Hall in Harmony
- Made very favorable comments concerning the Electric Study report prepared by Andrew Spencer

McDowell

- No report or comment

Mathew:

- No comment or report

Reeb

- No report or comment

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Zeigler:

- No comment or report

Robertson

- No comment or report on the Finance Committees
- Noted that he has been working 3 afternoons per week on IT and mapping issues

Spencer Mathew

- No comment or report

Underwood

- No comment or report

Oliverio

- Not comment or report

Racunas:

- Gave an update on the DCED Debt application
Chief Miller
- Gave an update on the generator installation. He is receiving quotes for the installation and is hoping to get three in order to bring to council.

Thompson:

- No report

Pepe

- Noted that the 2010 MMO's have been received from Mockenhaupt for the pension plans.

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They are:

Non Uniformed	\$ 61,175
Police	\$133,792

The police plan does reflect employee contributions in the amount of \$5,129

- Noted that there are a numerous Boards & Commissions positions that will need to be filled for 2010
- Meeting will be held for county EIT collection September 22 and October 8. The October 8 meeting is mandatory for attendance by the Borough Representative.
- Noted that the staff will participate in the MEIT 10,000 steps wellness program this fall. Council members may also participate.

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 10:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor