

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
May 2, 2018

President Weinzierl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Madalyn Guthrie (Junior Council Member), Carol Neubert, Scott Herbst, Joshua Novotny, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, David Felsing, Thomas Knights, and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Also present were Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Michael Gallagher/Solicitor, Fred Caesar, Don Venturini, Karen Kennedy, Pete Watt, and Carol Young.

Correspondence

- Blast from the Past, March 3, 2018, car cruises during Mingles on Main.
- Judith George, April 5, 2018, parking for Cooper Hall and the Museum.
- Hotel Saxonburg, April 10, 2018, closures of Main Street affecting businesses.
- Patricia Rinebolt, April 10, 2018, thank you letter.
- South Butler Community Library, April 12, 2018, thank you letter.
- Butler County Humane Society, April 16, 2018, no 2018 Municipal Agreement.

Executive Session President Weinzierl announced that under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss personnel matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Minutes President Weinzierl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of April 4, 2018. Hearing none, they were approved as printed.

Public Comments

Fred Caesar

- Fred stated that he has been invited to be a speaker at the 135th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge. Fred has been asked to speak about the immigration of John Roebling to Saxonburg, the founding of the town, and his work on the wire rope. He will be speaking in the same program as Kriss Roebling and Clifford Zink. The celebration will be on May 24, 2018. There will also be a viewing of "Roebling's Bridge" on a large screen with the Brooklyn Bridge in the background.
- Fred also explained that 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Influenza epidemic. Back in December the Smithsonian filmed a video interview with Doris Herceg and Fred about the mass grave site in Winfield township and some articles at the Museum. The video will be nationally shown in June most likely on the Smithsonian channel.
- Fred is also currently working on an Influenza exhibit for the Museum which will be ready when the summer hours start.

SHRC

Scott Herbst

- Scott provided Council with a copy of April's meeting minutes. The next SHRC meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2018.

SABA

Joshua Novotny

- Josh stated that the next SABA meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 and their focus this year is filling their store fronts.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

Proclamation – Chief Gregory B. Adams Way Dedication

- The Mayor stated that there will be a dedication ceremony on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Thomas Knights to adopt the Proclamation that states naming part of Butler Street Chief Gregory B. Adams Way with a formal dedication ceremony on May 18, 2018. The motion carried.

Chief of Police Joseph Beachem

- The Chief stated that they are in the second week of the Citizens Police Academy and it is going very well so far.
- In June there will be a training held at our Police Department for Drug Interdiction.

Manager Mary Papik

General Laborer

- Mary stated that there will be some shifting of a Field Crew employee down to the plant, which will leave an opening.

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to approve hiring a General Laborer, Stephen Bauer, at the rate specified in the Union Contract. The motion carried.

Vacancies – Advertisement

- There are currently 3 vacancies that will need filled; Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and Library Board.

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/David Felsing to approve advertisement in the Butler Eagle and around town for the open positions on the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and Library Board. The motion carried.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Joshua Novotny/Carol Neubert to approve the bills as presented. \$25,798.23 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$17,288.28 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$8,509.95 is the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in April from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$31,590.26 of which \$16,265.35 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$15,198.17 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for April 2018. The motion carried with David Felsing abstaining.

Solicitor Michael Gallagher had no report

Old Business

Pedestrian Enhancement

- Tom Knights stated that he has seen some rust on the light posts, and loose bricks on the sidewalk, since the weather is starting to break it would be a good time to get those issues taken care of.

New Business

PSAB Seminar – Rental Property Inspection Program

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to authorize Patricia Rinebolt's attendance at the Rental Property Inspection Program on May 30, 2018 at \$135 per person. The motion carried.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session discuss personnel matters

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with the following motions being made

Part-Time Police Officer

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Thomas Knights to hire Matt Wagner at the standard training rate with promotion to patrol officer following a 6-month probation upon approval by the Police Chief. The motion carried.

Borough News Letter

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to have Scott Herbst write a letter to the editor of the Borough News regarding the Saxonburg Arts Festival article in the April edition. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland
Secretary