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The January 31, 2011 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were, Council members Russell Robertson, Andrew Mathew III, Marietta Reeb, Mary Hess, Allen Bayer and Mayor Thomas Oliverio. Council member James Zeigler was not present.

Manager Don Pepe, Engineer Tom Thompson, and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Adam Dilts

No comments from the visitors

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PROCLAMATION - ROBERT & IRENE BLUM DAY

Mayor Tom Oliverio read the Proclamation for Robert and Irene Blum announcing that January 31, 2011 is Robert & Irene Blum Day in Zelienople in honor of their contributions to the Zelienople Fire Department and to the community as a whole.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of December 27, 2010 Council meeting
- Minutes of January 10, 2011 Council meeting

Motion carried 6 - 0

OLD BUSINESS:

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CHANGE TO THE NON- UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE 457 PENSION PLAN BOROUGH CONTRIBUTION

A Motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mrs. Hess, to provide a \$1,000 borough contribution to each Non-Uniformed Employee in place of the current matching of \$ 0.50 on every dollar withheld through payroll deduction up to a \$2,000 maximum. This removes the second paragraph of Section I,457 Retirement Plan noted in the Borough's Cafeteria Plan document and to add a new subsection to the Employee Manual, Section X, Employee Benefits newly noted as Subsection M, Additional Compensation. It will read as follows:

In the first pay period of January and July of each year, the Borough shall pay each Non-Uniformed, regular Full Time employee, \$500 (i.e. \$1,000 per year.)

A vote was taken, the vote was not unanimous. A poll of council showed the following: Mr. Bayer, Mrs. Hess, Mr. Mathew and Mr. Robertson, voted Aye and Mrs. Reeb and Mr. Underwood voted Nay

Motion carried 4-2.

BUCCI DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve the language of the document presented to council and to ask that it be forwarded to Mr.& Mrs. Bucci for their consideration and signature.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #199-11, APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Reeb, second by Mr. Bayer to approve Resolution # 199-11, a resolution reappointing Mr. Wayne Frankenstein to a three-year term as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. The term will run through January 3, 2014. A full and true copy of Resolution #199-11 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 6 – 0

APPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the re-appointment of Denny Plesnick to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term beginning February 10, 2011, when his current term expires, and runs through February 10, 2017.

A vote was taken the vote was not unanimous. A poll of Council showed the following: Mrs. Reeb and Mr. Underwood voted Aye. Mr. Bayer, Mrs. Hess, Mr. Mathew, and Mr. Robertson voted Nay

Motion failed 2-4.

RESOLUTION #200-11 SETTING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR POLICE PENSION PLAN

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve Resolution #200-11, a resolution setting the employee contribution to the Police Pension Plan at a 1% of compensation contribution rate for calendar year 2011. A full and true copy of Resolution #200-11 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 6 – 0

RESOLUTION #201-11. FROZEN WATER METER REPLACEMENT COST ASSESSMENT CHANGE

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Hess, to approve Resolution # 201-11, which amends the assessment for costs to replace frozen water meters. A full and true copy of Resolution #201-11 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 6 - 0

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #808-11, CUSTOMER GENERATED RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance # 808-11, with noted changes, an ordinance allowing Customer Generated Renewable Electricity in the Borough of Zelienople and promulgating the necessary Rules and Regulations, and technical standards, needed to put this ordinance into effect.

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Motion carried 6 - 0

DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

Discussion took place concerning this item and specific comments are needed to be given to DCED and FEMA in late February. Formal comments from the Borough will need to be addressed at the February 28, 2011 council meeting for acceptance of the proposed changes as noted.

No action was needed at this time.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO ATTEND THE APMM 2011 EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mrs. Hess, to approve the request for Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer to attend the 2011 APMM Executive Development Conference in Hershey, PA on February 10-11, 2011. Costs to be covered include the registration fee of \$250, hotel stay for two nights and necessary travel expenses.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 16 - BEAVER FALLS MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve Beaver Falls Municipal Authority pay requisition #16, in the amount of \$15,394.36.

Motion carried 6 - 0

OTHER BUSINESS:

TRACKING OF COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Discussion took place on all of the items on the current list. Action will be taken on those where it applies and some will be removed per council direction. The list will be updated for the February 28, 2011 council meeting. No council action needed on this item.

RAFFLE RESULTS SIGNAGE AT THE FOUR CORNER PARK

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Mathew, to retain the Temporary 18x24 sign at

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the S.W. corner of the four corner park, on Main Street, announcing the winners of the 2010 Fire Department raffle. This is a Borough sign and therefore, Council has the prerogative to make a special exception of the sign ordinance for it.

Motion carried 6-0.

DONATION GIVING TREE SIGN AT THE COMMUNITY PARK

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve a sign to be erected at the community park on an exterior wall of the pool bathhouse building. This sign is considered a memorial sign and not a regular sign which is allowed by ordinance as it is not considered subject to regular sign ordinance requirements.

Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS:

Bayer:

- HRC - meeting was rescheduled for Feb. 7, 2011
- PMT - There is a meeting of this committee on Feb. 2, 2011
- Noted that the review of the 2010-2011 AEP for the Borough Manager will take place at the next council meeting on 2/14/11
- Clarified the request for consideration of changes in the Credit Card use by Borough employees. The Manager will respond.

Hess:

- IT - Software search is close to completion and a recommendation is expected for the 2/14/11 council meeting
- COG- No report.
- Joint Services - Next shared services meeting is 2/3/11 at 4 pm.

Zeigler:

- Not present- no Electric report

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Reeb:

- Public Safety/Street - attended the employee safety committee meeting in January
- Library Board - attended the recent library board meeting. Noted that they are still working on fixing the flood damage to the building

Mathew:

- Water - Water committee met to iron out a final draft of the proposed water line ordinance to take over lines from the curb box to the water mains.
- Meeting will be set to discuss the proposed planning/timing for the Main Street water line project.
- EMA - Manager to give that report

Robertson:

- Bldg/Finance- No report
- GIS through the Borough Manager will set up training for staff for the use of the GIS system
- Municipal Airport Authority - Litigation is proceeding

Underwood:

- Noted the need to offer a motion to allow for the 18 x 24 sign at the four corner park (S.W.Corner) announcing the winners of the 2010 Fire Department raffle to remain. Action noted above in Other Business
- Asked about possible action to move the Main Street water line project along. This should include a reasonable timetable for how this project should proceed. Also question as to when Penn Dot may be considering paving Route 19 as it comes through town as our Main Street

Oliverio:

- Noted the success of the recent spaghetti dinner for the Skate park Fund

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- Asked as to the health of Councilman Jim Zeigler
- Noted the preparation of the Proclamation for Father Bob Miller who will be leaving St. Gregory Church
- Noted the Spring elections were coming up.

Sweeney:

- Not present. Her report was sent to all Council & Mayor by email. Hard copies will be placed in their mail boxes.

Pepe:

- EMA - noted that the EMA met on 1/27/11. Provided to council the 2010 financial report, 2011 budget, and report on the total net worth of the EMA. Also, the EMA is working to have a fund raiser in 2011.
- Noted that the final draft of the Welcome Packet is ready for review prior to printing.
- Noted the need to schedule a seminar for the Joint Comp Plan project to meet the final deliverable for that project. The session will concentrate on implementation of the plan with Elected and staff persons. More information on this session will be forthcoming.

Thompson:

- Breaching of all three raw water reservoirs has been completed
- Will report back soon on the options for the tree removal at the raw water site
- He will prepare a plan for the filling of the raw water reservoir site to provide to DEP

Miller:

- Noted that the department is having mandatory training this week. A total of 35 officers from various departments are participating.
- A vehicle struck and damaged the Handicapped signal pole for street crossing at the corner of Main and W. New Castle in front of the Kaufman House

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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 9:42 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Mayor