
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

12/29/2011

7:31 PM Council-Workshop

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The December 29, 2011 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 Mayor Tom Oliverio and Council members Russell Robertson, Andrew Mathew III, Marietta Reeb, Mary Hess and Allen Bayer. Councilman James Zeigler was not present.

Manager Don Pepe, Borough Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present. The Solicitor was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

President Underwood noted that prior to the meeting, the Council conducted an interview as part of the process to hire a new police officer.

VISITORS

Rosemary Shirley
Ralph Geis

Rosemary Shirley spoke that she was very impressed with the 2012 budget and its presentation. She noted it was clear and easy to read. She thanks staff for it being well done.

EXTENDING A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Oliverio made a recommendation to Council to extend a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Kevin Mikulan as a police officer for the Borough of Zelienople.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mrs. Hess, to extend an offer of employment as police officer to Mr. Kevin Mikulan on the condition that he receives a positive result to a physical and psychological examination. Upon receiving a positive result, his date of employment will be determined.

Motion carried 6-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2011 Council meeting

Motion carried 6 - 0

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mrs. Reeb, to adopt the 2012 Operating budget and Capital Improvement budget as presented and advertised.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER JOINT MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH HARMONY BOROUGH

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve an agreement to extend police protection services by terminating the last year of the current agreement and in its place approve this agreement for a an eight (8) year term beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2019. Harmony Borough will pay Zelienople Borough \$40,000 / year except for other fees that may arise as stipulated in the agreement.

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TRACKING OF COUNCILS REQUESTS

President Underwood conducted this discussion with the Manager and Council. There will be follow through on items as needed and reported back next month.

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REPORTS:

Bayer:

- HRC - Next meeting is 1/25/12
- PMC - The committee is meeting and it is in process for 2012 negotiations
- Three comments/questions:
 1. There is a need for an ordinance to allow for bulk water service outside of the borough
 2. Questioned how the utility rate increases are put into effect. Answer is by separate resolutions which are being prepared.
 3. Noted the need for an ROI for airport water service to make sure we know what it takes to provide bulk water to the airport.

Hess:

- IT - No report
- Park - Plan to replace tennis courts and there will be a "polar Bear" plunge as a fund raiser for the park.
- COG- Invitation for newly elected officials to come to meeting on 1/12/12
- Joint Services - No report

Zeigler:

- Electric - Not present - no report

Reeb:

- Public Safety/Street - No report
- Library Board - No report

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Mathew:

- Water - No report
- EMA - No report.
- Joint Services - Offered an opportunity to have a joint safety committee meeting with Harmony borough staff participating with our staff.

Robertson:

- Bldg./Finance- No report
- Airport Authority:
 - 1.The airport is still moving dirt and grading as noted last month for their project
 2. Noted the water study to give council information on the viability of extending bulk water capacity to the airport property

Pepe:

- No report or comment

Oliverio:

- No report or comment

Solicitor:

- Not present & no report

Thompson:

- He gave an update to the Main Street water line project in terms of the application for a Penn Dot permit. We do have the Bond in place to meet Penn Dot requirements.

Miller:

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- No report or comment

Underwood:

- Requested an Executive Session on Personnel issue

Council recessed to a break at 9:05 PM and returned at 9:15 pm. The President then called the Council into Executive Session at 9:15 pm and reconvened the council at 9:41 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by President Underwood at 9:44 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor