

Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

12/29/2008

7:30 PM Council-Workshop

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The December 29, 2008 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 Mayor Thomas Oliverio, Council members Russell Robertson, Marietta Reeb, James Zeigler, George McDowell, and Andrew Mathew III. Councilman Allen Bayer was not present.

Manager Donald Pepe, Solicitor Matt Racunas, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Bob Schultz

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Consider Authorizing the Preparation of various Resolutions for the adoption of Fee schedules for 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. McDowell, to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare the necessary Resolutions to adopt the Fee Schedules needed for 2009.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution # 152-08 Closing Out the DCNR Master Plan Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve Resolution #152-08, a Resolution for Closing Out the Community Partnership Grant Project BRC-TAG-12-268 for the Park Master Plan & Pool Feasibility Study. A full and true copy of Ordinance #152-08 can be found in the Resolution Book.

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Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 6-0

Consider Ordinance No. 790-08 amending Ordinance No. 783-07 to reflect the Butler County Assessment Change in Real Estate Tax Rate

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve Ordinance No. 790-08, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 783-07, to reflect the Butler County change in assessment of the Real State Tax Rate.

Motion carried 6-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 791-08 Setting the Local Real Estate Tax rate for 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve Ordinance No. 791-08, an Ordinance setting the Local Tax Estate Rate for 2009 no greater than 5% above the revenue neutral position for 2009.

Motion carried 6-0.

Consider Authorization to Seek Proposals for the Purchase of Electric Power for the Borough of Zelienople

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. Zeigler, to authorize the Borough Manager to begin the process to obtain proposals for Electric Power to the Borough's Electric Utility Company and to enlist the services of Utility Engineers, PC to assist in this effort.

Motion carried 6-0.

Consider Authorizing the Advertisement of the 2009 Borough Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. McDowell, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the 2009 Preliminary Borough Budget at the \$8,440,297 balanced amount.

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

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Oliverio

- Thanks to all on Council and Staff for a good 2008 year and for the work in developing the 2009 budget.

Racunas:

- No comment or report

Chief Miller:

- No comment or report

Pepe

- No comment or report
- Wishing all a Happy New Year

Bayer

- Not present

McDowell

- No comment or report

Mathew:

- No report on Water or EMA
- Joint Comp Plan committee will be meeting on January 7
- Wanted to congratulate all on a really good budget for 2009. Noted how well this process works here in Zelienople Borough and that all are part of the decision making process.

Reeb

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- Asked if there were spotlights on our Police Vehicles. She noted that the Jackson Twp police have them and she was blinded when they were flashed on her while driving her car.

Zeigler:

- Had a question as to the Audit Report and the notations on potential exposure for borough funds noted on Page 20 that indicate possible risk for borough deposits in case of bank failure.

Robertson

-No comment or report

Underwood

- No comment or report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM by President Underwood.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor