

Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

12/14/2009

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

Manager Donald Pepe, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer, Solicitor Anne Sweeney, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Jonathan Stough - Kilmer Insurance Agency

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the November 30, 2009 CDBG Public Hearing
- Transfer of Funds-\$75,000 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund if needed
- Acceptance of the Financial Report for October 2009

Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Authorize Adoption of the 2010 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets

A motion was made Mr. Robertson, second by Mrs. Reeb, to adopt the 2010 Operating Budget for \$8,670,264 and the Capital Improvement Budget for \$6,176,643 which includes the debt service of \$5.8 million for water projects.

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Motion carried 7-0

Authorize adoption of Ordinance #799-09 for Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2010

A motion was made Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve Ordinance #799-09, an ordinance setting the local real estate tax rate for 2010.

Motion carried 7-0

Authorize adoption of Ordinance #798-09 for Regulating False Alarms

A motion was made Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Robertson, to approve Ordinance #798-09, an ordinance for regulating false alarms.

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize approval of the Bills for December 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the Bills to be Paid for December 2009 amounting to \$480,039.91

Motion carried 7-0

Authorize approval of Dog Officer Compensation increase

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. Mathew, to increase the cost for the Dog Officer \$10 per call from \$25 per call to \$35 per call and to include reimbursement for mileage at the IRS mileage rate applicable at the time of the call. This action is effective immediately.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider approval of the Water Tank project concept for DEP permit application

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve the concept of the water tanks design provided by the Borough Engineer and to authorize the engineer to prepare and submit the necessary application to DEP for the new water tanks permit.

Motion carried 7-0

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Authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the Specifications for the Water Tank project

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the necessary specifications for bidding for the water tank project pending final approval of the permit application by DEP.

Motion carried 7-0

Authorize 2010 Borough Insurance program

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Zeigler, to accept the proposal for Insurance Coverage from the Keystone Insurers Group through the Selective Insurance Company and to authorize the Borough Manager to contract for this coverage as outlined in the proposal documents. The proposal cost accepted is \$55,264 for 2010. This approval is for continued future coverage for the next three years contingent upon satisfactory rates reviewed each year for approval. The Borough reserves the right to review coverages each year and to have the ability to change insurance carriers as needed. This does not include the Workers Compensation coverage

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Canceling the December 28, 2009 Council meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Zeigler, to cancel the December 28, 2009 council meeting.

Motion carried 7-0

Discussion and consideration of future water rate increases

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve a water rate increase of 26% effective with the March of 2010 billing and a 13% rate increase effective with the September of 2010 billing.

Motion carried 7-0.

Authorize Rate Increase by Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve the Borough Manager to prepare an ordinance to implement water rate increases, as previously authorized, by Ordinance and to set the rates/fees by means of Resolution.

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Motion carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorize Forgiveness of loan from Water Fund to Electric Fund

A motion was made by MR. Robertson, second by Mr. Zeigler, to forgive the loan from the water fund to the electric fund for \$260,494.03.

Motion carried 7-0

Authorize Forgiveness of loan from Water Fund to General Fund

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, to forgive the loan from the Water Fund to the General Fund for \$28,677.00.

Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS:

Bayer

- The December 23, 2009 HRC meeting is cancelled
- PNT - No report
- Joint Comp Plan - No report
- Complimented Andrew Spencer on the quality of the Electric and Water Studies he had prepared
- Inquired if we were going to do another Budget Message for the 2010 budget
- Inquired if we were going to do a mailing or door hanger packet for the budget message and for the water meeting notification.

McDowell

- No report or comment

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Mathew:

- Noted the need for a public meeting concerning the water line project and rates. It was decided to hold the meeting on January 18, 2010

Reeb

- Inquired as to the water on East Grandview Ave that appears from time to time in the curb line from an unknown source

Zeigler:

- Requested an Executive Session on possible litigation matters

Robertson

- No report or comment

Spencer Mathew

- Not present

Underwood

- No comment or report

Oliverio

- No comment or report

Sweeney:

- Requested an Executive Session on a personnel matter

Chief Miller

- No comment or report

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Thompson:

- No comment or report

Pepe

- Noted he had a meeting with Penn Dot in Indiana, PA concerning street and traffic light project applications
- Noted the creation of a new account being opened at Nextier Bank for the SMSP planning grant

Council took a break at 9:15 PM and returned at 9:30 PM

Council went into Executive Session at 9:30 PM and returned at 10:12 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 10:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Mayor