

# *Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA*

7/27/2009

7:30 PM Council-Workshop

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The July 27, 2009 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, Marietta Reeb, James Zeigler, Allen Bayer and Mayor Thomas Oliverio. Council members George McDowell, Andrew Mathew III and Junior Council member Spencer Mathew were not present.

Manager Donald Pepe, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Solicitor Matt Racunas, and Engineer Tom Thompson were also present. Police Chief Jim Miller was present for parts of the meeting due to police business.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

## VISITORS

Ethel May Hall  
Ron Carter

Mayor Oliverio held a swearing in ceremony for Michael Kopp our new police officer. He will begin service on August 10, 2009

Manager Pepe presented Jean Beltrami with her 5-year service award certificate and pin

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 council meeting; the June 29, 2009 council meeting and the July 13, 2009 council meeting.

Motion carried 5-0

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS

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Consider authorization to prepare and advertise the specifications for the Borough Insurance programs

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Robertson, to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare and advertise the specifications for the borough's insurance programs for 2010 and beyond.

Motion carried 5-0

Consider Resolution #167-09 setting the employee contribution rate for the police pension plan

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve Resolution #167-09 setting the employee contribution of 1% of compensation beginning January 1, 2009 for the police pension plan. A full and true copy of Resolution #167-09 can be found in the Resolution Book.

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Borough Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 5-0.

Consider change in the asset allocation investment policy for the municipal pension plans

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve the recommended changes in the asset allocation investment policy for both of the Pension Plans as recommended by our investment manager PNC Bank.

Current is as follows:

Equity( stocks)	Min/ 40%	Max/ 65%
Fixed income (bonds)	Min/20%	Max/60%
Cash	Min/0%	Max/20%

PNC recommends as follows:

Equity (stocks)	Min/55%	Max/75% (target at 65%)
Fixed income (bonds)	Min/25%	Max/45% (target at 35%)
Cash (target at 0%)	Min/0%	Max/20%

Motion carried 5-0.

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Consider Approval of the Zelienople/Harmony Business Association 2009 Country Fall Festival

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve the 2009 Country Fall Festival on October 10 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and October 11, 2009 from Noon to 5:00 PM.

Motion carried 5-0

Consider request for approval of festival tent in the corner park for Northern Nightmares Festival

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Bayer, to approve the Strand Theater's request to erect a 20x40 foot festival tent at the Lions Fountain corner park during the month of October 2009 for their Northern Nightmares Festival. The Strand will be responsible for the grass area replacement or repair as needed once the tent is removed. In addition, all safety issues that may result from this stage and tent must be monitored by the Strand and taken care of by them as well. An insurance certificate, adding the Borough as an additional insured, should be provided to the Borough as well.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consider choice of Capital Improvement Surcharge (CIS) option

Council's consensus was to table this item until further detailed information is provided. Council would like to determine the impact of a proposed increase, based upon EDU's, upon the average residential customer versus the impact upon the commercial customers. It will determine the actual amount of the surcharge based upon the evaluation of the information as well as the actual amount needed for debt service.

Consider authorization to draft an ordinance to amend the Capital Improvement Surcharge (CIS) Rate

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Robertson, to authorize the Borough Manager and the Solicitor to draft an ordinance for consideration of option #3, as presented to Council, which is an increase in the CIS rate based upon an alteration to the EDU calculation method. The actual amount of the rate change will be determined prior to the ordinance being adopted.

Consider contract award for the Beaver Falls Interconnect project

Bids for the Beaver Falls Interconnect Project were received and opened as advertised on July 22, 2009. A tally of the bids received is as follows:

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CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
American Contracting, Inc.	\$203,622.00
Bella Enterprises, Inc.	\$229,943.75
Fleming-Walker, Inc.	\$208,175.00
Glenn Johnston, Inc.	\$369,850.00
J5 Construction	\$218,870.00
JR Contracting, Inc.	\$184,465.00
Laurel Management Company	\$255,471.00
Mike Pusateri Excavating, Inc	\$294,513.25
Schneider Services, Inc.	\$167,186.00
Stallion Construction Company	\$187,664.00

All bids were accompanied by the appropriate bid security.

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mrs. Reeb, to award the interconnect project to Schneider Services, Inc. for \$167,186.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consider authorization to advertise a proposed ordinance providing penalties for false fire alarms

Council requested that the Solicitor redraft the proposed ordinance for false fire alarms based upon comments made during discussion at the council meeting.

Consider authorization to advertise a proposed ordinance regulating nuisance animals in the Borough

Council requested that the Solicitor redraft the proposed ordinance regulating nuisance animals based upon comments made during discussion at the council meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Consider Approval of CircEsteem youth circus proposal

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve the request by the CircEsteem Youth Circus to perform in the Borough on August 17, 2009. The location will be at either the Corner Park or at the Community Park. The Borough requires that all insurance coverages be in place prior to the event. Ron Carter, Strand Theater Initiative, is working in conjunction with the group

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to assist in the event planning.

Motion carried 5-0.

Tracking of Council requests for Information

The Council and the Borough Manager reviewed the current listing of questions and responses. Council also provided other topics to be included on the next report.

## REPORTS:

Bayer

- No report on HRC
- No report on Joint Planning project
- No report on PNT

McDowell

- Not present

Mathew:

- Not present

Reeb

- Inquired as to the possibility of another parking space being made available on Main Street in front of the Post Office

Zeigler:

- Will call an Electric Committee meeting to discuss how fee costs are charged to business and individuals for Electric line and transformer installation
- Asked about the specifications on how Beaver Falls Municipal Authority is installing the water line pipe and how it should be installed once they work in the Borough

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Robertson

- Noted he had already given the Finance report through the motion to approve the Pension asset allocation policy change
- Noted he would like to talk to the Borough manger concerning the maintenance of the website

Underwood

- Had various comments on topics in the Managers weekly report

Oliverio

- No comment or report

Racunas:

- Requested a short Executive Session for a possible litigation issue.
- He is preparing the paperwork to DCED for approval for capacity of the loan on the water line project

Chief Miller:

- No report

Thompson:

- No report other than the one submitted in writing for the agenda packet

Pepe

- Noted the Borough received recognition and a plaque for sponsoring the Horse Trading Days Joe Negri concert

Council took a short break at 9:21 PM and returned at 9:35 PM

Council entered Executive Session at 9:35 PM. They came out of executive session and reconvened

the open meeting at 10:15 PM.

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The meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 10:17 PM.

ATTEST:

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Manager / Secretary

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Council President

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Mayor