

Regular Public Meeting
September 20, 2021
7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 150 Brownsville Road

Officials Present in Council Room: Amber McGough, Christina Reft, Nick Viglione, David Lowe, Aaron Graham, Francis Heckmann, Paul Doyle, Frank Bernardini (Mayor), Rick Hopkinson (Manager), Matt Juzwick (Chief of Police), John Michener (Public Works Supervisor), Phil Quattrone (Code Enforcement Officer) Emily Mueller (Solicitor)

Officials Absent:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with the attendees listed above. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel matters.

A. Agenda

- At the start of the Meeting, Council President Amber McGough asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to add a motion to terminate employment of Employee #11. Motion made by Reft. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.

1. General

- Ron Lowrey (Fire Chief) presented the Fire Department Report.
- Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Lowe. Seconded by Viglione. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve all bills. Motion made by Reft. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jason Loose. Motion made by Graham. Seconded by Reft. Motion carried.
- Motion to authorize a Civil Service Examination for Full-Time Police Officer. Motion made by Lowe. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 848-21 – Approving the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program Application for the acquisition of 346 Anthony by the applicant. Motion made by Heckmann. Seconded by Lowe. Motion carried.
- Motion to terminate employment of Employee #11. Motion made by Lowe. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.

2. Discussion

- Council and the Mayor appointed Council Member Christina Reft as primary delegate and Council Member Aaron Graham as alternate delegate to the School District Reapportionment Commission.
- A request was received from the property owner at 232 Stamm to remove his sidewalk on Sherman and re-grade/re-seed. The sidewalk is approx. 2' in width. The Borough Solicitor will review the Borough's ordinance and advise Council if they are permitted to grant this request if they so choose.

- Public Comment: Bernadette Pawloski (505 Verena) expressed dissent over granting this request.

3. Old Business

- A request was received last month to waive penalties and interest on Mehrouz Emamzadeh's properties at 222 Amanda, 523 Brownsville, 462 Hays, 211 Moye, and 153 Penn). No member of Council brought forth a motion to grant this request.

4. New Business

- Rick Hopkinson reminded Council that the Annual Presentation with Gateway will occur at the end of October and will be at Gateway (date TBD).

B. Questions & Answers

- Bernadette Pawloski (505 Verena) – Ms. Pawloski requested that Council amend the ordinance to validate the extended yellow line at Hays and Margaret and to look into cars parked on Bessie.
- Sandy Seiler (309 Giffin) – Ms. Seiler expressed concerns over an increase in hit and runs resulting in vehicle damage, truck traffic on Giffin due to utility projects, and requested the ordinance is amended to provide for a maximum height for hedges.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to Execute Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hopkinson
Borough Manager