

MINUTES
Bloomfield Borough Council
February 5, 2019

Bloomfield Borough Council met this evening in regular session in the Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers with the following Council members present: President Malinda C. Anderson, Kevin C. Weller, Charles N. Summers, Vice President John J. Patterson V, Eric S. Berger, Michael J. Smith, and Karl L. Cless.

Also present: Secretary Danielle Shope, Assistant Secretary Kathleen Miller, Borough Zoning/Permit Officer Ed Albright, Jr., Borough Employee Damon Hartman, Planning Commission Nathan Mohler, Melanie Rowlands and Kevin Fitzpatrick, Mayor Arlis Krammes, HRG Borough Engineer Michael T. Postick, BEO Harry Nazzaro, Perry County Times reporter Jim Ryan, Firehouse Representative Chad R. Tressler, NavTech Representative Roger Watson, Bloomfield Borough Resident Robin Dum and High School student Amanda Kresge and her mother Sue Kresge.

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING OPENING

Recording of the Meeting – President Anderson advised the attendees that the meeting was being recorded by the Council for the accuracy of the minutes and stated that side conversations should be conducted in the hallway so as to not disrupt the meeting or its recording and reminded everyone that talking when someone else is speaking also disrupts the meeting and affects the recording. President Anderson further requested that those individuals in the audience desiring to speak identify themselves prior to speaking and they have 3 minutes to present their concern. Individuals have 10 minutes to present their concern if they are on the agenda. President Anderson stated that Council will not deviate from the agenda and any questions should be addressed during the appropriate portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Councilman Weller made a motion, seconded by Councilman Summers, to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report – Vice President Patterson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the financial report for January 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

HRG Representative – Fire Company Plan Review - The floor was given to HRG Representative Michael Postick. He provided Council with a letter of review concerning the New Bloomfield Fire Company development plan for the new firehouse. A copy of this letter is on file at the Borough office for review. Mr. Chad Tressler of the New Bloomfield Fire Company requested approval from Council to start building the new fire house at 215 South Carlisle Street. Extensive technical discussion concerning this project, including 2 EDU's for water consumption and storm sewer placement, etc., followed between Mr. Mike Postick, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Roger Watson of NavTech. President Anderson mentioned that when this building project begins the ballfield parking will have to be moved to the parking lot the Borough built for activities parking. President Anderson also suggested a fence behind the ballfield bleachers to secure the new fire company property. Mr. Postick suggested tabling the plan for now so several big concerns can be addressed and he will speak about these again at the March 5, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Tressler asked if the Fire Company could start the preliminary work on the storm water management system design and pre-bids. Mr. Postick agreed this could be done and they could start moving forward on the sewer line design, but not to sign anything yet, etc. President Anderson said the Fire Company could go ahead and start these efforts and start demolition since the demolition permit was issued January 4, 2019. She asked that the Borough be notified when demolition will begin.

Council signed the mailer for DEP and a copy will be made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Fitzpatrick brought to Borough Council's attention the issue of an abandoned car on East Main Street that has been there for approximately five months. Mayor Krammes stated she went to the owner and told them it had to be moved and the Borough has a towing contract. President Anderson wants to have it towed since it is an eyesore. Mr. Fitzpatrick had some issues with the enforcement priorities of the town. President Anderson stated the PSP would have to be contacted to find out what the Borough's legal rights are to have the car towed. She tasked BEO Nazarro and the Mayor to look into this abandoned car issue.

ENFORCEMENT

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Wagner was called to a court meeting in Dauphin County so President Anderson relayed his report. The Cumberland County Court date concerning Lot 30 has been postponed to March 1, 2019. They anticipate final settlement between the parties at this time and then someone from the law firm will be reaching out to the Borough to work on negotiations with the owners of Lot 30 and the Borough.

Enforcement Committee Report – Councilman Weller had nothing to report. Councilman Berger remarked there are three trees down by the Hege house on South Carlisle Street that need attention. He also mentioned about two abandoned houses, one at 48 East Main Street and the other at 18 Barnett Street. Councilman Cless stated the houses are in non-compliance with the new Borough ordinance. Mayor Krammes and Councilman Berger will make arrangements to look into this issue. Mr. Berger also stated the residents of 48 West Main Street are allowing their dog to defecate outside and it is not being cleaned up creating a health issue. President Anderson asked BEO Nazarro to issue a fine because these residents have been warned numerous times. President Anderson will contact the property manager and tell her she has twelve hours to clean up everything because the amount is horrific. Mr. Berger also brought up the vehicles on the Hench property, but this issue is considered "dead in the water" due to a previous court ruling given years ago. President Anderson stated people are having problems entering and exiting at the Uni-Mart due to huge potholes. The property owners will have to be approached about fixing this problem. Councilman Berger will work with Solicitor Wagner on this issue.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Krammes reported she received a few calls about the snow this month. Councilman Summers stated the Boy Scouts came into town to shovel sidewalks on Sunday since most of them live out of town. Mayor Krammes received calls about Renewal by Anderson Windows soliciting late at night. Councilman Smith asked if the Borough requires a permit for soliciting. BEO Nazarro contacted the window company management and advised them they should not conduct late evening sales calls.

Mayor Krammes reported 16 parking tickets were issued in the month of January with 6 unpaid.

Borough Enforcement Officer's Report - BEO Nazzaro reported again about the Anderson Windows solicitation. He called the local sales office the next day and spoke to a manager regarding our concerns. They were receptive and stated they would speak to sales staff. Several residents reported missed trash pickup on South Carlisle Street. Mr. Nazzaro passed this information to Vice President Patterson. Mr. Nazzaro met with Councilman Berger to go over the Codes program and various Ordinances enforced. Mr. Nazzaro observed an individual in Mama's Pizza who he believed had a current bench warrant. He contacted the County and PSP and found the warrant had been served recently and they had been released again on unsecured bail. Speaking to residents in other municipalities and checking social media there are many reports of this individual panhandling, committing thefts and going to businesses making up bogus stories to try to gain money. He emailed Council and the Mayor advising them about this situation. Mr. Nazzaro texted the PEO at times advising her of parking concerns to be aware of and locations to check. Mr. Nazzaro observed a vehicle and two males in the cemetery after hours. He spoke to them and discovered the one male had arrived in town too late for this father's funeral and was visiting the gravesite so Mr. Nazzaro told him to take all the time he needed to visit.

The following warnings were issued: parking issues (wrong way)-15; parking issues (hydrant)-2; parking issues (blocking lane partially and too far from curb)-1; parking issues (yellow lines)-2; Parking issues (parked facing wrong direction and two feet away from curb)-1; parking issues (vehicle parked at 23 South Carlisle Street and East McClure facing the wrong direction and two feet away from curb on yellow lines)-1; dog running loose (owner was walking dog off leash and dog was running at vehicles and people and not under control)- 1; snow (several of these residences have received multiple warnings already)- 54; nuisance vehicle street (uninspected and/or unregistered)-8; nuisance vehicle street (one vehicle at 23 East Main has received 3 warning 1/21,1/17 and a Final Warning on 2/2/19 requesting vehicle be moved within 72 hours. The owner's boyfriend called 2/5/19 and stated the vehicle is in limbo because these are a hassle with the insurance company taking custody of it since it is totaled. Mr. Nazzaro told him to have the owner email him ASAP the details of what occurred, the policy number and insurance company name and he would try to speak to insurance and see what could be done)-1. President Anderson and Mayor Krammes will contact the towing company about this vehicle.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Announcements and Correspondence – President Anderson thanked Councilman Summers for stepping up and helping with Borough snow plowing since the Borough is presently down to one employee.

President Anderson encouraged everyone to attend the Firemen's Banquet being held February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the Borough Secretary by February 11, 2019 if attending.

She also reminded everyone their statement of financial interest is due to the Secretary April 2, 2019.

E-cycling collection is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Newport Fairgrounds.

She also asked everyone to review the phone/address listing for accuracy.

She asked everyone to review, sign and return the 2019 exemption certificate to the Borough Secretary.

Ordinance #342 was discussed. This ordinance dealing with sidewalks was revisited to include the width. Councilman Smith made the motion to accept Ordinance #342, seconded by Councilman Cless. Motion carried.

Water Authority Report - Mr. Albright reported the testing has been completed on Well 3. They are waiting for DEP to review the results. He picked up the plans for the tank and if USDA approves them

building the tank the bids can be put out in March and open the bids in April. The Fire Company will have a hydrant at the end of Jeanne Fry Lane. Mr. Albright reported one water leak in town which was repaired.

Planning Commission Report – Mr. Fitzpatrick stated they had a meeting Friday about the Firehouse.

Zoning/Permit Officer's Report - Mr. Albright stated he issued two permits in January. One permit was issued for 101 East Main Street for a solar panel and one permit was issued for the Fire Company's demolition of the Ford garage at 215 South Carlisle Street.

Administrative Committee Report – Councilman Cless reported he responded to a no heat issue in the upper level restrooms, so he repaired an electrical short in the control circuit wiring. He began the cleaning process of the lower level rental space and it should be ready by February 15, 2019. He ordered a new foot scraper mat for the upper level front doors as excess dirt is being brought in by visitors. He created an excel spreadsheet and installed on the BEO computer for more accurate monthly time reporting. He researched the flood plain insurance policy to determine the actual need to maintain coverage. The decision was made to cancel the policy. Mr. Cless also installed QuickBooks 2019 upgrade on the secretary's backup computer work station.

FEMA/PEMA Report - Councilman Cless stated he completed and submitted the 2018 Floodplain Activity report to DCED.

PCBA/COG – Mr. Albright reported the next meeting will be February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Capital Tax Collection Bureau Report – Councilman Cless had nothing to report.

AESTHETICS

Aesthetics Committee Report – Councilman Summers stated he put out quotes for benches at the Spring. He thanked Mr. Hartman for taking the rest of the Christmas decorations down. He also thanked Mr. Hartman for snow plowing which is a thankless job. Upon wiping out a resident's mailbox, Mr. Summers discovered this person has a degree in forestry and is willing to help with the Borough's shade trees.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY

Finance, Insurance & Safety Report – Vice President Patterson had no report.

Grants – Councilman Smith stated he received a letter from the Perry County Conservation District and he will call to get more information on gravel and low volume roads.

Personnel Committee Report- Councilman Smith reported he will get the 2018 evaluations squared away in the next few weeks.

RIGHTS OF WAY & UTILITIES

Rights of Way & Utilities Committee Report - Vice President Patterson had no report except about the ADA sidewalks. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Postick have looked at about five intersections.

Mr. Postick reported he and Mr. Hartman looked at about five to six intersections that can be added to the list for ADA compliance. Mr. Postick will send a letter to PennDot's Rick Levan after Mr. Postick puts a cost together of about six ramps after Council reviews the list. He would like to set the bid up of Council's favorite three with three alternates also listed. Once all agree on the six Mr. Postick will have the list set up for the March meeting.

Mr. Postick is working on renewing the Borough's NPDS permit for the sewer plant which is due for renewal in February.

Also he will have the Chapter 94 report due for the wastewater report. He will have that for signing at the March meeting.

Councilman Summers asked about school zones. Once the sidewalk is installed there is the possibility of the school zone being extended.

President Anderson gave a summary on the of the Borough.

2018 Accomplishments

- * The McClure Street sewer, water lines, and curbing were replaced and the street repaved.
- * The 1930 sewer line on Walnut Alley was replaced.
- * \$98,000 was spent on UV bulb replacement at the sewer treatment plant
- * All this was done with no tax increase in 2018

2018 Goals

- * To see new Firehouse built.
- * To coat our sewer lines throughout the Borough
- * To repave Walnut Alley and Church Street
- * To repair the BCC pool with the help of Centre and Carroll Townships
- * To get 6-7 ADA sidewalks done

CLOSING COMMENTS

There being no further business, upon motion by Councilman Summers, seconded by Councilman Weller, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2019 for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Miller, Assistant Secretary