

MINUTES
Bloomfield Borough Council
July 2, 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, James A. Woods, Charles N. Summers, Vice President John J. Patterson V, Eric S. Berger, Alex M. Bender, and Karl L. Cless.

Also present: Secretary Danielle Shope, Borough Employee Damon Hartman, Mayor Arlis Krammes, HRG Borough engineer Michael T. Postick, Solicitor Richard Wagner, Bloomfield Borough Zoning Officer and Water Authority Representative Ed Albright, Jr., Bloomfield Borough Planning Commission Representative Nathan Mohler, BEO Harry Nazzaro, Gary Thomas, Connor Thomas and Roger Watson (signed in at 7:26 p.m.)

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 Summers made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods, to approve the June 4, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Executive Session - Borough Council adjourned into executive session at 7:02 p.m. At 7:25 p.m., Councilman Summers made the motion to re-open the Borough Council meeting, seconded by Vice President Patterson. Motion carried.

Fire Company Land Development Plan – President Anderson stated that she drove to HRG headquarters and met with Mr. Mike Postick two weeks ago and officially signed the final approved land development plan for the Fire Company. The Fire Company is now working on recording this plan so they can continue to move forward. The old Ford building on the site has been demolished.

Roger Watson – LOT 30 – President Anderson looked out into the audience and noticed Mr. Roger Watson was not present for the Lot 30 discussion. Councilman Cless made a motion to table this item of business until next month, seconded by Councilman Woods. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gary Thomas presented his idea to rename Locust Street to Beaston Street or Beaston Lane after Mr. Dale Beaston. He explained how community oriented Mr. Dale Beaston was and feels Mr. Beaston needs to be honored somehow within the Borough for all the things he did for this Borough in his lifetime. Councilman Cless remarked how they were considering renaming the Borough Building in Mr. Beaston's honor. Councilman Summers suggested naming the Spring after Mr. Beaston. Councilman Woods stated they had some problems years ago from the Boroughs Association when they wanted to rename the building. President Anderson stated they could form a committee to look into this idea. She tasked the Enforcement and Administrative Committees to take this idea into consideration.

ENFORCEMENT

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Wagner had nothing to report.

Enforcement Committee Report – Councilman Berger stated he is compiling a list of borough residents who he will be sending a letter to regarding their sidewalk repairs. Councilman Cless asked about an update on the Barnett Street property that Mr. Morrow is supposed to be demolishing. Mayor Krammes stated Mr. Morrow told her when tax season was over demolition would begin. Council asked the Mayor to speak to Mr. Morrow about this issue. President Anderson stated the property at 111 West High Street is being demolished. President Anderson is personally working with the owner to make sure this is accomplished properly.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Krammes stated again how people from other boroughs remark about the town's nice appearance. She reported Mr. Hartman cleaned out the Spring and plants will be planted. She also reported 3 parking tickets were issued in the month of June and all three have been paid.

Borough Enforcement Officer's Report - BEO Nazzaro reported he had multiple complaints regarding loud music which resulted in several emails and talks. As a result, Councilman Cless bought a sound meter and Mr. Nazzaro met with him to learn its operation. Mr. Nazzaro spoke to the Uni-Mart and Cocolamus regarding overflowing dumpsters. After some calls, they were emptied, but it appears someone is again illegally dumping in the cardboard dumpster. He is hoping cameras might help catch this person. He noticed someone "wrote" homophobic, racist and vulgar images and words on school door #5. They write on this door using chalk and by wetting their finger. He sent the Principal a picture and with his permission cleaned the door off. Mr. Nazzaro placed temporary Post Office signs up advising people the lot was only for Post Office use. He received an angry call from Cameron Drum regarding a citation issued to him for an uninspected Intrepid on the street. BEO Nazzaro told him he would not discuss it and it would have to be handled in Court on July 11, 2019. BEO Nazzaro requested permission to cite the owner of a vehicle with an expired Inspection and Registration who continues to park in violation of the Ordinance despite numerous warnings. He is also requesting Council mail a letter to a registered owner of a vehicle with an expired inspection which continues to park on the street despite warnings. Mr. Nazzaro checked with the banks, the Dialysis Center and the Pharmacy during a daytime power outage to ask if anyone needed assistance due to loss of cameras and alarms. BEO Nazzaro issued the following warnings during the month of June: Uninspected vehicle on street-3; double parking/not parking in lines-4; grass-2; Post Office parking-13; no parking area-1; parking too close to crosswalk/corner-1; abandoned vehicle in ballfield lot-1; junk on private property-1; wrong way parking-9; loose dogs-2; barking dog issues-1 (at 123 West McClure St. After checking records, the dog was found to be unlicensed. He formally requested the Dog Warden issue a \$300 citation.); unlicensed vehicles final warning-2 (issued to vehicles belonging to resident at 133 West McClure St. rather than inspect them they now park the vehicles in the rear yard along with a 3rd uninspected vehicle); motorized scooter on street-1; park hours-1.

Councilman Woods is trying to work with the ball teams to have attendees park properly. Mr. Woods asked the Fire Company to put up parking signs.

Mr. Roger Watson arrived at 7:26 p.m. stating he was late because he was at the Centre Township meeting where they approved his plan. He stated he does not know what to do because the Borough has no application and no one distributed the plans. Solicitor Wagner stated Mr. Watson cannot come in with an inadequate plan and then blame the Borough. President Anderson stated this issue has been tabled until the August meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Announcements and Correspondence – President Anderson asked everyone on Council to make sure their phone numbers and addresses are correct on the information list. She read three thank you letters from Keep Perry County Beautiful, the Perry County Literacy Council and the Central Perry Senior Center. President Anderson also stated Council received a phone call from Samantha Coker associated with the Perry County Task Force on Domestic Violence. Ms. Coker was inquiring about using the Council Chambers several times a month or on a quarterly basis during the day. General policy is Chambers is only allowed to be used by a government entity. Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to inform Ms. Coker to ask the Bloomfield Public Library that has a meeting room.

Water Authority Report - Mr. Albright stated they will begin getting bids for the building of the water tank within the next few weeks. They are still waiting for DEP to approve their application and for SRB to approve the extension on their permit for Well 3. Mr. Albright stated the Water Authority is looking for a free construction trailer.

Planning Commission Report – Ms. Rowlands was not present, but submitted an informational report to Council. Mr. Mohler reported there was a portable swimming pool set up at 139 West McClure Street and the Commission agreed that it was ok because it could not, due to the slope of the yard, adhere to the 25 foot setback. The neighbor sent a letter saying it was agreeable with him. The Planning Commission is aware of the incomplete submission by Mr. Roger Watson for various subdivision and property line changes related to land owned by Mr. Watson and Lisa Fraker, formerly Lakeside LLC. (These submissions include Lot 30, also known as “The Pumping Station”)

Zoning/Permit Officer’s Report - Mr. Albright issued 3 permits during the month of June. One demolition permit for 111 West High Street (fee waved by President Anderson), one for 130 West Main Street for a car port and one for 139 West McClure Street for the swimming pool discussed above (special exception).

Administrative Committee Report – Councilman Cless reported he repaired the sewage pump drain line in the lower level ladies restroom. He removed a broken swing from the playground and ordered a replacement. He also responded to a noise complaint on West McClure Street and was unable to determine the decibel level of the noise, therefore, he had to obtain a noise level meter to measure the levels based on Section 133 (Abatement of Noxious Influences) of the Zoning Ordinance... the meter includes computer download capability for prosecutorial documentation. A computer will have to be purchased.

FEMA/PEMA Report - Councilman Cless reviewed the latest FIRM documentation from FEMA and placed it in the borough repository for future reference.

PCBA/COG – Mr. Albright stated there was nothing to report.

Capital Tax Collection Bureau Report – Councilman Cless reported the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 17th.

AESTHETICS

Aesthetics Committee Report – Councilman Summers stated the Square looks good and the Spring. Mr. Woods will be planting Hostas on Saturday morning.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY

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

Grants – No report.

Personnel Committee Report - Councilman Bender had no report.

RIGHTS OF WAY & UTILITIES

Rights of Way & Utilities Committee Report - Vice President Patterson reported everything has been completed, the paving, the sewer issues, etc.

ADA Sidewalks – HRG Mike Postick reported they have finished the ADA ramp design and the permits are ready to go. They will be sending out letters to various residents telling them the ramps might have to extend onto their properties, but it will be at no cost to these residents.

Vice President Patterson stated there are some clogging issues on a pipe going into the Bloomfield Spring. He would like to have it cleared out by a roto-rooter. He believes it can be done locally by Advanced Septic Services. Vice President Patterson made the motion to approve up to \$2,000 to fix the clogged pipe, seconded by Councilman Woods. Motion carried.

Councilman Woods mentioned that he and Mr. Kelly Spotts fixed a hole in the wire fence at the ballfield.

CLOSING COMMENTS

There being no further business, upon motion by Councilman Summers, seconded by Councilman Cless, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2019 for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Miller, Assistant Secretary