

Trafford Borough
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes- Wednesday, July 5, 2017

The Trafford Borough Council held its monthly business meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Council President, Kris Cardiff, called the meeting to order and led the Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Attendance by Borough Secretary, Nina Solivan:

(Present) Kris Cardiff	Cheryl Petersen
Dennis Hockenberry	Casey Shoub
Pete Ledwich	Ed Llewellyn, Mayor
Michael Mellon	Don Glenn, Engineer
Carol Morrow	Chelsea Dice, Solicitor

Notice of Executive Sessions held June 29, 2017 and July 5, 2017 for matters of personnel.

Minutes- A motion "to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2017 regular meeting" was made by Councilman Hockenberry and seconded by Councilwoman Morrow. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills- A motion "to approve the expense voucher list dated July 5, 2017" was made by Councilman Hockenberry and seconded by Councilman Ledwich. The motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report-

Don submitted a copy of the GROW grant application to the borough.

Don reported the retaining wall at 5th Street and Duquesne Avenue has been completed. The sidewalk portion of this project is on hold until we obtain a road bond from PennDOT. We need to resubmit the resolution that was passed at the June 6th 2017 council meeting.

Don visited the Forbes Road sinkhole sight and recommends removing the steel plates that are over top of the sinkhole to avoid taking responsibility and the possibility of further damage if the plates were to fall in. Don and Solicitor Chelsea Dice both agree the sinkhole is still a PennDOT issue but for the safety of the residents the borough should place plywood over top of the opening.

Don provided a street inventory list to council.

Don will contact PennDOT in regards to the turn back program for Murrysville Road.

Councilman Shoub asked Don how long will the binder on Brownstone Court last? Don stated he is surprised it has lasted this long due to binder being very porous. The borough will have to go after the developer. Councilman Shoub stated the developer is out of business. Don stated it will then become the borough's burden. Solicitor Chelsea Dice stated we need to find out if we own the road first. If we do then we will need to create an ordinance to abandoned it. If we do not, then the solicitor's office will compose a letter to the residents of the decision.

Public Comment-

Sandy Asturi 333 Brinton Avenue: Expressed concerns for the intersection of Adrian Avenue, Westmoreland Road, and Fourth Street. Ms. Asturi feels with all the traffic flow from All American Baseball the borough should consider this intersection a high priority to be redone especially since there is a sinkhole is developing.

Bill Kornrumpf 409 Cavitt Avenue: Expressed concerns about the police department disbandment rumor. Mr. Kornrumpf also expressed concerns about billing for sewage on vacant properties.

Council response to public comment:

Councilman Cardiff stated Don Glenn will review the area and report back to council in regards to Mrs. Asturi's concern.

Councilman Hockenberry stated the rumors are not true about the police department, it is an election year. We spent \$12,000 on new software, \$26,000 on a new car and are in the process of starting contract negotiations, if the rumor was true we would never have spent all this money.

Councilman Shoub stated the only way to stop receiving sewage bills is to cap off the line coming from the property to the main sewer line. If you would like to see where the money is going pick up a copy of the budget.

Rich Adams Resignation- A motion "to accept the resignation of Rich Adams as Borough Code Enforcement Officer" was made by Councilwoman Morrow and seconded by Councilman Ledwich. The motion carried unanimously.

Allegheny County CDBG- A motion “to opt out of the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant” was made by Councilman Ledwich and seconded by Councilman Shoub. The motion carried unanimously.

New pay rate for Joe Probo- A motion “to approve expanded job description and new rate of pay for Joe Probo at a rate of \$15.00/hr working no more than 32 hours per week” was made by Councilwoman Morrow and seconded by Councilman Ledwich. Roll call vote; Councilman Cardiff Yes, Councilman Hockenberry Yes, Councilman Ledwich Yes, Councilman Mellon No, Councilwoman Morrow Yes, Councilwoman Petersen Yes, and Councilman Shoub No. The motion carried 5-2.

Councilman Shoub raised concerns about where we are financially and how the position was obtained. Discussion was held.

Paving Program- A motion “to approve the following streets for the paving program; 6th Street from Forest to Fairmont in the amount of \$18,219.00, 6th Street from Fairmont to Gilmore in the amount of \$10,820.00, 7th Street to Route 130 in the amount of \$15,510.00, Ardennes Court to Belleauwood Blvd in the amount of \$12,556.00, Jeanine Court to Belleauwood Blvd in the amount of \$11,824.00, Vincennes Court to Belleauwood Blvd in the amount of \$10,480.00, the intersection of Stewart Street and Oak Street in the amount of \$1,511.00, and the intersection of Stewart Street and Sycamore Street in the amount of \$1,475.00.” was made by Councilwoman Morrow and seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. Discussion was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Transfer Funds- A motion “to transfer all funds from all Huntington Bank accounts except the PennVest account to their counterparts at S&T Bank” was made by Councilman Hockenberry and seconded by Councilwoman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing of Accounts- A motion “to close all of the Huntington Accounts except the PennVest account” was made by Councilman Ledwich seconded by Councilwoman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager- A motion “to hire Ashley Stack as the Borough Manager at a salary of \$44,000.00 per year, contingent upon acceptance of the employment agreement. With a 90 day, probationary period beginning the first day of accepted employment date. After the probationary period, there will be a performance evaluation by members of council and compensation may be reexamined for an increase at that time” was made by Councilwoman Morrow and Seconded by Councilwoman Petersen. Councilman Shoub raised concerns about where we are financially. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was taken; Councilman Cardiff Yes, Councilman Hockenberry Yes, Councilman Ledwich Yes, Councilman Mellon No, Councilwoman Morrow Yes, Councilwoman Petersen Yes, and Councilman Shoub No. Motion carried 5-2.

Emergency Management Coordinator- A motion “to appoint John J. Elias to the volunteer position of Emergency Management Coordinator” was made by Councilman Shoub and Seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

EMS- Report was submitted for filing.

VFD- 16 total calls for the month of June. Members of the department attended an unconventional gas well training at Jeanette High School.

EMC- No direct threats to Trafford. Council still needs to adopt the county’s hazard mitigation plan to be compliant.

Rec Board- Summer playground program has started. The terrace has 50 children registered this year. The mulch has been spread at sixth street playground, terrace playground and topped off at BY Park.

Mayors Report- 170 Total service calls for the month of June. August 23, 2017 at 7:00pm there will be a crime watch meeting at the legion for anyone that would like to attend.

Committee Reports:

General Government- A motion “to allow council to reserve the right to remove banners/flags on the bridge when they become tattered or a safety issue” was made by Councilwoman Morrow and seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development- The rec board auction will be February 24, 2018. The no parking signs along Route 130 need replaced.

Public Safety- The Fire Department has purchased an AED for the Manchester Room.

Councilman Hockenberry contacted Port Authority about Viaduct Way, there is a safety concern. A supervisor will get back to him.

Councilman Hockenberry thanked the Police Department for going around and getting an updated list of the handicap parking spaces.

Council President- Councilman Cardiff contacted Westmoreland County Land Bank, the Radosh house has been torn down, 178 E Gilmore Ave they are looking to do a rehab. The land bank is still looking at the Kromer building.

There will be a Westmoreland county energy town hall meeting sponsored by Americans Prosperity July 11, 2017 at the Irwin VFW.

Trafford Historical Society has released their book. Please go buy one, the books are fantastic.

All council contacts are on the website, if you have any questions please ask.

New Business-

Councilman Hockenberry would like to form a committee with a few residents and a few council members of council for the Manchester Room. He met with a woman for blinds and received a quote for \$1900.00. He will call a few other places to get more quotes.

Adjournment-

Councilman Shoub made a motion "to adjourn" the regular July business meeting" was seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.