Minutes of the Borough Council  
Zelienople, PA  
7/29/2019  
7:30 PM  
Council-Workshop  
MasterID: 650  

The July 29, 2019 Council Meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Allen Bayer in the Council Chambers located at 111 W New Castle St., Zelienople, PA 16063. In attendance were Council Members, Ralph Geis, Gregg Semel, Doug Foyle, Mary Hess, Marietta Reeb and Mayor Thomas Oliverio. Andrew Mathew III was not present.

Borough Manager Don Pepe, Police Chief Jim Miller, Zoning & Codes Officer Shelly Kaltenbaugh, Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, and Borough Engineer Tom Thompson were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Thompson

VISITORS

Tom Nesbitt  
Kelly Carney  
Adel Fatur  
Ron Goehring  
CE Therwood  
Mark Harmanos  
Boy Scout Troop 457  
J.W. Johnson, Press  

There were other persons in attendance, but they did not sign in to identify themselves.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, second by Mr. Semel to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting

Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #866-19, AMENDING ORDINANCE #787-08 PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS IN THE STREET RIGHT OF WAY
A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, second by Mr. Semel, to adopt Proposed Ordinance #866-19, approving the three suggested amendments, as it eliminates a potential problem with placement of Sandwich Board Sign and supports the original purpose of Ordinance #787-08, additional advertising in front of a place of business to become effective when alternative signs such as “Wayfaring Signs” are approved for use.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 867-19, FOR THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ORDINANCE # 811-11 TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF DECHLORINATED SWIMMING POOL WATER

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, second by Mrs. Reeb, to adopt Proposed Ordinance # 867-19 for the noted revisions to the Stormwater Management Ordinance to allow for the discharge of dechlorinated swimming pool water to the Borough’s separate storm sewer system but does not impose standards nor does it address hot tubs and spas. The revisions provide clarity for the discharges and stricter standards.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #9 TO THE ZELIENOPLE COMMUNITY POOL RENOVATION PROJECT - STONERIDGE

A motion was made by Mr. Semel, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve change order #9 to the Zelienople Community Pool contract with Stoneridge Inc. for the negotiated price of $29,874.84.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTENT TO RETIRE FROM BOROUGH EMPLOYMENT FROM STEPHANIE SOLTESZ

A motion was made by Mr. Geis and seconded by Mr. Foyle to, with reluctance, to formally accept the retirement intent of Stephanie (Steph) Soltesz to be effective January 3, 2020 actively in the position and to separate from employment as of February 12, 2020.

Motion carried 6 – 0

CONSIDER AMERICAN LEGION POST #474 REQUEST TO CLOSE S. JEFFERSON STREET FROM W. NEW CASTLE STREET TO W. SPRING STREET FOR ANNUAL PICNIC AND BLOCK
PARTY ON AUGUST 24, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Foyle and seconded by Mr. Semel to approve the request to close S. Jefferson Street from W. New Castle to W. Spring Street from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. for their Annual Picnic and Block Party August 24, 2019, with the following condition that the Legion:

- Be responsive to complaints on noise
- Should a second complaint be received all music will be shut down
- They coordinate with the Street Department to obtain cones and barricades for street closure
- They coordinate with the Police Department and all public safety entities, so they are aware of the closure for safety concerns.
- They ensure that the area is cleaned of any trash and debris when the event is completed

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDER REQUEST BY BOY SCOUT TROOP # 457 TO HOLD BBQ DINNER AT THE 4 CORNER PARK

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb and seconded by Mrs. Hess, to approve the request from Scout Troop #457 for permission to utilize the southeast corner park (Main/Grandview), on Saturday, September 14, 2019, for a BBQ fund raiser event, with the noted items for provision of additional insured by the BSA troop, as well as giving them Water & Electric service as requested and at no charge and the use of trash receptacles and shelter/tent for the event.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Consider a Request from the St. Gregory School PTG to hold Great Pumpkin 5K and 1 Mile Walk & Run Race

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb and seconded by Mr. Geis to approve the St. Gregory School PTG request to hold its 10th annual Great Pumpkin Race to benefit St. Gregory School PTG and Athletics on Sunday, October 27, 2019, with the following conditions:

- It is their responsibility to coordinate the event with the Borough Street Department and all Emergency Services. Note there is no longer a Fire Police, so all matters need to be addressed by the Police Dept.
- They must obtain permission from the Sportsman's Club to utilize their property
- Any signs must be small and not block views of traffic on any intersections. The sponsor must gain permission from all property owners to place these signs. They must also be removed as soon as the race is completed. Please contact all affected parties to notify them of the intended signs.

- Streets are not to be marked with paint of any kind in any manner.

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDER ZELIENOPLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST TO RENAME MADISON DRIVE TO BASSENHEIM DRIVE AND PLACE AN HISTORICAL MARKER AT THIS LOCATION

This item was tabled pending further study and data collection.

CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR STAFF/ AND COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT THE 2019 PMEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Geis and seconded by Mrs. Hess to authorize the Borough Manager, Assistant Borough Manager, the Assistant to the Borough Manager & the Public Works Director and any council person that wishes to participate, to attend the PMEA conference on September 11th to September 13th, 2019 at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA. This approval includes the provision of room costs and travel expenses.

Motion carried 6-0

CONSIDER PAY ESTIMATE #4 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH REVITALIZATION STREETSCAPE - 4.16kV AERIAL LINE RECONSTRUCTION (CONTRACT 16-06B) PROJECT

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess and seconded by Mr. Semel to approve the Main Lite Electric Company Inc. Pay Estimate No. 4-Final in the amount of $16,735.00. This is a correction in the amount from what was approved at the June 24, 2019 council meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER PAY ESTIMATE #6 TO THE ZELIENOPLE COMMUNITY POOL RENOVATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Foyle and seconded by Mrs. Hess to approve the Westmoreland Electric Services LLC’s Pay Estimate No. 6-Final in the amount of $11,825.15.

Motion carried 6-0.
CONSIDER PAY ESTIMATE #14 TO THE ZELIENOPLE COMMUNITY POOL RENOVATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Geis and seconded by Mr. Semel to approve Stoneridge Inc.’s Pay Estimate No. 14 in the amount of $84,662.32.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE ZELIENOPLE COMMUNITY POOL RENOVATION PROJECT ELECTRICAL CONTRACT

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb and seconded by Mrs. Hess to approve Westmoreland Electric’s Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $347.00.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPPORT LETTER FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP MULTIMODEL TRANSPORTATION FUND APPLICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Semel and seconded by Mr. Geis to approve this letter of support for the Jackson Township Multimodal Fund Grant application for a Trail Enhancement project.

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Council reviewed the request for information list as provided in the agenda and updated items as deemed necessary.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hess:

- No report

- requested an Executive Session for possible litigation purposes
Mr. Semel:
- COG- No report
- Main Street Revitalization - No report
- Airport Authority - No report
- IT - No report

Mr. Geis:
- Electric: - AMI and AMP report
- Bldg. / Finance: - gave financial status report
- Pension: - No report

Mr. Foyle:
- Pension Committee: - No report
- Library: - Updated fund-raising events

Mrs. Reeb:
- No report

Mr. Mathew:
- Not present

Mr. Bayer:
- HRC: Next meeting will be September
- PMC: Next meeting to be determined
Mayor Oliverio:
- No report

Borough Manager:
- No report

Chief Miller:
- No report.

Public Works Director:
- Not present

Solicitor:
- No report

Zoning & Codes Officer:
- Gave update on Planning commission and Zoning Hearing Board training sessions
- Requested council to consider establishing an Ad Hoc committee for the purposes of examining possible Zoning Ordinance changes and to discuss important topics in the Main Street corridor

Engineer:
- No report

Council took a short break at 8:40 pm and returned at 8:50 pm.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:50 pm. Council came out of executive session and the meeting reconvened at 9:12 pm.
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Being no further business President Bayer closed the meeting at 9:12 pm.

ATTEST:

Borough Manager                              Council President

Approved by me this __________ day of _________, 2019.

Mayor