

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
February 24, 2009

- I. A regular scheduled meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Edward Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.
- A. Present were: President Edward Mitchell, Vice President Christine Peterson, Council members Mrs. Sandy Miazza, Ms. Moira Crawford, Mrs. Georgianna Hicks, Mr. Lee Hunter, Mr. Dennis Walls, Mayor Michael Ciach, and Mr. Charles Catania, Sr. P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esquire, and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager Treasurer/Secretary were present.
- B. Approximately one resident attended the meeting and Fire Chief Dan Smith.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was lead by President Edward Mitchell. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.
- III. Moment of Silence
- IV. Roll Call

Mr. Hunter asked Council to go out of the normal order of business as the Borough Engineer, Mr. Charles Catania cannot stay for the entire meeting.

- XVI. Engineer's Report - Mr. Charles Catania, Sr.

Mr. Catania stated the bids for the New Police Station were opened today at 10:00 a.m. The bids will be awarded to the lowest bidder, subject to funding.

Mr. Hunter offered a motion to accept the bids for the New Police Station, as presented, based on pending funding, which is seconded by Ms. Crawford.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

President Edward Mitchell, for the record: "Thirty-six years ago, we tried to do the same thing and we were blocked by the flood and a number of different things, including the building of the Fire House out of the flood plain and up on the hill. Had we built this same Police Department back then, it would have cost us \$200,000.00. The Fire House cost \$225,000.00, big difference. I was part of that era back then, and at the time, it was a tough decision. I'm pleased to see that Council is sticking to the business plan and got this thing done. I thank both Vice President, Christine Peterson and Chuck Catania for their hard work.

The regular order of business is resumed.

- V. Treasurer/Manager's Report - Mrs. Shirley Purcival

None

A-3 Proof of Publication

Mr. Hunter offered a motion to accept the Proof of Publication, which is seconded by Mrs. Miazza.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

VI. Auburn Village Report - Mr. Dennis Walls

None

VII. Code Official Report - Mr. Leland Hunter

We are making progress on cleaning up the abandoned vehicles and empty lots.

Mrs. Hicks asked Mr. Hunter about Upland Avenue between Kerlin Street and Sunnyside?

Mr. Hunter responded he has written letters to the property owners and made telephone calls. The landlord will be fined if the property is not cleaned up.

VIII. Building and Grounds Report - Mrs. Sandra Miazza

A-1 Mrs. Miazza stated the fireworks may be used for Labor Day, instead of the 4th of July. More information must be reviewed and investigated and the prices must be established.

Mrs. Miazza stated only one price quote was received from Eddystone for \$6,000.00, but we need to contact them regarding what product we would receive and the length of the presentation.

A-2 Mrs. Miazza offered a motion for the expenditure of \$336.00 per month for four port-o-potties, which is seconded by Mrs. Hicks.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

IX. Finance and Insurance Report - Ms. Moira Crawford

A-1 Ms. Crawford offered a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector for the 2008 Single Per Capita, 2008 Regular Per Capita, 2008 Borough Real Estate Tax and 2008 Trash Tax, which is seconded by Vice President, Christine Peterson.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

A-2 Ms. Crawford offered a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to forward the 2008 delinquent taxes to Creditech and Berkheimers, which is seconded by Vice President, Christine Peterson.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

X. Ordinances and Resolutions - Mrs. Georgianna Hicks

A-2 Mrs. Miazza offered a motion to adopt Resolution #4 of 2009 - Life Insurance Increase for Part-Time Police Officers and Full-Time Non_Contractual Employees and Non-Uniform Retirees, which is seconded by Mrs. Hicks.

Council unanimously tabled the resolution indefinitely.

XI. Research and Development Report - Ms. Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford stated a section was added for the Athletic Club and we are getting server this week.

XII. Streets and Equipment Report - Mrs. Christine Peterson

A.1 Vice President, Christine Peterson offered a motion to authorize the Engineer's specifications on a new pick-up truck, which is seconded by Mr. Hunter.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

XIII. Community Affairs Report - Mrs. Sandra Miazza

None

XIV. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

None. Mayor Ciach wanted to thank Council for the approval of the expenditure for the New Police Station. "The department just keeps getting better and better."

XV. Solicitor's Report - Mr. Robert O'Connor

None.

XVI. Old Business

A.1 Mr. Walls offered a letter of resignation from Steve Johnson as President of Fire Company #1 and wanted to thank him for a job well done and his years of service.

XVIII. New Business

President Edward Mitchell stated a part-time (4 hour) per day clerical employee for the Borough Office.

Mrs. Hicks recommended a temporary employee.

Mrs. Purcival stated the clerical person would need to be trained in other areas with the exception of transcription.

Mrs. Purcival stated the hourly rate offered would be \$10.00 per hour for 20 hours per week, which would be approximately \$10,000 to \$11,000.00 per year. This person would also cover duties if either I or my secretary were out ill or on vacation.

Ms. Crawford suggested a 4 hour a day, 3 days a week employee.

Mrs. Purcival stated you're going to need someone flexible enough for a part-time position.

Mr. Hunter stated during the time the Borough Manager's secretary was ill for three days and the Borough Manager was overwhelmed with telephone calls plus answering the window.

President Edward Mitchell suggested the Council consider the part-time position for 3 days a week.

Mr. Hunter offered a motion for the advertisement for a part-time clerical employee for the Borough Office, which is seconded by Vice President, Christine Peterson.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

XIV. Floor Open to the Public:

None

XX. Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, Vice President, Christine Peterson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M, which was seconded by Mr. Hunter.

Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia M. Sentyz
Recording Secretary