

Jim Thorpe Borough Council meeting
December 8, 2016
MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Gregory Strubinger at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Park Hall, 103 East Tenth St, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the men and women serving our country.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Curtis Jackson	John McGuire	Thomas Highland
Joanne Klitsch	Jay Miller	Kyle Sheckler
Gregory Strubinger	Mayor Michael Sofranko	Police Chief Schatz
Manager Maureen Sterner	PSM Manager Vince Yaich	Boro. Secy. McClafferty
Solicitor James Nanovic	Kim Mazur, Entech Engineering	

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sofranko thanked council for the new police car; he is working on getting a donation for getting the police vehicle lettered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carole Wildoner-Walbert asked council if they had a copy of the zoning amendments for the changes to the ordinance. She would like a copy of this to review.

President Strubinger said the public hearing for the zoning amendments council has decided this will be sent back to the JT Planning Commission. We will be taking comments but council will have no comments on it.

Louis Hall this will be reviewed and worked on by the JTPC. They will reword this and bring it back to council to review.

Mr. McGuire said the sidewalks that end by Subway that go nowhere, they will be setting up a meeting with the County Commissioners and they would like him to be part of this team.

Bill Malatak thanked the borough for fixing the pump house curve and getting the car off the street in Germantown. Leave him know the date that council will be meeting with the County Commissioners he will attend the meeting.

Jerry Strubinger said the County has announced the new office by Blue Mountain Sports, he would like to know if the county has approached the borough about these plans.

President Strubinger said no.

Jerry Strubinger said you should encourage them to put up a parking deck, get after them about what is good for the borough. He spoke about a retention pond, Lising Ring dam, and about Front Street being two way traffic.

Public Comment for Zoning Amendments

Carole Wildoner-Walbert said her concern is the AirB&B, the weekend rentals, they are prolific over town.

Louis Hall said they have 5 or 6 applicants, there are people that are looking to rent rooms out at their houses and this needs to be addressed in this ordinance.

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Ben Walbert said the fees for Jim Thorpe zoning hearings is the highest in the area. Allentown is \$400.00, South Whitehall is \$300.00.

Borough Manager Sterner said the applicants for zoning hearings can request a refund of any unused funds from the zoning hearing. They need to request the refund in writing.

Jake Arner said he has a petition from Rob Sterner for his sewer in ground system. Jim Thorpe doesn't have a provision to review the septic permit. This problem is coming up with renewals, review the site.

Borough Manager Sterner said this is in the proposed fee schedule for 2017.

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the work Session Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2016.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2016.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2016.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Kyle Sheckler to approve the expenditures from all Funds for November 2016, as presented.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Treasurer Report as presented.

YES 7 NO 0

TABLE Ordinance 2016-06 Zoning Ordinance Amendment, this will be reviewed by the JT Planning Commission.

MOTION: Jay Miller second John McGuire to approve Resolution 2016-17 Carbon County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Line Item Transfers.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve a Budget – End of Year – Other Business Meeting December 29, 2016 in the borough office.

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YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland that the 2017 Health/Dental/Eye Insurance Broker with ETA benefit group.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second John McGuire to approve the 2017 Health Insurance with Highmark AffordaBlue Platinum 1 plan.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second John McGuire to approve the 2017 Municipal Insurance.

YES 7 NO 0

TABLE the Police Contract

TABLE the Memorial Hall Contract

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Water Line Thawing Services Proposal with Sheehan's Plumbing.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Kyle Sheckler to approve Nelson Driveway Markings Request condition that the width of the markings not exceed 10', to match the proposed driveway and the condition that a driveway permit is approved.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Shade Tree Commissions recommendation to remove two trees at 20 West 7th Street – Wallace.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the Civil Service Commissions certified List.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the Lehighon Water Authority to place a Pole on borough property, this does not address any permits and/or fees, if required.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve the WWTP Upgrade Project Mr. Rehab Agreement Change Order – time only, contract extended to 1/17/18.

YES 7 NO 0

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MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second John McGuire to approve Mr. Rehab Payment Application #4 amount of \$28,664.22.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Jackson asked is this in the contract scope of work?

Borough Manager Sterner said yes.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Jay Miller to approve the Interim Financing Requisition #3 amount of \$984,168.09.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Jackson asked is this in the contract scope of work?

Borough Manager Sterner said yes, the borough will be paid back.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Curtis Jackson second Kyle Sheckler to approve the notice to proceed to Eastern Environmental – General Contractor for the WWTP project.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: John McGuire second Thomas Highland to approve the notice to proceed to Howard Contractor – Electrical work at the WWTP.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Curtis Jackson second John McGuire to approve the payments to Wilson Consultant for the D & L Pedestrian Trail amount of \$1,838.00

COMMENTS:

Borough Manager Sterner said the borough was the applicant for this project, the payments are being paid from the grant money not from the general account.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to award the Municibid to Bobby Gerhard, Lebanon the 2002 Chevy Silverado \$19,100.00.

YES 7 NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to award the Municibid to Patrick Krajcic, Allentown 2008 Ford F350 \$6,090.00.

YES 7 NO 0

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1992 Kodiak re-bid
1985 Sweeper re-bid

Utility Action

MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Utility Accounts Lien Reports:

Active Utility Accounts Garbage & Others Lien Report

Active Utility Account Garbage Only Lien Report

Active Utility Accounts Sewer/Garbage Lien Report

Active Utility Accounts Water/Garbage Lien Report

YES 7

NO 0

Active Utility Accounts Water/Sewer/Garbage Lien Report

Temporary Off Lien Report

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the Utility Account #5715 Payment Plan.

YES 7

NO 0

MOTION: Jay Miller second Thomas Highland to approve the Utility Account #5625 Payment Plan.

YES 7

NO 0

MOTION: Curtis Jackson second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Uncollectible Accounts Report.

YES 7

NO 0

Tax Exoneration Action

Committees

Administration

Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)

Mr. McGuire said the Route 209 Sidewalks on the new bridge down to the old bridge the borough is responsible for cleaning them; from the old bridge down to across the street from Subway is the County's responsibility to clean. They will be notified they are responsible to clean the sidewalks.

Mr. McGuire said he had a resident contact him about 2nd Street, that there should be lines painted on the roadway for two lanes one for making left turns and one for making right turns. We will have to look at this.

Police

Nothing to report

Buildings/Parks

Nothing to report

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Emergency Services

Nothing to report

Vince Rodgers is present he would like to discuss the proposal for the storm water runoff.

Borough Manager Sterner said Kim Mazur will give him the updates on the preliminary information they have on the storm water runoff plans to Germantown.

Old Business

- A. Property Maintenance Board of Appeals Three (3) Vacancies
- B. Shade Tree Commission One (1) Vacancy
- C. Planning Commission – Nuisance Ordinance
- D. Planning Commission – Park Planning
- E. Packer Hill Road proposed one way Ordinance
- F. Collection Agency for delinquent utility fees
- G. Cuoco
- H. Petition to Vacating Portion of 2nd Street
- I. Municipal Fire Department
- J. Onoko Lane

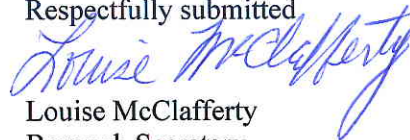
MOTION: Jay Miller second Joanne Klitsch to adjourn.

YES 7

NO 0

Adjourned at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted



Louise McClafferty
Borough Secretary