

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE
MINUTES
Council Meeting: May 14, 2020
Virtual Setting on Zoom.us



- **The May 14, 2020 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 6:30PM, remotely and virtually on the website www.Zoom.us and via conference call.**

Mr. Mikulich announced that the Council met for an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

- **Roll Call:**
Present: Mr. Cafarelli
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Flannery
Mr. Gill
Mrs. Miller
Mr. Mikulich
Mrs. Tessaro
Mayor Drewnowski

Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Chief Gottschalk and Solicitor Start

Absent: None.

- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry, followed by a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Police Chief Mark Romutis.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations -**
Solicitor Start read the Legal Advertisement for this meeting and the title of Resolution No. 5-2020. He then reviewed the Participation Procedure that was posted on Borough Website.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-5, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge authorizing an action plan in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus (“COVID-19”). Motion was made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

Solicitor Start read a statement on behalf of five Council members regarding the reaction to the subject of appointing John A. Deluca, Jr., as Interim Chief of Police that is on the Agenda for this evenings meeting. The reaction that he is referring to has been expressed in the media by Council Member Jerome Gill and by persons who have expressed their sentiments on social media platforms. The five Council Members who have requested that he make this statement are President Mike Mikulich, Vice-President Tina Iorfido-Miller, Tony Cafarelli, Bob Dunn and MJ Flannery. He stated that he has spoken to each of these Council Members individually so as to dispel any notion that there was some secret or backroom meeting.

Per Mr. Start, it has been no secret that the relationship between the Borough Council and the Police Bargaining Unit Members have been strained since at least February 2019 when the Bargaining Unit issued a well-publicized vote of No Confidence. He delivered a response to that action at a Public Meeting on February 12, 2019. The strained relationship reached a higher level in early April 2020 when a Ranking Bargaining Unit Member sent correspondence to the Borough in the content of a dispute regarding an issue of "Hazard Pay" wherein the Member stated "There appears to be an extreme breakdown in all communication from Borough Management and Borough Employees". On April 12, 2020, Interim Chief of Police Mark Romutis tragically passed away and that resulted in the vacancy of that office. The Police Department and the citizens of Ambridge need and deserve a strong and experienced leader to protect and serve the public safety of our residents. The circumstances of the strained relationship dictated prompt action to seek a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

The Public Safety Committee Chairperson M.J. Flannery was referred to John Deluca who was and is currently the Chief of Police of Beaver Falls. John's credentials and background are impeccable, and he has served as the Chief of Police for over 20 years in two local Communities. He is highly regarded by all local law enforcement agencies in and outside Beaver County.

Essentially, the current controversies boil down to 2 questions: Why not promote from within the Department? Why wasn't the position advertised and interviews given to any number of applicants?

The answer to these questions is as follows: 1) the possibility of promoting from within the Department was not an option. The strained relationship and lack of confidence of the Bargaining Unit in Borough Council make that an impossible working relationship. 2) The vacant position of Interim Chief demands prompt action. With a candidate of John Deluca's caliber and near immediate availability really makes the answer to the second question to be "Why would we go through the lengthy procedure of advertisement and interviewing?"

Hence the presence on this evening's Agenda to appoint John Deluca. Lastly, to clear the air on the expressions of opinion that were reported in the media and social media. The Borough of Ambridge has, like most municipalities, Committees for various Departments of the Borough. The Borough of Ambridge Public Safety Committee consists of three voting members of the Borough Council: M.J. Flannery is the Chairperson of that Committee. Bob Dunn and Jerome Gill were appointed as members of that Committee. Mayor Drewnowski, the Chief of Police and Fire Departments and the Borough Manager are invited and important guests of that Committee. M.J. Flannery had met with John Deluca and was duly impressed with John so he invited him to attend the Public Safety Committee Meeting on May 7, 2020. The attendees at that meeting were the three Council Members, Mayor Drewnowski, Borough Manager Joe Kauer and John Deluca. A copy of John's resume was given to all attendees and each attendee engaged in a lengthy discussion with John Deluca.

Several conclusions were expressed:

1. ALL STATED THAT HIRING FROM WITHIN COULD NOT BE DONE.
2. That ALL didn't have a problem with and in fact liked what they heard and saw from John.
3. That both Mr. Gill and Mayor Drewnowski stated that they were uncomfortable with the procedure i.e., lack of advertisement and interviews.
4. That M.J. Flannery and Bob Dunn were very impressed with John Deluca and were not uncomfortable with the procedure.

The next day on May 8th, 2020 a copy of John's Resume was provided to all Council Members and they were encouraged to call John Deluca. He stated that he has been advised that all Members of Council had the opportunity to speak with John and in fact did reach out to him. In conclusion, there were no backroom or secret meetings. Rather, there was and is a need to take

action and everything about this procedure was done with as much transparency as the Sunshine Law and the meeting restrictions attendant to the COVID-19 has imposed on us.

Mr. Gill stated that he was elected to Council to serve all of the citizens and do the best for all. He stated that as Council we need all the facts before a decision can be made. Mr. Gill stated that he was excluded from the police chief selection process. He stated that Mr. DeLuca is a good candidate, but this recent process is wrong. He added that he will support Mr. DeLuca, he just does not like how information was withheld from all of Council and that there was nothing to compare Mr. DeLuca against.

Mr. Mikulich stated that this wasn't a backdoor process, it went through Committee, it was fair in light of the physical restrictions in place during this COVID-19 outbreak.

- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

1) Mr. John Ivancik, (prior submitted email read into the record by Manager Kauer) To Ambridge Council, you have 4 qualified officers that would do a good job as police chief for Ambridge. Ambridge Sgt. Glen Sovich with 23yrs. of service, Ambridge Lt. Brian Jameson, Det. Thomas Barnes, Cleveland detective, and Joseph Kozlina, Supervisory Special Agent for Attorney General's office. My question for council is why there is not being an interview process being done for the interim police chief to vet out the best possible candidate? You were elected by the citizens of Ambridge as their representatives to do what is best for Ambridge. Some of you have failed miserably by circumventing the process.

2) Mrs. Jolene Maslanik, 609 Merchant Street (prior submitted email read into the record by Manager Kauer)

Mr. Kauer:

First, I am sad to hear you are leaving Ambridge. You accomplished so much in your time here in Ambridge. You were a big asset to our town. I wish you good luck on your next journey. You will be missed immensely by many.

I have a few questions regarding the hiring of a new Interim Police Chief. These questions and comments are directed to council members. Please share at your meeting this evening.

1. Why was the position not advertised and posted?
2. Why did council not interview all 5 who had expressed interest in the position?
3. Did all members of council review the qualifications of all 5?
4. Was this hiring of the new interim police chief voted on by all members of council?
5. Why was Mr. Deluca chosen?

Comment: If council did not advertise and post the position, this is totally unacceptable! Once again, very disappointed in the dishonest and sneaky council members. You should be ashamed if yourselves! Ambridge will remember the transparency at election time!

3) Ms. Jodi Gill, 909 11th Street, commented on the hiring process for the new Interim Chief of Police, she stated that the process was secretive and was a step backwards. She added that it is ridiculous that it is being justified by the Solicitor.

4) Mr. Erin Sovich, Route 65 property owner, commented that her husband, Police Sgt. Glen Sovich has worked for the Borough for a long time and that she is sick that the hiring of the next Police Chief is not from within the Department. She added that the process taken to hire the new Interim Chief is illegal. Mrs. Sovich stated that her husband has been an Ambridge Police officer since he was 23 years old and that he has given his life to the community and can't leave because he won't get a pension if he did. She stated that the Police Department is shorthanded.

Mr. Mikulich stated that the process was not illegal and all of Council agreed to hiring from outside of the Department.

Mrs. Tessaro stated not all of Council agreed to this, including herself.

Mayor Drewnowski added do not include him in that vote either.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2020

Mr. Gill made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- **Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

1.	General Fund	Unpaid: \$78,538.39	Paid: \$53,174.79
2.	Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
3.	Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$0.00
4.	Escrow Fund	Unpaid: \$7,146.00	
5.	Police Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$12,094.35	
6.	Service Employees Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$6,262.35	
7.	Firemen's Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$13,038.04	
8.	Drug Investigation Fund	Unpaid: \$5,505.02	
9.	Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	

Questions on the bills:

Mr. Gill questioned the bill from the Human Society; Mr. Kauer advised that it is the quarterly bill for animal control services.

Mrs. Tessaro questioned the bill from Shiloh Services; Mr. Kauer advised that is the monthly computer maintenance agreement costs.

Mayor Drewnowski questioned the influx in the balance in the Drug Investigation Fund; Manager Kauer explained that a payment from the accident involving Police Cruiser 305 in January was accidentally deposited in that account and when it was found it was then transferred to the Escrow Fund.

Mr. Gill questioned the bill for bulletproof vests; Manager Kauer explained that one is for a part-time officer's vest that expired and is being replaced. Half of those costs will be reimbursed by US Department of Justice. The other bill is for a carrier purchased for a part-time officer.

Mr. Gill questioned the bill for Avenue Automotive; Manager Kauer stated that is was a seat replacement in a patrol car, replacing the seat with salvaged parts versus purchasing new from the Ford dealership.

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- **Consent Agenda:**

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require further review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired

by any member of Council, that item must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Motion to accept item 1 listed on the Consent Agenda; all were in favor.

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report	
May 8, 2020	
Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer	
General Fund Analysis	

\$1,361,455.96	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-May 8, 2020 -3:00 pm
\$81,676.74	All (including today's checks) Outstanding Checks as of:	-May 8, 2020 -3:00 pm
\$1,279,779.22	Available Balance as of:	-May 8, 2020 -3:00 pm

General Fund Bank Summary:	Totals that cleared the bank are as follows:	
	Deposits:	\$1,128,061.69
	Debits:	\$444,681.21
	-which include the following:	
	33 Checks	\$47,947.65
2 Payroll (s)	\$151,733.56	
1 Debit - Transfer to Sinking Fund	\$245,000.00	

Other Fund Balances as of May 8, 2020 3:00 pm	
240.00	Ambridge Bicentennial 2024 Fund.
\$6,721.43	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$3,489.04	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$19,371.97	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$11,234.71	Grants/Special Funds
\$219,523.67	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$35,839.09	Recreation Fund
\$250,202.87	Sinking Fund
\$546,622.78	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

New Business - Items for Discussion:

- A-1.** Motion that Items A and B be removed from the meeting agenda and that the hiring of an Interim Chief of Police be delayed. Motion by Mrs. Tessaro, seconded by Mr. Gill; Mayor Drewnowski read a prepared statement:

"I feel there is no need to hire an Interim Police Chief at this time.

Under the terms of his contract, the Interim Chief's salary will be \$85,000 per year plus healthcare and uniform allowance which will total approximately \$106,000. As Mayor, I feel that spending taxpayer's money at this time is not justified.

The Police Department is operating just fine under the direction of Lieutenant Jameson. For example, the department is not slowing down on crime and drug dealers. As everybody is aware, there was a major raid on 14th and Merchant Street with the cooperation of our department, the Attorney General's office and the Beaver County District Attorney's Drug Task force. I see no emergency at this time to justify spending \$106,000.

With the loss of Business Privilege Taxes, Earned Income Taxes, Real Estate Transfer Taxes, and a decline in Real Estate Tax Collections, we will not feel the full impact on the borough's budget until the end of this year. The Borough is losing revenue from Centria, that closed permanently, which employed at least 100 people. IPSCO Corporation on Duss Avenue furloughed most of their employees because of the decline in demand for oil, which is a loss of earned income taxes. We don't know how many of our main street businesses will survive by the end of this year.

A lot of taxpayer's incomes have been affected by this Pandemic and that will directly affect their ability to pay real estate taxes. There are too many unknowns at this time that will affect the budget.

I, along with several other mayors across Pennsylvania, personally spoke with Senator Casey on the phone for at least an hour on April 17th to discuss the economic impact on our communities and the need for funding from the federal government to help replace lost revenue due to the pandemic. I even spoke about the loss of Centria and the hardship it will place on the borough.

This hiring process was not done ethically and in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers. It was not advertised and all interested applicants were not interviewed.

I recommend that hiring an Interim Police Chief be tabled until the 2021 budget is prepared."

A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	No	Mrs. Miller	No
Mr. Dunn	No	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	No	Mr. Mikulich	No
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion defeated, 2-5.			

- A. Motion to hire John A. DeLuca, Jr. as Interim Chief of Police and authorize entering into an employment agreement with him. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Gill questioned will he have the same duties as Chief Romutis; Mr. Mikulich stated yes. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	No
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	No	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried, 5-2.			

- B. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge, setting forth powers and duties of Interim Chief of Police. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- C. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1317, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, amending the existing Firemen's Pension Plan in order to amend the plan to add Defined Contribution features and to comply with the Federal and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws and regulations in effect. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- D. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge approving the actions taken to mitigate COVID-19 and to sustain municipal operations during the coronavirus outbreak. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- E. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge, authorizing submission of a Pennsylvania DCED grant for the Heart and Soul Community Planning Effort. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- F. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-7, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge authorizing the submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for the Henning Street Playground Project. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mr. Gill questioned the scope of this project and if it included any work at the other parks? Manager Kauer explained that this grant application is essentially the same as the recently submitted application to PA DCNR to build the new Henning Street Playground just to another funding agency. He added that the Recreation Committee has worked very hard over the past couple of years making improvements and upgrading all of our existing parks before we moved on to this new park. Mrs. Miller stated that the goal of this project is bring a playground back to the Historic District neighborhood; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- G. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-9, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge appointing National Public Pension Fund Association (NPPFA) to administer and provide investment management and education services for the Firefighter's Defined Contribution Plan. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- H. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge authorizing and approving a deferred compensation plan. *(Note: authorizes a 457 deferred compensation plan for firefighters under Defined Contribution Plan.)* Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- I. Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$85,750 to Air Cleaning Systems, Inc. for the Fire Station Exhaust Ventilation Project. *(Note: Project is complete, in service and FEMA is to reimburse the Borough \$81,666.66 from the awarded Assistance to Firefighters Grant.)* Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- J. Motion to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Ford F350 Super Cab and Stake-bed Chassis from Tri-Star Ford at State Costars Contract price of \$41,445. *(Note: 95% of this purchase will be reimbursed by DEP from the awarded recycling grant.)* Motion was made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- K. Motion to enter into agreement with Reed Oil Company for diesel fuel per the 2020 Beaver County COG joint purchasing price / bid of \$0.04 OPIS. Motion was made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- L. Motion to authorize Youngblood Paving, Inc., to complete road paving on 11th Street from Beaver Road to the Harmony Township border in the amount of \$12,717. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Gill; Mr. Cafarelli questioned if we have a start date. The Manager explained no and that we are partnering with Columbia Gas to restore the entire roadway. Mr. Gill questioned how the residents will be notified. The Manager explained that he will affirm with the contractor the need to put doorhangers out well in advance and if they also have a press release the Borough can also share the news in advance. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- M. Motion to approve the application for a curb cut at 345 Wilson Avenue based on the favorable recommendations from the Borough Engineer and Police Department. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- N. Motion to accept the resignation of part-time Patrolman Phat Phan effective April 27, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mr. Gill questioned what would be required if we would hire him back in the future. Mr. Mikulich stated that it would be the same as what we are doing for Officer Turner; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- O. Motion to hire Austin Turner as a part-time Patrolman, while granting prior service credit hours. Motion was made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- P. Motion to authorize the transfer of \$184,000 (2019 surplus) from the General Fund to the following accounts: Sinking Fund - \$77,000, Special Projects Fund - \$25,000, Fire Apparatus Fund - \$25,000, Road Projects - \$57,000. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Gill questioned how this process works. The Manager explained that during the 2020 budget process it was discussed and planned that these funds be used for capital projects. He added that the Sinking Fund allocation goes to pay back the fund from the Streetscape Project, Special Projects Fund is for Public Works equipment, Fire Apparatus Fund matches the recent grant projects and starts saving for a future new fire engine and the Road funds pay for the remaining costs of the 2019 project and budgets for 2020 road work. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- Q. Motion to authorize Graham's Tree Service to complete the 2020 Shade Tree Maintenance as recommended by the Shade Tree Commission at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gill; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- R. Motion to seek the assistance of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to conduct a search and assist in the selection of a new Borough Manager. Motion was made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mrs. Tessaro requested that all future hires of department heads follow this same process. Mr. Mikulich stated that her comments are well taken, and added that the past couple of Borough Managers were hired this same way. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- S. Motion to engage the services of Attorney Rich Urick; motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mrs. Tessaro stated that Council should select the law firm and not the recommendation of the Solicitor as the conflict of interests is with him and not us. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	No
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried, 6-1.

- T. Motion to engage the services of the law firm Babst Calland; motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Gill questioned how long is this engagement for? Mr. Mikulich stated just the one incident, same as the action for Mr. Urick; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	No
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried, 6-1.

- U. Motion to authorize the pay increase to Lt. Jameson to the amount of \$39.58 per hour, matching the wages of the former Interim Chief of Police from April 12, 2020 until the start of the new Interim Chief of Police; Mr. Gill commented that we are paying the same rate was we did with Chief Romutis, it is not an offense to Lt. Jameson, but he didn't think it would be right to pay more than what the Chief was getting before we passed away. Mrs. Tessaro stated that she thinks he should get more, the \$4 per hour raise. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	No
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried, 6-1.			

- **Official Reports**

Motion to accept the Official Reports; was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Gill; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- **Other Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Drewnowski stated that the Police Department recently received grants to conduct Click it or Ticket patrols and upcoming DUI enforcement patrols.

Mrs. Tessaro stated that Code Enforcement is enforcing high grass ordinances and encouraged everyone to keep up on their properties.

Mr. Gill questioned if there are no committee reports on the Agenda, how'd the Public Safety Committee meet to hire a chief? Mr. Mikulich stated that the Committee Chairs can call their own meetings at any time. He took the reports off the Agenda as there were no meetings outside of Public Safety. Mr. Gill then questioned the Administration and Finance Committee's existence. Mr. Mikulich stated that we always had a committee and it is made up of himself, Mr. Flannery and Mr. Cafarelli.

Mrs. Miller questioned was there a Public Safety Meeting? Mr. Flannery stated yes. She stated that it is not unusual for Council to hire based on the recommendation of a committee. Mr. Flannery agreed. Mrs. Miller questioned was it the consensus of the Public Safety Committee to not hire from within. Mr. Flannery referred her to the Solicitor's earlier comment as it was correct. Mrs. Miller then questioned Mr. Gill; did you say that you would not hire from within the Department. Mr. Dunn commented that yes, it was said by all at the Committee meeting not to hire from within.

Mayor Drewnowski questioned Mr. Flannery did you supply a meeting Agenda for the Committee Meeting. The Manager answered that an Agenda was distributed. Mrs. Miller stated that she never has had an Agenda for her committee meetings in the past.

Mrs. Tessaro asked that Administration and Finance Committee members be added to the Council members listing and roster. Mr. Mikulich stated that it will be done.

Mrs. Tessaro questioned what time Mr. DeLuca came to the Committee Meeting. Mr. Flannery stated that he is unsure, but stated that it was never an interview, simply a meet and greet.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously
– meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary

