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**MINUTES**

**Council Meeting: September 14, 2021**

**Live Meeting – Council Chambers**

**The September meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 6:30PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11th Street. Mr. Mikulich announced that the Council met for an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.**

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*– minutes are typed from Manager notes only.*

* **Roll Call:**

Present: Mr. Cafarelli

Mr. Dunn

Mr. Flannery

Mr. Gill

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Tessaro

Mr. Mikulich

Mayor Drewnowski

Also Present: Borough Manager Leone, Chief Gottschalk, Chief DeLuca and Solicitor Start via phone.

Absent: None

* **Invocation** – Invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry
* **Pledge of Allegiance**
* **Presentation:** Mark Turnley, CPA – Borough Audit
* **Public Comment on/off *Agenda Items* (5 minutes per speaker)**

**Kristy Biller -604 Merchant St. – her comments concerning:**

**Dumpster Issue and ramp on sidewalk.**

**Paul Kyle – Beaver Rd – his comments concerning:**

**Stabbing and drug activity.**

**John Ven – 719 -19th St – his comments concerning:**

**Compliments on flowers –**

**712 19th St.**

**7 -8 inch drop off - Drop off is a liability**

**Garbage cans ordinance – should be out of sight.**

**Casey Ward – 906 Melrose – comments concerning:**

**908 Melrose and freedom of speech.**

**Mr. Mikulich commented that council has been discussing for several meetings about the freedom of speech. Solicitor is looking into this matter.**

**Send letter of appreciation for 14 years.**

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

August 10, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn

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| 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. | |  |  |  |

1. **Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:**

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

1. General Fund Unpaid: $42,530.88 Paid: $242,160.45

2. Grants / Special Project Fund Unpaid: $0.00

3. Recreation Fund Unpaid: $0.00 Paid: $0.00

4. Escrow Fund Unpaid: $0.00

5. Police Pension Fund Unpaid: $0.00

6. Service Employees Pension Fund Unpaid: $0.00

7. Firemen’s Pension Fund Unpaid: $0.00

8. Drug Investigation Fund Unpaid: $0.00

9. Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund Unpaid: $0.00

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. **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 items 1 through 4 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried unanimously.

* 1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report.
  2. 
  3. Approve the members hips to the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce
  4. Approve the Halloween Parade/Race on Merchant St. – Felicia Mycyk – Letter Pending.
  5. Approve Beaver County Humane Society Banner to be hung on Fence @ the corner of 11th St/Duss Ave from September 30th thru October 31st.

**IX: New Business**

1. Consider action to advertise ORDINANCE No. 1322. Regulating the Placement of Wireless Telecommunications Devices.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Gill

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. Consider action to Approve the Well Built 3-Lot sub-division as recommended by the Borough Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Approve the Beaver County Highway Safety Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement between Beaver County and the Borough of Ambridge

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Approve the Duty to Intervene Policy for the Ambridge Borough Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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| Mr. Cafarelli | Yes |  | Mrs. Miller | Yes |
| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | No |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 6 – 1 | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Approve the General Release of Liability from Rider Accompanying Officer Policy for the Borough Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | No |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 6 - 1 | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Accept the Retirement Letter Notice from Executive Assistance Marilyn Sheleheda effective March 7th, 2022. (Last day of work will be February 11th) Payment of unused sick days will be at $60.00 per accrued sick day.

Motion made by Mrs. Tessaro, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. Consider action to hire Executive Assistant \_Kim Killian\_\_ at an hourly rate of \_$20.00 with a tentative start date the week October, 4th.

Motion made by Mrs. Tessaro, seconded Mr. Cafarelli.

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| Mr. Cafarelli | Yes |  | Mrs. Miller | Yes |
| Mr. Dunn | No |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | No |
| Mr. Gill | No |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 4 – 3 | |  |  |  |

1. Consider action to award bid to Garrett Friend for a total of $8,900 for repairs to storm sewer drainage at Walter Panek Park. The scope of work includes: safely clearing a path for access to the site from the entrance road, cleaning/removing debris from the site, excavating and installing a new rip-rap apron, extending the existing pipe down to ground level, and restoration/seeding as necessary near the point of access at the entrance road.

Motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Purchase a John Deere Tractor in the amount of $22,306.17 via Co-Stars.

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | No |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 6 – 1 | |  |  |  |

1. Consider Action to Purchase “Street Sounds” from Air Netix in the amount of $39,420.00 via CoStars.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | No |
| Mr. Gill | No |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 5 – 2 | |  |  |  |

1. Motion to retain Legal Counsel & Medical Expert for Officer John Chickos for Heart & Lung Disposition.

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| Mr. Cafarelli | No |  | Mrs. Miller | No |
| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | No |
| Mr. Flannery | No |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Failed 3 – 4 | |  |  |  |

1. Send a Letter for to Waste Management on violating the contract.

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| Mr. Dunn | Yes |  | Mrs. Tessaro | Yes |
| Mr. Flannery | Yes |  | Mr. Mikulich | Yes |
| Mr. Gill | Yes |  | Mayor Drewnowski |  |
| Motion Carried. 6-1 | |  |  |  |

**Committee Reports**

* 1. **Public Safety Committee – Mr. Flannery**
  2. **Mayor's Report – Mr. Drewnowski**
  3. **Code Committee – Mrs. Tessaro**
  4. **Public Works Committee – Mr. Cafarelli**
  5. **Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller**
  6. **Engineer's Report – Mr. Suehr**

* 1. **Manager’s Report -Mr. Leone**

**X. Official Reports**

Motion to accept Official Reports made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr.Cafarelli.

All were in favor – motion carried.

1. **Other Unfinished Business**
2. **Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gill.

All were in favor – motion carried.

***NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:*** Regular Meeting: **October 12, 2021** - 6:30PM

Announcements made by Mr. Mikulich:

Retirement of Dr. Henry L. Thompson III – Trinity School of Ministry’s Dean President

Crust & Brew Event – Saturday September 18th at 6:00pm

Chamber of Commerce autumn ale Walk – Saturday October 9th at 2:00pm.