



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Workshop Meeting of Borough Council Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 – 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Mr. Cafarelli
 Ms. DeVincent
 Mr. Dunn
 Mr. Gill
 Ms. Jones-Gilliam
 Mrs. Miller
 Mrs. Tessaro
 Mayor McCoy (late)

Absent: Mr. Chesney, Mr. Brunner/NIRA

Also present: Mr. Leone, Chief DeLuca, Chief Larrick

II. Invocation – Presented by Mayor McCoy

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comment on/off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

Anne Bacher – 956 Beaver Road – Mrs. Bacher asked about the 2019 Historic district ordinance and about the changes in the industrial zoning. Ms. Gilliam stated they have not had a chance to meet yet with the changes happening within the Code Department.

V. New Business

- Football Booster’s request to hold a Halloween – Trunk and Treat at the municipal complex parking lot.
 Discussion: Keri Baker of Ambridge Youth Football explained since the cancellation of the Car Cruise, they would like to hold this as a fundraiser Thursday, October 20th 5p.m.-8p.m. with a rain date of Oct. 27th. Would like to have four or five food trucks in front of the Borough building, then have the Trunk or Treat in the parking lot behind the Borough building. Fire Department involvement for Fire Prevention Month. Good with both chiefs.
 Motion by Mrs. Miller to authorize the Football boosters to use the municipal complex lot for Halloween Trunk and Treat on October 20th from 5-8pm.; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			

Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0
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2. Consider action to Approve the New Civil Service Eligibility List.

1. Dan Pritchett 2. Riley Anderson 3. John Lough

Discussion: Mr. Gill asked if that was all the names on the list. Yes, this is the remaining list.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to consider action to approve the new Civil Service Eligibility List; seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

3. Consider action to Approve the hiring of one new Full-Time officer from the list. Chief DeLuca is recommending John Lough. **Action Tabled.**

4. Consider action to hire Riley Anderson as a Part-Time Police Officer.

Discussion: Mr. Gill asked why we are hiring part time officers? Chief DeLuca explained we are down two part-timers and most work full time elsewhere. We need to keep part-timers on the roster to fill in when full time officers take comp time.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to hire Riley Anderson as a Part-Time Officer; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

5. Consider action to Approve the purchase of three used 4RE in-car cameras (used) at \$650.00 (for all three) plus installation cost of \$700.00 per vehicle.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to purchase three more in-car cameras for \$650.00 plus installation cost of \$700.00 per vehicle; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-1

6. Consider Action to recognize the Employee of Month for August.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to recognize Donnie Larrick as Employee of the Month for August for his efforts in the Fire Department/Code Department; seconded by Ms. Jones-Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes

Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried 7-0

7. Discuss Building with collapsed roofs that are presenting safety concerns for neighboring structures.

Discussion: PNA club structure with collapsed roof - owner cooperative - tried to restore the roof but walls are bowed and ready to implode. Mr. Leone reached out to the County with no response yet. No insurance on the building. Surrounded by structures. NIRA looked at the property yesterday - no final determination yet. Chief Larrick stated they told him to come get a demolition or building permit - came for dumpster permit. Mr. Cafarelli asked if the owner is looking for funding, yes. Concerned about owner walking away from it and not paying taxes. Asked if it will fall on the Borough if walls collapse onto other neighboring properties. Already caused damage. Working with Solicitor to get a letter from NIRA for their recommendations. Mr. Cafarelli asked what the next step is? Chief Larrick stated the owner knows about it and we are waiting on the letter from engineer with recommendations.

8. Discuss Advertising for Special Budget Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Gill to advertise for Special Budget Meetings on October 4, 2022, and November 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

Motion by Mr. Gill to add five items to the agenda to act upon - Humane Society banner, Crossing Guard Hire, Handicap Parking spot, Waste Management Contract review, approval of conditional use advertisement from solicitor; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

9. Humane Society banner.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to allow the Beaver County Humane Society to place a banner on the 11th Street Fence; seconded by Ms. DeVincent

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

10. Crossing Guard Hire.

Motion to hire Thomas Maksimchuk for Crossing Guard position at 14th and Church at \$40.00/day; seconded by Mr. Gill.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

11. Handicap Parking Spot.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to authorize a handicap parking spot for 1423 Lenz Avenue; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

12. Waste Management Contract review.

Motion by Mr. Gill to authorize Solicitor Chesney to review the Waste Management Contract; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

13. Approval of conditional use advertisement from Solicitor Chesney.

Motion by Ms. DeVincent to approve advertising the Conditional Use Hearing on October 13, 2022 for 1) the electronic sign at old PNC, and 2) for old Centria building.; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

VI. Other Unfinished Business

1. Glenwood Avenue fire damaged properties – need to finalize legal documentation for transfer of properties. Two properties have a surplus above the \$10,000 escrow. Funds will be released to those residents once the deed is turned over to the Borough. Water from rainfall has caused flooding in Mrs. Sabol’s property. Mr. Leone is working with Tom Sipes to rectify this matter.
2. Repository Properties – An individual came to the last meeting requesting taxes be waived for a repository property on Maplewood Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets. Mr. Leone advised him to present it more formally with a letter.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. Jones-Gilliam

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL: Regular Meeting: 9/13/2022 – 6:30PM

Planning Commission Meeting – August 25th 6:00