



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Meeting of Borough Council
Executive Session 5:30 Personnel & legal
Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Ms. DeVincent
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Gill
Ms. Gilliam
Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Tessaro
Mayor McCoy

Also present: Mr. Leone, Chief DeLuca, Chief Larrick, Solicitor Chesney (by phone), Engineer Brunner/NIRA

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli

II. Invocation – Mrs. Barb Costa, Trinity School for Ministry

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentations

Proclamation for Greater Miracle Ministry Church – Presented by Tina Tessaro

Proclamation for St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church – Presented by Mario Leone

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

Rob Cermack – 1209 Church Street – Asked for an alley update; Mr. Brunner stated that the work should begin in two weeks, they are under contract for a certain amount of time, and they will be notifying residents soon.

Patricia Krupa – 287 Wagner Avenue – Thanked us for the street getting cleaned up and the street sweeper going through.

Ted Chapman – 97 12th Street – Tree on Church and 12th Streets is filled with termites and pieces falling out of tree in front of his house. Mrs. Miller asked if that tree can be added to the list to be removed; Mr. Leone will get with Ted Eberhardt of the Road Department and take another look.

Mr. Chapman stated for them to see him when they go so he can show them.

Patti Sposaro – 1058 Kristufek – Garbage stacked and raccoons because of the people behind him. Garbage is everywhere. Stated she called Larry Charlton about it. Weeds growing around houses, ordinance for people taking care of it. Asked about the splash pad and when will it get done; Mr. Leone and Mrs. Miller stated we are waiting on grant paperwork to be finalized. Asked about streets getting paved; Mr. Leone stated we have streets getting paved starting in the next two weeks.

Amy Fitsko – 819 Maplewood Avenue – Asked about the Proclamation for St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church.

Stan Williamson – First Baptist Church – There is a pantry outside of the Library and the Church welcomes anyone. For school kids, the Church has clothes, shoes, miscellaneous items. Every Friday, there are free dinners from noon until they run out.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

- Prior meetings’ Minutes will be available in August

VII. Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:(For the month of July)

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| 1. General Fund | Unpaid: \$ 98,846.34 | Paid: \$86,897.92 |
| 2. Grants / Special Project Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 3. Recreation Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 4. 2021 Capital Note | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 5. Escrow Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 6. Police Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 7. Service Employees Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 8. Firemen’s Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 9. Drug Investigation Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 10. Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |

Motion by Mrs. Miller to ratify and approve payment of bills; seconded by Ms. Gilliam

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-1

VIII. 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 approve 1 Items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for July, 2022.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for July 2022; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-1

IX: New Business

1. Consider Action for the Approval of Resolution # 2022- 3 to participate in the DCED STAMP Program.

Motion by Mr. Gill to approve Resolution #2022-3 to participate in the DCED Stamp Program; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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

Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

2. Consider action for the Approval of Resolution #2022- 4 to authorize, empowering, and directing the proper officers of the Governing board to appoint Berkheimer as its Tax Hearing Officer. Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve Resolution #2022-4 to authorize, empowering, and directing the proper officers of the Governing board to appoint Berkheimer as its Tax Hearing Officer; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

3. Consider Action for the Approval of Resolution 2022-5 authorizing and empowering its local tax collector, Berkheimer, to impose and retain costs of collection on Delinquent Taxes. Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve Resolution #2022-5 authorizing and empowering its local tax collector, Berkheimer, to impose and retain costs of collection on Delinquent Taxes; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

4. Consider Action for the Approval of Resolution 2022-6 authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper officers of the governing board to appoint a liaison between it and Berkheimer.

Discussion: Mr. Leone stated we need to choose someone, suggested it should be the Borough Manager.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve Resolution #2022-6 authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper offices of the governing board to appoint the position of Borough Manager as its liaison between the Borough of Ambridge and Berkheimer.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

5. Consider Action for the Approval of Resolution 2022-7 authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper officers of the governing board to execute an agreement with Berkheimer whereunder Berkheimer is retained as the exclusive tax officer for the collection, administration receipt, and enforcement of the provisions of the respective tax enactment of the governing board levying and assessing the Per Capita Tax for the term to expire December 31st 2025.

Motion by Ms. DeVincent to approve Resolution #2022-7 authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper officers of the governing board to execute an agreement with Berkheimer whereunder Berkheimer is retained as the exclusive tax officer for the collection, administration receipt, and

enforcement of the provisions of the respective tax enactment of the governing board levying and assessing the Per Capita Tax for the term to expire December 31st 2025; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

6. Consider Action for Award low bid for the Storm Sewer Replacement project to Jet Jack in the Amount of \$519,635.00 of which \$353,659.00 will be paid through the Beaver County ARP funding and the \$165,976.00 will be funding through the Borough's 2021 Capital Bond Fund.
 Motion by Mr. Gill to award the low bid for the S Storm Sewer Replacement project to Jet Jack in the Amount of \$519,635.00 of which \$353,659.00 will be paid through the Beaver County ARP funding and the \$165,976.00 will be funding through the Borough's 2021 Capital Bond Fund; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

7. Consider Action to Approve the advertisement of bid for the sale of tax parcels 12-003-0413.001 & 12-003-0413.000 located at 11th and Duss Avenue and Parcel # 09-005-0117.000 located at Park Rd. and 1st Street.

Discussion: Mr. Leone stated that this is contingent on the Borough Solicitor looking into the exception of appraisal costs. If appraisals are required, Mr. Leone and the Borough Solicitor will come back to Council for further action. If it does not require appraisals due to some type of exception, the bid will be prepared for the advertisement.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve the advertisement of bid for the sale of tax parcels 12-003-0413.001 and 12-003-0413.000 located at 11th and Duss Avenue and tax parcel # 09-005-0117.000 located at Park Rd. and 1st Street, contingent on the Borough Solicitor looking into the exception of appraisal costs; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

8. Consider Action to Approve the purchase of tax parcel # 10-002-0416.000 located at 701 Merchant Street in the approximate amount \$474.25.

Discussion: The Borough Solicitor needs to do a deed search to ensure there are no liens on the property. Taxes have not been paid on this property since 2013. Will petition ourselves, Ambridge School District, and the County to exonerate the taxes. The intention is to turn the property into a parking lot.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve the purchase of tax parcel 10-002-0416.000 located at 701 Merchant Street in the approximate amount of \$474.25; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes

Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

9. Consider Action to Award accepting the bid proposal from SBM Electronics in the amount of \$6,265.00 to be split in 1/3 with both the Municipal & Water Authorities (each paying \$2,088.33). Motion by Ms. DeVincent to award the bid proposal from SBM Electronics in the amount of \$6265.00 to be split in 1/3 with both the Municipal Authority and Water Authority (each \$2,088.33); seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	5-1

10. Consider Action to Award the bid proposal for Surveillance Group for the Door FOB upgrade in the amount of \$19,496.71 to be split in 1/3 with both the Municipal & Water Authorities (each \$6,498.90). Motion by Mrs. Miller to award the bid proposal for Surveillance Group for the Door FOB upgrade in the amount of \$19,496.71 to be split in 1/3 with both the Municipal Authority and Water Authority (each \$6,498.90); seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

11. Consider Action to Approve switching Police & Fire Cell Phone services from Verizon to AT&T FirstNET.

Discussion: Mr. Leone stated that AT&T FirstNET offers a feature for enhanced coverage for first responders and it about \$5.00 less per line and will provide credits and buy back phones. Mr. Gill asked about the cost savings.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve switching Police and Fire Cell Phone services from Verizon to AT&T FirstNET; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

12. Consider action to Approve the hiring of Full-Time Fire Fighter/Code Enforcement Officer Jordan Turner with a hire date of September 6th, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Gill to approve hiring of Full-Time Fire Fighter/Code Enforcement Officer Jordan Turner with a hire date of September 6, 2022; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

13. Consider Action to Approve the hiring of Full-Time Fire Fighter/Code Enforcement Officer Lawrence Charlton with a start date of January 2nd, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Gill to approve hiring of Full-Time Fire Fighter/Code Enforcement Officer Lawrence Charlton with a start date of January 2, 2023; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Dunn advised that there was a meeting and discussed the hirings of Firefighters Turner and Charlton.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor McCoy commended the Police Department on the recent drug bust where they confiscated a large amount of drugs, cash and machine guns and would like Council to give them a letter of commendation for bravery for doing this considering what has been going on in this country. It's important that we recognize them. Chief DeLuca advised they conducted the Full-Time Police test last week; there were five candidates who all passed the physical agility, and we are waiting on the written test results.

3. Code Committee

Ms. Gilliam stated that 124 inspections were conducted this month, Code sweeps are being conducted with letters being sent out, 159 High Grass letters were sent out. Looking to update the ordinances to keep up pace with changing community and provide the best processes for Code Enforcement and provide the best fire safety for our residents.

4. Public Works Committee – No update

5. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Miller reported there have been multiple meetings; planning Fall Festival of Churches and thanked Ms. DeVincent, Ms. Gilliam, Mr. Dunn, and Mrs. Tessaro for offering their help.

6. Finance Committee

Mr. Gill would like to be removed as Chair of the Finance Committee.

7. Engineer's Report – Items already discussed.

8. Solicitor's Report – Items already discussed.

9. Manager's Report

Mr. Leone reported that the Streetscape Project surveying has started; Heart & Soul Committee will begin crosswalk painting this Saturday from 9a.m. to 2p.m. Mrs. Tessaro asked about streets being closed off; horses and cones are being provided by the Borough.

X. Official Reports - Motion to accept Official Reports.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to accept Official Reports; seconded by Mr. Dunn

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Chief Larrick introduced our new Fire Fighters Jordan Turner and Larry Charlton.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Workshop Meeting: **July 26th, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

Announcements: