



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Workshop Meeting of Borough Council

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Executive Session 6:00 Personnel matters & Real Estate

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Also Present: Mario Leone, Fire Chief Larrick, Lt. Chickos, Solicitor Chesney

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Josiah DeGraaf – 283 Wagner Avenue – Asked about one of the things from previous meeting about the exercise path going in at the end of Merchant concerning soliciting sponsorship on the wall. Mr. Leone advised that no formal decisions; still to be discussed by the Recreation Committee and Council. Mr. DeGraaf stated that as a local resident he is a bit worried about the look of a corporate-branding wall. Would like local art to be given more consideration. Mr. Leone stated that he would hope it would be a compromise between both local art and corporate sponsorship, blended aesthetically to achieve both. Ms. Gilliam added that there is some art planned in that area at the GEM Learning Center.

IV. New Business

1. Consider/Discuss Action to Appoint Tina Iorfido-Miller to the position of Mayor for a term set to expire January 1st 2024 – RESOLUTION 2023-4.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to appoint Tina Iorfido-Miller to the position of Mayor for a term set to expire January 1, 2024 per Resolution 2023-4; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Comment: Mr. Gill requested an explanation that Mrs. Miller will have to run for the remainder of the Mayor's position in November. Mrs. Miller explained that she will seek the nomination from the Democratic Party. If nominated by the Democratic Party, she will seek election for the remainder of Mayor McCoy's term. Mr. Cafarelli stated that if appointed this evening, let the Council and audience know she will be setting history as the first female Mayor of the Borough of Ambridge.

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

Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried 6-0

2. Consider/Discuss Action to accept the resignation of Council Member Tina Iorfido-Miller if appointed as Mayor.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli (with regret of losing Mrs. Miller as Council Member) to accept the resignation of Council Member Tina Iorfido-Miller if appointed as Mayor; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

3. Consider Action to amend Agenda for swearing in Tina Iorfido-Miller as Mayor.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to amend Agenda for swearing in Tina Iorfido-Miller as Mayor; seconded by Ms. Gilliam. Magistrate Alex Korol provided the swearing in of Tina Iorfido-Miller to the position of Mayor of the Borough of Ambridge.

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

4. Consider/Discuss Action to advertise for the vacancy on Borough Council.

Motion by Ms. DeVincent to advertise for the vacancy on Borough Council applications to be received by Noon on June 2, 2023; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Vacant	
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor Iorfido-Miller			Motion Carried	6-0

5. Consider/Discuss Action to approve the Curb Cut Application for 1395 New Economy Drive expanding it to 40' from its current width of 24'. This is in compliance with the Ordinance for the Commercial District and recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to approve the Curb Cut Application for 1395 New Economy Drive expanding it to 40' from its current width of 24', in compliance with the Ordinance for the Commercial District and recommended by the Borough Engineer; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Vacant	
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor Iorfido-Miller			Motion Carried	6-0

V. Other Unfinished Business

1. Glenwood Avenue fire damaged properties – need to finalize legal documentation for transfer of properties. Solicitor Chesney stated that he and Mr. Leone are closer to a resolution.
2. Ordinances – Street Opening, Storm Water, IPMC- Ticket for Zoning/Code Violations. Solicitor Chesney stated that he and Chief Larrick discussed the IPMC and is in the process of reviewing the Ordinance provided to him. Solicitor Chesney stated that he provided the Street Opening Ordinance and Mr. Leone advised that it just needs to be advertised. Solicitor Chesney will draft the advertisement and have it ready. The advertisement needs to run for 10 days. Mr. Leone advised that for the Storm Water Ordinance, we need to get with James Brunner/NIRA on it for the MS4 regulations and requirements to be in compliance with DEP.
3. Ms. Tessaro brought up the suggestion to skip the June, July, and August Workshop Meetings to provide everyone with a break from two meetings per month. All Council Members agreed.
4. Mr. Gill asked Ms. Tessaro if she would be discussing the school crossing guard situation with the Mayor. Ms. Tessaro agreed that they would discuss this with the School District to provide resolution prior to the start of the next school year.
5. Mr. Cafarelli advised that the Road Paving Program is progressing well. Ms. Tessaro asked Mr. Leone if Melrose Avenue (from the alternate list) was being done; Mr. Leone stated that it would not be done due to funding.
6. Ms. Tessaro brought up the question she previously received from a resident on Ivy Street regarding chickens. Mr. Cafarelli commented that due to closeness of the properties and size of back yards, he is concerned about odors. Ms. Tessaro agreed with that comment and is concerned about chickens roaming freely and that although hens don't crow, they are still loud.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Ms. DeVincent; all in favor.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL: Regular Meeting: 6/13/2023 – 6:30PM
No Workshop Meeting in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Borough Administrative Office and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Lt. Chickos advised that there is a dedication ceremony for the monument outside the Police Department to honor Chief Mark Romutis at 11:00 a.m.