

February 7, 2022

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Miles Arnott with the following people in attendance: Bill Ashley, Carolyn Crouthamel, Spencer Kulhanjian, John Taylor and Emiline Weiss. Also present were Mayor Jerry Guretse, Manager Mark Fournier, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks and residents Kyle Keough, Wendy Leshinskie, Dale Nice, Lori Rappold and Daniel Wurst. Councilman Jeffrey Maxwell was absent.

The invocation was given by Mayor Jerry Guretse, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

An Ashley/Weiss motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Borough Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Mark Fournier reported that the Borough took in 107.9% of its revenues and spent 98.78% of its expenditures as of the end of December, 2021.

Mr. Fournier explained that the total revenues for 2021 include the funds that the Borough received from the American Rescue Plan Grant, and that the Borough also did well with income from property taxes.

He also reported that the Lutheran Home did not obtain building permits yet for their expansion project, so we did not receive the revenue that we anticipated in the Building Permits category of last year's budget.

Mr. Fournier also informed Council that the Borough did not do the Reliance Road Nova Chip project as planned, since Nova Chip costs went up due to the pandemic. It will be done either this year or next year. Currently, there are four other roads planned for Nova Chip in 2022.

A Crouthamel/Taylor motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for December, 2021.

MAYOR'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

POLICE REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Councilman John Taylor asked Police Chief Randall Floyd about the water leak in the basement at the Police Station that was referenced in his monthly report. Chief Floyd reported that Public Works Director Gary Yoder has a plan to resolve this issue.

Council President Miles Arnott asked Chief Floyd for an update on Motorola and the new in-car and body worn cameras. Chief Floyd informed Council that the Department has received all of the equipment and was told by Motorola that they would come to configure everything in April. Chief Floyd told them we need it done ASAP and reminded Motorola that the order arrived late because they lost it. Motorola is now scheduled to come out this month to do the work.

FIRE REPORT: We received a written monthly report and the annual report for the file.

Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Fire Chief Bob Sparks reported that the Fire Company responded to a fuel leak near Moyer & Son on Fourth Street, and thanked the Public Works Department and Borough Manager for their assistance that day. The Souderton Borough Public Works Department helped out as well.

LIBRARY REPORT: We did not receive a written monthly report for the file.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Mr. Yoder informed Council that on January 11th, Parks Foreman Brian Kopp was driving out near Centennial Ridge when he saw a toddler wandering alone close to the road. Mr. Kopp pulled over, contacted the police and brought the child into his truck until they arrived and the child was safely handed over to them. Council commended Mr. Kopp for going above and beyond his duties that day.

Councilman Bill Ashley complimented Collection Systems Foreman Warren Harris on receiving the Collection System Operator and Maintenance Award for 2021 from Eastern PA Water Pollution Control Association.

Councilwoman Carolyn Crouthamel complimented the Public Works Crew on how they operate during inclement weather.

Councilwoman Emiline Weiss asked Mr. Fournier when Main Street is scheduled to be paved. Mr. Fournier hopes that PennDOT will pave it by spring or early summer, and added that the Public Works Crew filled in some of the bigger potholes today. Ms. Weiss asked if we get any kind of reimbursement from PennDOT for those expenses, and Mr. Fournier informed her that we do not receive any reimbursement for this type of patching on a state road.

MANAGER'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Mr. Fournier reminded Council that the annual PSAB Conference will be held at Hershey Lodge from May 22nd – May 25th, and that if anyone would like to attend, they should contact the office as soon as possible so we can make reservations for them.

Mr. Fournier also informed Council that the Borough will be receiving an application for a liquor license transfer for 141 North Main Street. We will be receiving a written narrative from the new owner's attorney explaining the owner's intent for the property. The Borough will need to have a public hearing to consider this application in the coming months.

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: We did not receive a written monthly report for the file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Mr. Fournier informed Council that the Lutheran Home may be doing some blasting later this week or early next week as part of their construction project.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A-1 A Taylor/Kulhanjian motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the Council Committee Structure as follows:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDING & PLANT
Jeffrey Maxwell – Chair	Bill Ashley – Chair
John Taylor	Jeffrey Maxwell
Emiline Weiss	Emiline Weiss
PLANNING & ZONING	PUBLIC SAFETY
Carolyn Crouthamel - Chair	Miles Arnott – Chair
Jeffrey Maxwell	Bill Ashley
Emiline Weiss	Spencer Kulhanjian
ENVIRONMENTAL	DEVELOPMENT & CULTURE
Spencer Kulhanjian – Chair	John Taylor – Chair
Carolyn Crouthamel	Carolyn Crouthamel
John Taylor	Spencer Kulhanjian

A-2 Mr. Fournier updated Council on the vacancies that currently need to be filled on different Borough boards.

A-3 A Weiss/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of December, 2021 in the amount of \$ 464,755.83.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: There was nothing to report at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS & PLANT COMMITTEE:

PW-1 An Ashley/Taylor motion carried unanimously (6-0) awarding the sale of the 2006 Marathon Tar Buggy to Mark Shablin in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilman Bill Ashley complimented the Public Works Department on the new signage above the drive-thru at Borough Hall.

Mr. Ashley then updated Council on the January 25th Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting. He reported that Lower Salford Township recently passed an ordinance that regulates how utility companies broadcast 5G. Mr. Arnott asked Mr. Ashley if he could investigate that further for Telford Borough.

Mr. Ashley further reported that the Indian Valley Public Library continues to investigate and discuss a potential site in Harleysville for the Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

PS-1 An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the following minor amendment to the current Civil Service Commission regulations, specifically Page 13, Section 4.2 – C, to include the following:

- Subsection 1 would become Subsection 2.
- Subsection 1 would now include the following: An applicant for the position of Corporal shall have at least three (3) years of full-time service with Telford Borough Police or three (3) years of full-time service within any police department.

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

DC-1 Dan Wurst, President of Telford Happenings, thanked Council for their support and presented an annual report for 2021, including an overview of some of the larger expenses from the group's first year. Maura Shuttleworth has been hired as the new Events Coordinator and Councilman John Taylor was appointed as a new Telford Happenings board Member. The group hopes to recruit one of the vendors to serve on the board.

Mr. Wurst then thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for all of their help with the Telford Night Market. Mr. Wurst added that Telford Happenings has received a lot of positive feedback from residents who were glad to have something in town to do that's family-friendly, and people also commented that they enjoyed the theme nights. Mr. Wurst encouraged Council members to come to the market this year, adding that the market will run on Wednesday nights from June 1st through August 31st.

Mr. Taylor commented that there is one vendor in particular, Cousins Maine Lobster, who would like to come and set up for the whole day on the days of the Night Market. Mr. Fournier and Mr. Arnott asked Mr. Taylor to bring back more details to Council for consideration regarding this vendor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Telford Borough Council entered Executive Session at 8:34 pm to discuss a matter of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 9:19 pm. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by a Taylor/Crouthamel motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary