

May 2, 2022

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Miles Arnott with the following people in attendance: Bill Ashley, Carolyn Crouthamel, Spencer Kulhanjian, Jeffrey Maxwell, John Taylor and Emiline Weiss. Also present were Mayor Jerry Guretse, Manager Mark Fournier, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks, Solicitor Jim Jacquette, Engineer Patrick DiGangi and Mary Stover from CKS Engineers, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, residents John & Sandra Harrell, Wendy Leshinskie and Dale Nice and guests Kyle Keough, Cody Kratz, Eric Richter & Jack Richter.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Emiline Weiss, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MS4 POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN PRESENTATION: Mary Stover from CKS Engineers distributed a detailed handout and gave a presentation on Telford Borough's Pollution Reduction Plan, which is required by PA DEP as part of the Borough's MS4 NPDES permit. Ms. Stover reviewed the proposed Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the timeframe in which the Borough must accomplish them.

Manager Mark Fournier informed Council that the NPDES permit lasts 5 years, so the Borough will have to develop another set of BMPs as part of the renewal process for the permit.

Councilman Bill Ashley asked how the levels of sediment and phosphorus are determined, and Mr. Fournier and Engineer Patrick DiGangi explained how they are calculated per DEP guidelines.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A Crouthamel/Taylor motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Borough Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Fournier gave an overview of the Treasurer's Reports for the months of February, March and April, 2022.

Councilwoman Emiline Weiss asked for clarification on the \$720.00 expenditure to the PA Tuition Account Program from the February, 2022 disbursement list, and Mr. Fournier explained that this is the Borough's 529 Program, which is based on employee contributions for college tuition.

Ms. Weiss then asked for clarification on the \$503.11 expenditure to Arkansas Flag & Banner on the March, 2022 disbursement list, and Mr. Fournier explained that this is the company the Borough orders our American flags from.

A Weiss/Kulhanjian motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the Treasurer's Reports for the months of February, March and April, 2022.

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

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

Ms. Weiss inquired about the federal COPS grant referenced in the Police Department report, which provides 75% of a new full-time officer's salary and benefits for three years, and asked why it wasn't sought last year when it was also available. Chief Randall Floyd stated that he had spoken to former Council President John Taylor about it last year but did not hear anything further from him about pursuing it. Ms. Weiss stated that this needs to be looked into, and Chief Floyd stated that he would be more than happy to apply if Council wants him to. Chief Floyd informed Council that the COPS grant used to be 75% for the first year, 50% for the second and 25% for the third, and if awarded, it now provides 75% of a new officer's salary benefits for the first three years.

Council President Miles Arnott asked Chief Floyd how long he thinks it would take him to assemble a grant application, and Chief Floyd estimated about 30 hours, adding that it is due in June. Mr. Arnott asked the Chief if he feels he has the time to do the application, and Chief Floyd stated that he would make the time; he thinks he can make a good case for the Borough based on the criteria and can show that the Borough has a real need for the grant.

It was the consensus of Council that Chief Floyd should pursue the COPS grant.

Councilman Jeffrey Maxwell asked Chief Floyd if there are any part-time officers that he would like to bump up to full-time, and Chief Floyd stated that he has two, but cannot guarantee that either would receive the full-time position since any candidates would be required to go through the Civil Service process and pass the tests involved.

Mr. Arnott asked Chief Floyd about the date of the HOPE Festival referenced in his report, and Chief Floyd informed Council that it's planned for Saturday, September 17, 2022. Chief further explained that if PennDOT does not agree to close County Line Road/Main Street between Nyce Crete and the Telford Municipal Lot for the mental health awareness walk, they will use the sidewalk or find an alternate route.

An Ashley/Weiss motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the HOPE Festival mental health awareness walk on September 17, 2022.

Councilman John Taylor asked Chief Floyd if the Police Department could feature bicycle safety for one of the Telford Night Market nights, and Chief confirmed that they can do that.

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

Mr. Taylor asked Mayor Jerry Guretse if the Fire Company could bring a fire truck to Opening Night of the Telford Night Market, adding that they could also have a table one evening at the Market. Mr. Guretse confirmed that the Fire Company could bring a fire truck over on Opening Night.

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

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

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

Mr. Fournier informed Council that he included a memo in the packet that he reviewed with the Finance & Administrative Committee regarding the funds that the Borough received from the American Rescue Plan Grant.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: A verbal report was provided by Solicitor Jim Jacquette.

Solicitor Jim Jacquette reported that he is wrapping up the opinion for the liquor license transfer, and it will be going out this week.

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

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A-1 A Maxwell/Taylor motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of February, 2022 in the amount of \$289,746.26. A Maxwell/Weiss motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of March, 2022 in the amount of \$265,775.81. A Maxwell/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of April, 2022 in the amount of \$293,527.50.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Nothing at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Councilman Spencer Kulhanjian reported that a NMCRC meeting is planned for some time in June with J.P. Mascaro & Sons, and added that the Commission's emphasis right now is on recycling. Mr. Fournier informed Council that staff makes sure to put all current recycling information in the lobby and on the website, and an insert on recycling is also included with the one of the quarterly water/sewer bills.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS & PLANT COMMITTEE:

PW-1 An Ashley/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing the hiring of Cody Kratz as a new full-time Laborer, upon his passing the pre-employment DOT drug test. Councilman Kulhanjian abstained from voting.

Mr. Kratz already passed the PA State criminal background check, pre-employment physical and pre-employment DOT alcohol screening. Mr. Kratz's starting salary will be \$20.00 per hour.

Mr. Ashley informed Council that he had a tour of Well #1, #3 & #6, as well as the south tank and one of the lift stations. He added that Telford has a lot to be proud of.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

PS-1 An Arnott/Maxwell motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the following additional activities for the Telford Fire Company: May 13th – Fire Police assistance for traffic control requested at Franconia Mennonite Church's Chicken BBQ and June 1st – Telford Fire Company fire truck requested at Opening Night of Telford Night Market.

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Taylor complimented Daniel Wurst for all of his efforts in coordinating the Telford Happenings table at the Locally Grown Showcase over the weekend. Mr. Taylor then informed Council that there are currently 30-33 vendors signed up for Opening Night of the Telford Night Market, which is the highest number of vendors the Market has had in a long time; it may be up to 35 vendors by Opening Night. There is a vendor meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at Borough Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Telford Borough Council entered Executive Session at 8:25 pm to discuss a matter of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 8:58 pm. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm by a Crouthamel/Taylor motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary