

March 1, 2021

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Taylor with the following people in attendance: Miles Arnott, Bill Ashley, Carolyn Crouthamel, Mark Gehman and Jeffrey Maxwell. Also present were Mayor David Snook, Manager Mark Fournier, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor James Jacquette, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Fire Company President Jerry Guretse, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks, Steven Hunsberger – Executive Director of the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce and residents Dan Cole, Josh Meyer, Lori Rappold, Kyle Rodgers, Nicole Spiese and Emiline Weiss. Councilmen Robert Baker was absent.

The invocation was given by President John Taylor, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A Gehman/Arnott motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Borough Council meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Steven Hunsberger, Executive Director of the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief history and overview of the Chamber, which was founded in 1970 and currently has 325 members. The Chamber has graduated over 55 participants in their LEAD (Leadership, Exploration, Advancement, Development) Indian Valley program. In addition, the Chamber recently updated their mission statement and also published the first issue of *Indian Valley Today*, a publication that highlights what's happening in the communities of Telford, Souderton, Franconia and Lower Salford. Mr. Hunsberger thanked the Borough for their membership in the Chamber.

Vice-President Miles Arnott asked Mr. Hunsberger what the top 3 focuses of the Chamber are, and Mr. Hunsberger stated that education, advocating and connecting people are the Chamber's top 3 areas of focus.

Mayor David Snook complimented Mr. Hunsberger on the excellent first edition of *Indian Valley Today* and added that he has received a lot of compliments about it from residents.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Mark Fournier reported that the Borough has taken in 10.72% of its revenues and spent 11.26% of its expenditures as of the end of February, 2021.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for February, 2021.

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

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

Councilman Mark Gehman asked Chief Randall Floyd for more information on the automatic license plate reader referenced in his monthly report. Chief Floyd informed Council that the reader will be integrated into the computer in the newest patrol vehicle, and will automatically notify police officers if a car registration is expired, insurance is cancelled, if a car is stolen, or if a car was involved in a crime. Montgomery County Department of Public Safety has been getting the automatic license plate readers through grants, and Telford Borough has been on a waiting list for 2 years. Our Police Department should be receiving their reader in the next several weeks, at no cost. After the first year, there will be a warranty cost of \$1,800 per year to maintain the unit.

Mr. Arnott asked Chief Floyd if this reader will integrate into the software that the Police Department has, and Chief Floyd clarified that it is a completely different system.

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

Mr. Arnott complimented the Fire Company on their response time to the recent townhome fire in Franconia Township and asked Fire Company President Jerry Guretse to relay our gratitude to the Fire Company.

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

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

Council President John Taylor complimented the Public Works Department on the great job they recently did with snow removal.

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

Mr. Fournier reported that there are two projects currently out on Pennbid: the West Broad Street Water Main Replacement Project and the Well No. 3 Electrical Upgrades Project. He added that the Public Works Crew will be doing a waterline replacement project on Third Street in house.

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.

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouthamel

A-1 A Crouthamel/Maxwell motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of February, 2021 in the amount of \$230,801.90.

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: Mr. Ashley

Councilman Bill Ashley recognized the thank you note included in the Public Works report that the department received from a resident who works in healthcare and expressed his appreciation of the great job done on the roads in the recent snow events.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: There was nothing to report at this time.

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Baker

Mr. Taylor informed Council that he is working on the mission statement and the Board of Directors for the 501c3. Three people have agreed to serve on the Board so far, and there are 14 vendors who have expressed interest in coming back to the Night Market, if the 501c3 can be established in time. Mr. Taylor will send an e-mail to Council with 6 potential names to choose from for the new organization.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Jeffrey Maxwell stated that he has noticed the large volume of dump truck traffic that comes through the Borough on Main Street, and asked if there was any way to restrict it. Mr. Fournier informed Mr. Maxwell that since Main Street is a state-owned road, and it is the main thoroughfare to the nearby quarries, it could be next to impossible to implement any restrictions on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm by an Arnott/Crouthamel motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary