

October 4, 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, Robert Baker, Carolyn Crouthamel and Jeffrey Maxwell. Also present were Mayor David Snook, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor Jim Jacqueline, Engineer Patrick DiGangi, Fire Company President Jerry Guretse, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Officer Tori Adams, Officer Jeremy Kim, Officer Erica Robbins, friends and family of Erica Robbins, Attorney Jeff Landis, Ms. Rebecca Sadler, and residents Kristen Culvanese, Scott Hoover, Erik Kratz, Spencer Kulhanjian, Wendy Leshinskie, Dale Nice, Lori Rappold, Nicole Spiese and Emiline Weiss.

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

SWEARING-IN OF PART-TIME PATROL OFFICER: Mayor David Snook swore in Erica Robbins as a part-time patrol officer for Telford Borough.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was reported that Councilman Jeffrey Maxwell was in attendance at last month's meeting, but his attendance was not reflected in the minutes. An Arnott/Baker motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Borough Council meeting, amending them to reflect that Mr. Maxwell was in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Taylor reported that the Borough has taken in 91.23% of its revenues and spent 61.15% of its expenditures as of the end of September, 2021.

A Crouthamel/Ashley motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for September, 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 Jeffrey Maxwell asked if the Police Department has any concerns with the entrances onto County Line Road for the development behind Jesse's Barbecue. Chief Floyd stated that he does not have any concerns about this development.

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

Fire Company President Jerry Guretse thanked John Taylor and Miles Arnott for their help with the recent Fill the Boot fundraiser. Mr. Guretse then informed Council that the firehouse is currently being updated; the sidewalk was replaced, outside cameras are being installed and the 40-year-old bow window is being replaced.

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

Councilman Bill Ashley complimented the Library on their very thoughtful 9/11 displays.

Council Vice-President Miles Arnott stated that he would like to ask Council about speaking to the Library Board of Directors to address his recent concerns; he would like to open dialogue with them. Mr. Maxwell asked Mr. Arnott if he would like company when he goes to speak with the Board, and Mr. Arnott confirmed that he would.

Ms. Leshinskie stated that the Library Board of Directors meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 am and are held both in person and on Zoom. Mr. Arnott thanked Ms. Leshinskie for being a great representative for the Library. Ms. Leshinskie asked Mr. Arnott if he would like her to have the Board put him on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Arnott stated that he will have to check his work schedule and will let Ms. Leshinskie know which meeting he can attend.

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

Councilman Robert Baker asked Public Works Director Gary Yoder if the construction is done on West Broad Street, and Mr. Yoder confirmed that it is. Mr. Taylor asked if the punchlist at Borough Hall is still ongoing, and Mr. Yoder confirmed that it is.

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

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.

Solicitor Jim Jacquette reported that the Agreements for the Lutheran Home have been finalized for the Borough, and the Agreements for the Authority should be finalized this month.

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Jacquette about the non-profit status for Telford Happenings. Mr. Jacquette stated that the requirements for the State have been completed, and he is waiting on a response from the IRS.

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Eric Kratz from 214 Crestview Avenue stood and introduced himself, and asked if there is a groundbreaking date for the Lutheran Home project. Engineer Patrick DiGangi reported that the Lutheran Home has received conditional final approval and seems to be eager to get going, but the Borough has not received a firm start date from them yet.

Mr. Kratz then asked if there has been any news on the smoke and vape shop on Main Street, and Chief Floyd stated that the Police Department has not had any contact with them yet. Mr. Kratz stated that he is glad to hear that, because he is not happy that the shop is here.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouthamel

A-1 A Crouthamel/Baker motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of September, 2021 in the amount of \$301,044.49.

A-2 A Crouthamel/Baker motion carried unanimously (6-0) accepting the resignation of Councilman Mark Gehman with regret and best wishes. Mr. Arnott commented that Mr. Gehman was an outstanding Council member and he is sorry to see him go.

A-3 A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously (6-0) appointing Spencer Kulhanjian to fill the remainder of Mr. Gehman's term, which will expire at the end of 2023. Everyone welcomed Mr. Kulhanjian to Council and he took a seat at the table.

A-4 Ms. Crouthamel read the following Resolution into the minutes that recognizes Timothy Hagey and was approved by Telford Borough Authority at their September meeting:

WHEREAS, Timothy D. Hagey has faithfully and conscientiously served Telford Borough and Telford Borough Authority both as a Borough Councilman and a Telford Borough Authority member for over 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Timothy, Acting as Chairman of Telford Borough Authority for 23 years is recognized for his longevity, loyal service and leadership during his 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Timothy's leadership allowed the Telford Borough/Authority municipal garage to be brought back to Telford Borough with the construction of a new facility on Washington Avenue. Further, through his leadership, the Public Works employees replaced and rehabilitated countless miles of water and sewer lines, renovated wells, sewer pumping stations and the Telford Wastewater Treatment Plant. Timothy was also instrumental in initiating the expansion of the Penridge Wastewater Treatment Plant to the benefit of Telford Borough Authority as well as constructing a new elevated water storage tank near Route 113 and Route 309; and

WHEREAS, the governing body, by this recognition, wishes to express great appreciation to Timothy D. Hagey for his loyalty, dedication and meritorious service to Telford Borough and Telford Borough Authority and the community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Telford Borough have been most fortunate to have had a person of his profound knowledge and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Telford Borough and Telford Borough Authority extend personal congratulations and best wishes to Timothy D. Hagey for continued success in his future endeavors.

Resolved this 16th day of September, 2021.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Maxwell

PZ-1 Mr. DiGangi gave an overview of the proposed lot line subdivision at 25 North Main Street and 27 North Main Street. Mr. DiGangi added that the Telford Borough Planning Commission met on September 15th to review this proposed project and recommends that Council approve the plan. He then introduced Jeff Landis, who is the attorney for Rebecca Sadler, the owner of 25 North Main Street.

Mr. Landis spoke briefly about the project and added that Jesse Hill, Telford Borough's Building & Zoning Officer, does not feel that a zoning variance is necessary with this plan.

Mr. Arnott asked if all parties involved are happy with this proposed plan, and Ms. Sadler, along with Kristen Culvanese & Scott Hoover (the owners of 27 North Main Street), stated that they are.

Mr. Baker asked, as a result of this project, if there is anything that the Borough has to look out for in the future. Mr. DiGangi stated that this will assist in making things more compliant.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the Proposed New Lot Line Plan dated May 18, 2021 and last revised September 23, 2021 for 25 North Main Street and 27 North Main Street.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS & PLANT COMMITTEE: Mr. Ashley

Councilman Bill Ashley reported that he attended the September Telford Borough Authority meeting and he and Mayor Snook attended the September Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr. Arnott

PS-1 An Arnott/Ashley motion carried unanimously (7-0) adopting Resolution 21-04, which updates the Bucks County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PS-2 An Arnott/Maxwell motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the following additional activities for the Telford Volunteer Fire Company: Pre-planning drill with Sellersville Fire Company at the Mennonite Community at Rockhill on September 25th, Fire Police assistance and a fire truck for display at the West Rockhill Fall Fest at James Memorial Park on September 26th, Fire Police and Fire Company assistance at Franconia Park for Movie Night on October 1st and 2nd, one truck to attend Fire Prevention Open House at Harleysville Fire Company on October 2nd, take a truck to Wigman/Children's Cottage for kids to view one day during the week of October 3rd, assist local Boy Scouts at Badge Day at the VFW Pavilion on November 20th.

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Baker

DC-1 Mr. Baker reminded everyone that Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th.

There are currently 15 vendors who will be setting up there, most of whom are from the Night Market, and there will be food trucks as well. The North Penn Good Will truck will also be there having a hot dog fundraiser. Mr. Baker stated that volunteers are still needed for different shifts at the event.

Mr. Guretse was asked if the Fire Company could have a fire truck at the event. A Baker/Arnott motion carried unanimously (7-0) amending the approved list of Fire Company activities to include Oktoberfest on October 16th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Arnott thanked Emiline Weiss for her recent Vacancy Board assistance with the appointment of Spencer Kulhanjian to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Telford Borough Council entered into Executive Session at 8:06 pm to discuss a matter of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 9:00 pm.

An Ashley/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) to maintain existing protocol regarding time off due to Covid-19, that sick leave or vacation/personal time must be utilized by all non-uniformed personnel. This position has been consistent throughout Telford Borough since the advent of the pandemic. Alana Stanziano's sick days for the Covid testing period should stay as indicated on her timesheet for the week ending September 15, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by an Arnett/Ashley motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan E. McShane

Administrative Secretary