

November 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 and Spencer Kulhanjian. Also present were Mayor David Snook, Manager Mark Fournier, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor Jim Jacqueline, Fire Company President Jerry Guretse, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Greg Ede from Styer Associates and residents Dale Nice, Lori Rappold, Nicole Spiese and Emiline Weiss. Councilmen Robert Baker and Jeffrey Maxwell were absent.

The invocation was given by Council Vice-President Miles Arnott, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (5-0) approving the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Borough Council meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Manager Mark Fournier reported that the Borough has taken in 92.65% of its revenues and spent 68.15% of its expenditures as of the end of October, 2021.

Mr. Fournier informed Council that building permit revenue is lower than expected for 2021 since the Lutheran Home project hasn't started yet, and the Borough is over budget in the Nova Chip category for Emlen Way & Ryan Court, since the cost of materials has increased.

Mr. Arnott asked if the Borough took more money out of liquid fuels funds to cover the extra costs for the Nova Chip, and Mr. Fournier confirmed that we did.

A Crouthamel/Ashley motion carried unanimously (5-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for October, 2021.

Mr. Taylor paused the meeting to allow Chief Brian Newhall, the new Police Chief for Souderton Borough, the opportunity to speak. Chief Newhall introduced himself, adding that he is very happy to be here, and that he's had very positive interactions with both the Souderton and Telford Police Departments thus far.

**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.

Mr. Arnott asked Chief Floyd about the delay in receiving the in-car and body worn camera system, due to Motorola losing the order. Chief Floyd confirmed that since Motorola acquired Watch Guard they have actually lost a lot of orders and he hopes our order will be delivered and ready for service by the end of this year.

Mr. Arnott also asked Chief Floyd about the child predator who was arrested at the Indian Valley Public Library, and where the person is now. Chief Floyd stated that the man is currently in jail.

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

Fire Company President Jerry Guretse reported that the Fire Company's ISO review was conducted last Wednesday evening. Mr. Guretse also informed Council that they recently finished a class on electric vehicles, adding that it takes 4,000-8,000 gallons of water to put out an electric vehicle fire.

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

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

Mr. Taylor reported that the Telford Happenings Board is very happy with how Oktoberfest went, and thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with the event.

Mr. Arnott asked Mr. Yoder if the leaf collection schedule ever gets adjusted to collect on days other than what's scheduled. Mr. Yoder confirmed that they do adjust the schedule accordingly.

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

Mr. Arnott commented that he has noticed the clock and temperature working on the Borough Hall sign, and asked if the sign lights up at all. Mr. Yoder stated that Univest took different internal parts out over the years when they owned the building, due to the sign malfunctioning.

**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 Greg Ede from Styer Associates presented the Audit for the year ending December 31, 2020. There was a clean opinion of the Audit, and there were no findings.

An Arnott/Kulhanjian motion carried unanimously (5-0) accepting the 2020 Audit.

A-2 Mark Fournier presented the proposed 2022 Budget, which includes an increase of .25 mills, which would be a 4% tax increase.

Mr. Fournier gave an overview of some of the expenditures included in this year's budget, which include new computers for the office staff, the hardening of the Police Department lobby, a speed radar sign and new vehicle lease for the Police Department, some Nova Chip projects on Borough roads, and, if the old Borough Hall building sells, a new phone system will be purchased for the Police Department and a storage shed will be purchased for the Municipal parking lot for the Night Market.

Mr. Arnott stated that, moving forward, he would like to suggest that a budget be submitted from Telford Happenings; he would like to see what the Borough's contribution of \$15,000 is being spent on. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Arnott if he would like a Telford Happenings budget to be submitted to the Finance & Administration Committee, and Mr. Arnott confirmed that he would.

Councilman Bill Ashley asked if the public is able to view the budget. Mr. Fournier confirmed that the public can view the budget at Borough Hall and at the Library once the Tax Levy Ordinance is adopted, and it will also be posted on the website.

A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously (5-0) adopting the 2022 Budget.

A-3 A Crouthamel/Ashley motion carried unanimously (5-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of October, 2021 in the amount of \$596,383.02.

A-4 A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously (5-0) accepting the resignation of Spencer Kulhanjian from the Zoning Hearing Board.

A-5 A Crouthamel/Ashley motion carried unanimously (5-0) appointing Spencer Kulhanjian as the new Telford Borough representative to the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission.

**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:** There was nothing to report at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Arnott

PS-1 An Arnott/Kulhanjian motion carried unanimously (5-0) approving the following additional activities for the Telford Volunteer Fire Company: a drive by at the Lutheran Community at Telford on November 14<sup>th</sup> to honor military members currently residing there; assistance with the Lansdale Mardi Gras parade on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Baker

DC-1 Mr. Taylor reminded Council of the upcoming Mayor's Dinner on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

DC-2 Mr. Taylor also informed Council that the Telford Tree Lighting has been scheduled for Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ashley informed Council that the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission contract is due for renewal. It is a three-year contract and has been an annual expenditure of \$3,000 per year in Telford Borough's budget.

An Ashley/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (5-0) approving Telford Borough's renewal of the IVRPC contract for 2022-2024.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Telford Borough Council entered into Executive Session at 8:28 pm to discuss a matter of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 9:25 pm. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm by an Arnott/Crouthamel motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary