

February 3, 2020

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:31 p.m. President John Taylor with the following members in attendance: Miles Arnott, William Ashley, Carolyn Crouthamel, Mark Gehman and James Schaeffer. Also present were Manager Mark Fournier, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Solicitor James Jacquette, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Telford Fire Company President Jerry Guretse, Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Sparks, Rick Garrison & Andy Souchet from Souderton Area Baseball and Softball League, residents Christine Benson, Frank Federsel, Wendy Leshinskie, Edna Rush, Nicole Spiese, and a reporter. Councilman Robert Baker and Mayor David Snook were absent.

The invocation was given by Carolyn Crouthamel, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Miles Arnott announced that he received the endorsement from the Montgomery County Republican Committee to run for Representative of the 53rd District. He was congratulated by those present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Borough Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Mark Fournier reported that, for the year 2019, the Borough took in 101.17% of its revenues and spent 96.39% of its expenditures. He added that we were a bit low in the Building Permits category because the Lutheran Home renovation project did not start yet.

Mr. Fournier also reported that the Borough has taken in 3.17% of its revenues and spent 9.10% of its expenditures for the month of January, 2020.

A Crouthamel/Gehman motion carried unanimously (6-0) approving the Treasurer's Reports for December, 2019 and January, 2020.

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

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

The Police Department has received several complaints regarding vehicles parking too close to the corner on Summit Avenue at South Main Street. In his monthly report that was included in the Council packet, Chief Floyd requested that a No Parking Here to Corner zone be set up at that location, which would designate that parking begin on Summit Avenue 40' back from the curblin intersection with South Main Street. To implement this particular No Parking Here to Corner zone, an ordinance amendment would be required, and Chief Floyd is requesting that Council move forward with this action.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance that will establish the No Parking Here to Corner zone on Summit Avenue at South Main Street.

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

Fire Company President Jerry Guretse reported that the Fire Company is finalizing their year-end report. He added that there were 312 fire calls in 2019, 3,450 hours of training and an average of 12 volunteers on each call.

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.

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 is currently reviewing documentation in order to prepare an amendment to the Police Contract to implement switching to 12-hour shifts for the Police Department scheduling.

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Christine Benson from Grundy Manor stood and re-introduced herself to Council, stating that she has been at other Council meetings to discuss parking issues at Grundy Manor. Ms. Benson informed Council that they are still having problems with parking on Washington Street, and added that if everyone would park as they're supposed to, there would be more space to park. Ms. Benson's previous request was that angled parking spaces be added to either side of Washington Street, but she is now asking if more regular-lined parking spaces can be added on Washington Street.

Edna Rush from Grundy Manor informed Council that she does a good job of parking, and asked if there was any way to get more parking. Manager Mark Fournier responded that no, there is not, but added that he can talk to Chief Floyd to see if adding lined parking spaces would help with the parking situation. He advised Ms. Benson that official dimensions for the spaces she is requesting are 10' by 20', and Councilman Miles Arnott cautioned Ms. Benson that adding regular-lined parking spaces might make fewer spaces available. Ms. Benson asked if they could do a dry run with the spaces for 6 months, and Mr. Fournier informed Ms. Benson that he will have to talk to the Chief about her request. Ms. Rush told Council that she sometimes parks on East Broad Street, and asked if that's okay, and Mr. Fournier confirmed that it is fine. Ms. Benson thanked everyone for hearing them out.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouthamel

A-1 A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing the payment of bills for the month of December, 2019 in the amount of \$321,827.38 and for the month of January, 2020 in the amount of \$442,370.31.

A-2 Ms. Crouthamel reported that the brochure for the 2020 PSAB Conference was in the Council packet for consideration. If anyone is interested in attending or would like more information, they can contact Megan in the office.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Schaeffer

PZ-1 A Schaeffer/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (6-0) adopting Ordinance #420.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Gehman

Councilman Mark Gehman presented the Borough with a check from the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission in the amount of \$13,592.04.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS & PLANT COMMITTEE: Mr. Ashley

PW-1 An Ashley/Arnott motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing payment of Change Order No. 1 to Bracy Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,502.25 for the Borough Hall Renovation Project.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: There was nothing at this time.

DEVELOPMENT & CULTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Taylor

DC-1 A Crouthamel/Gehman motion carried unanimously (6-0) authorizing the Souderton Area Baseball and Softball League (SABL) to hold an opening day parade on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The proposed ½ mile parade route begins at the intersection of Crest Avenue and North 4th Street and ends at the VFW Post 5308 baseball field at the intersection of West Broad and North 4th Streets. Rick Garrison and Andy Souchet from SABL thanked Council for approving this event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Telford Borough Council entered into Executive Session at 8:26 pm to discuss matters of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 9:09 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by an Arnott/Crouthamel motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary