

May 18, 2020

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President John Taylor with the following people in attendance: Miles Arnott, William Ashley, Mark Gehman, Manager Mark Fournier, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Police Chief Randall Floyd and Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks. The following people participated via telephone: Robert Baker, Carolyn Crouthamel, James Schaeffer, Mayor David Snook and Solicitor James Jacquette.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A Baker/Gehman motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Borough Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Mark Fournier reported that the Borough has taken in 58.55% of its revenues and spent 35.06% of its expenditures as of the end of April, 2020. Mr. Fournier gave an overview of where the Borough stands right now with real estate taxes, and added that the Borough is actually up from where we were at this time last year with our General Fund balance. Mr. Fournier also reported that a consulting firm called ESI has been hired by the Bucks County Consortium to provide a short and medium term analysis for the Consortium members to use when they are doing financial projections later this year and for the coming year.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for April, 2020.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: No audience members were present at the meeting, and no public comments or questions were submitted via e-mail prior to the meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouthamel

A-1 A Crouthamel/Baker motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing the payment of bills for the month of April, 2020 in the amount of \$ 329,794.33.

A-2 A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously (7-0) changing the date of the June Council meeting from June 1, 2020 to June 15, 2020.

A-3 Mr. Fournier reported that we opened the doors at Borough Hall to the public today, and maybe had about a half dozen customers come in. Given the Governor's current orders, it is recommended that the Community Building, athletic fields and courts remain closed until at least June 4th. After some discussion among the Council members, Councilman Miles Arnott requested that the staff put on the June 15th meeting agenda to revisit the discussion about re-opening the Borough's recreation facilities. Councilman Robert Baker added he would like to have our park facilities open as soon as possible. Mr. Fournier stated the park facilities and playgrounds will remain closed until June 15th at this point.

A-4 A Crouthamel/Arnott motion carried unanimously adopting Ordinance #422, which incorporates changes required into the PMRS non-uniform pension plan to comply with IRS regulations.

DEVELOPMENT & CULTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Baker

DC-1 Councilman Robert Baker reported that Souderton Telford Main Streets is targeting July 1st to open the Telford Night Market. Vendors will be positioned around the perimeter of the parking lot, 10' apart, and will be required to wear masks & gloves. The market will be open for take-out only; only one family will be allowed at a time at each booth. The bier garden will not be open, no samples will be given out at any of the booths, and purchased items will be given out in closed containers only. Farmers at the farm stands will handle the produce for customers. Any food trucks will park on Penn Avenue. Volunteers will walk around to remind everyone to maintain a safe distance from each other. A handicap accessible port-a-potty will be set up in the parking lot and will be located there for the duration of the Market; it will be professionally cleaned every week. The bathrooms at Borough Hall will not be open to the public during the Market.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Manager Mark Fournier addressed the request in Chief Floyd's written report for authorization to hire a 5th part-time patrol officer, given that Officer Shaeffer is being deployed in June and could potentially be gone for up to 14 months. An Arnott/Gehman motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing Chief Floyd to begin the process of hiring a 5th part-time patrol officer.

Councilman Miles Arnott reported that the Public Safety Committee met on May 15th, and he applauded Chief Floyd, the Emergency Management team and Mark Fournier for their efforts during the pandemic.

Council President John Taylor reminded everyone to get out and vote on June 2nd.

Police Chief Randy Floyd reported that Officer Jeremy Kim will be returning to work on Friday, May 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm by an Arnott/Crouthamel motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary