

MINUTES
Bloomfield Borough Council
November 1, 2011

Bloomfield Borough Council met this evening in regular session in the Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers with the following Council members present: President Pierce L. Clouser, Jr., Vice President John M. Long, Leroy J. Weller, Karl L. Cless, Edwin G. Robinson, John J. Patterson, V. and Jayne M. Eckert.

Also present: Mayor Arlis Krammes, Borough Secretary Nancy Pote, Assistant Borough Secretary Alycia Pote, Borough Enforcement Officer Frank Freeland, Planning Commission Chairman Steve Dowell, Dale Beaston, Peggy Robb, Herb Robb, Richard Miller, Justin Kretzing, Patti McCarty, *Kayla Yaunker and Jeremy Hannah (Civics)*.

President Clouser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING OPENING

Recording of the Meeting – President Clouser advised the attendees that the meeting was being recorded by the Council for the accuracy of the minutes and stated that side conversations should be conducted in the hallway so as to not disrupt the meeting or its recording and reminded everyone that talking when someone else is speaking also disrupts the meeting and affects the recording. President Clouser further requested that those individuals in the audience desiring to speak identify themselves prior to speaking.

Approval of Minutes – Councilman Robinson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weller, to approve the minutes of the October 13 and 18, 2011 meetings as reviewed. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report – Councilman Patterson made a motion, seconded by Vice President Long, to approve the financial report for October 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Clouser announced that anyone not on the agenda can have three minutes for their presentation and after the three minutes of presentation, if Council has any questions, they will be addressed at that time. President Clouser asked if anyone desired to discuss any matter at this time.

Skateboarding Facility – Dale Beaston stated that a private citizen, Dan Paul, made a significant improvement to the garage located at 225 Rear West Main Street. Beaston further stated the skateboard arena will also benefit the Borough. Beaston stated that he could also visualize something constructed on the land beside the facility. Beaston proceeded by requesting that Council consider making this a tax exempt parcel. President Clouser stated this matter would be taken under advisement.

New Bloomfield Fire Company – Justin Kretzing stated that he is here as a follow-up to their September presentation to Council on the mill rate for the fire protection tax for the next four years for the New Bloomfield Fire Company. Kretzing stated the New Bloomfield Fire Company is trying to plan for the future and questioned if there are any concerns. President Clouser stated that the mill rate requested for 2012 or .32 mills is in the 2012 proposed budget and the rates requested for 2013, 2014 and 2015 will be addressed one year at a time at our annual budget meetings.

Dialysis/Snow Plowing – Herb Robb expressed his thanks for the efforts of Council and especially Councilman Karl Cless for getting the Dialysis facility constructed within the Borough and he feels this is a big asset for the Borough. Robb further stated that he is pleased that arrangements have been made for Orrstown Bank to snowplow Spring Lake Development.

ENFORCEMENT

Solicitor's Report

Spring Lake Development, Inc. Court Order/Orrstown Bank – President Clouser stated that we got hit with snow on Saturday and he spoke with Orrstown Bank who has now hired a private individual to do the snow removal in Spring Lake Development. President Clouser further stated that his letter of September 7, 2011 has not been addressed and the only two matters taken care of as of this date is the snowplowing and paying the electric for the sewer pumping station.

Parking Enforcement Officer – President Clouser questioned who is going to do the parking enforcement in the square. President Clouser requested if we want to use people we already have or advertise for the position. Vice President Long knows of a possible interested individual or if anyone knows of someone, they can provide Secretary Pote with the name. President Clouser stated this matter will come before Council in December.

Borough Enforcement Officer's (BEO) Report

Monthly Report - BEO Freeland reported in October he had 6 skateboard complaints, 10 incidents, 3 car matters, 1 code violation and 6 telephone calls.

Criminal Mischief Reward – President Clouser stated that the Council needs to determine a dollar amount for a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individual(s) that are destroying Borough property. Upon further discussion, President Clouser requested Council to think about it and be prepared to discuss this matter in more detail at our December meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

2012 Council Meeting Dates – President Clouser stated that the reorganization meeting will be in Council Chambers at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012 and the 2012 regular monthly meetings of Council will be held in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month except the January meeting will be held the first Monday of the month.

2012 Proposed Budget – Councilman Weller stated that there will be no tax or sewer increase for the year 2012. Vice President Long requested that an additional \$5,000 transfer from the general fund to the Borough Building fund is needed for any unforeseen expenses that were not budgeted for 2012. Vice President Long made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Eckert, to include in the 2012 budget the \$5,000 general fund transfer to the Borough Building as presented. Motion carried. Councilwoman Eckert made a motion, seconded Councilman Patterson, to advertise the 2012 budget for public inspection and related ordinances and resolutions for adoption at our December meeting. Motion carried.

Storm Damage – President Clouser stated that with the recent snow, a lamppost on North Carlisle Street was broken as a result of a tree splitting down the middle and questioned if we were going to replace it. Councilman Patterson stated that the post was broken and a replacement is at the Borough garage.

Public Hearing – President Clouser stated that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an amendment to the zoning map by changing from R-1 to C-1 the western portion of a parcel located at 218 South Carlisle Street.

Mayor's Report

Lampposts Globes Replacement – Mayor Krammes reported that she had many fine compliments on the globes that were replaced on the lampposts in the square.

Administrative Committee Report

Dialysis Facility – Councilman Cless reported that the Dialysis facility is progressing as quickly as possible. Councilman Cless noted that the bank will close for one day so PPL can run new conduit. Council Cless stated that on November 9, 2011, he will be meeting with the developer to discuss the Hench sub-division and take care of remaining things that needs to be done.

Building Exterior South Side Paving – Councilman Cless reported that the paving along the South side of the building has been completed by Kitner Brother and the bill in the amount of \$2,858 has been paid.

PPL Energy Upgrade – Councilman Cless reported that he just received the energy upgrade information tonight and will be report on this matter next month.

Grants

Library – Councilman Cless stated that funding to do building upgrades is available and he feels the handicap ramp would be a good venture. Councilman Cless expects to file the paperwork early next year.

FEMA/PEMA – Councilman Cless stated that a 2010 survey was received, completed and filed in the Borough office.

Perry County Boroughs Association/Perry County COG – President Clouser stated that a joint meeting will be held here on November 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Capital Tax Collection Bureau– Councilman Cless stated that as a result of Act 32, Dauphin and Cumberland Counties have chosen West Shore and/or Berkeimer as their collection bureau beginning in 2012. Councilman Cless further stated with the addition of Somerset, Fulton, Bedford, Northumberland, Juniata and Franklin Counties, CapTax is going to be considerable in size and they have the technology and hardware to take care of it. Councilman Cless also stated that CapTax is looking to lease a new facility closer to Perry County. Councilman Cless stated that with the resignation of Josh Vecchio, CapTax is looking for a new executive director and Jim Buffington is serving in the interim.

Perry County Tax Collection Committee - Councilman Cless stated that the Perry County Tax Collection Committee met and reaffirmed officers at their annual meeting.

AESTHETICS

Aesthetics Committee Report

Tree Lighting – Councilwoman Eckert stated that the Aesthetics Committee will meet this coming week to determine a date and time for the tree lighting to be held before Thanksgiving.

Shade Tree Commission Report

14-16 West Main Street – Mayor Krammes stated that she and Leroy met and chose a location to plant the new tree. Councilman Weller stated that a concern with a safety hazard (sight distance) was addressed; therefore, the best location to plant a tree was between the lamppost (east side) and the fire hydrant. Councilwoman Eckert stated a tree does need planted at that location. Councilman Weller stated that he feels a tree is needed as long as it does not obstruct the view of oncoming traffic when exiting Cherry Alley. Councilwoman Eckert stated that the Shade Tree Commission has a book that provides detailed information on trees (roots, size, etc.). President Clouser questioned if any verbal communications has been conducted with the Jacobelli's. Councilwoman Eckert stated she thought that all communications was through Solicitor Wagner. Upon further discussion, it was determined it would be best to meet in person to express the desire of Council to include cementing the two areas where the trees were removed. Mayor Krammes agreed to meet with the Jacobelli's.

30 East Main Street – Mayor Krammes stated that the trees at 30 East Main Street are bringing up the sidewalk and need replaced. Councilman Weller stated it is acceptable to replace the sidewalk in concrete and some brick inlaid would be fine. Councilman Weller further stated she is aware she must obtain a sidewalk permit.

FINANCE, INSURANCE AND SAFETY

Finance, Insurance and Safety Committee Report

Building Inspection – Councilman Cless stated that he did a Borough Building inspection and found combustible materials against the electric heat and as a result, sent a memorandum to all tenants to remove said items. Councilman Patterson asked Justin Kretzing if the New Bloomfield Fire Company would be willing to go out to do inspections. Kretzing replied that they are willing to work with the community.

RIGHTS OF WAY & UTILITIES

Rights of Way & Utilities Committee Report

Patching Projects – Councilman Robinson reported that Apple Street was patched; however, the North Carlisle Street patching projects might not be done until next year.

Church Street Sewer Line – Councilman Patterson stated that next week the committee will meet with Joe Burget to discuss the Church Street sewer line.

Sidewalk – 13 East McClure Street – Councilman Weller stated that the sidewalk at 13 East McClure Street has been installed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Councilman Weller, seconded by Councilman Robinson, meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. to meet on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy A. Pote, Secretary

