

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President William Ashley called the Telford Borough Council meeting of June 12, 2023 to order at 7:32 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Council President William Ashley, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were President William Ashley, Vice President Emiline Weiss, and council members John Taylor, Carolyn Crouthamel, Spencer Kulhanjian, and Robert Jacobus. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Guretse, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Borough Solicitor Andrew Knox and Recording Secretary Tracey Inman.

Prior to citizens' comments, Council President Ashley inquired if anyone is attendance would be audio or video recording tonight's meeting, or live streaming. Telford resident John Waldenberger of 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street advised that he would be live streaming the event on Facebook.

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no citizens' comments regarding agenda items, however John Waldenberger, resident of 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street made a statement regarding potential Sunshine Law violations Pertaining to the Public Meeting and Attendance Policy and the recording of meetings.

**V. SPECIAL ITEM**

Council Member John Taylor introduced Borough Council and meeting attendees to Jessica Cimini, the manager of Souderton Connects.

## **VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council Vice President Emiline Weiss made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

## **VII. TREASURERS REPORT**

The finance report was entered into the record. Some attendees at the meeting had questions regarding the report and bills but did not approach the podium.

## **VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A report was submitted for the record. Mayor Guretske also advised that he recently attended a conference in Hershey, and that he has met with residents regarding their concerns.

## **IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Floyd submitted a written report for the record and answered questions from Council and those in attendance. Additionally, Chief Floyd discussed a new "Blue Envelope" program for drivers to organize their important documents if pulled over at a traffic stop. Chief Floyd answered questions from the audience about the program.

## **X. FIRE REPORT**

Robert Sparks from the Telford Fire Company advised that a written report was submitted for the record. Mayor Guretske added commentary pertaining to fire calls and the amount of time members put in serving and attending classes. Council Member Taylor inquired about the status of the new fire siren.

## **XI. EMS REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record. It was also noted that there were fifty-seven EMS incidents during the month of May. Of the reports, forty-two incidents required an ALS unit and fifteen required a BLS unit.

## **XII. LIBRARY REPORT**

Wendy Leshinskie submitted the library report for the record. Additionally, Ms. Leshinskie answered questions regarding the report.

## **XIII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Public Works Department- Gary Yoder**

Mr. Detweiler presented the Public Works report. Mr. Detweiler also discussed park maintenance and thanked Public Works for helping at the Telford Night Market.

### **B. Manager's Report- Manager Kyle Detweiler**

Mr. Detweiler submitted a written report. Mr. Detweiler answered questions regarding the report and discussed the new website by Civic Plus.

## **XIV. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS**

### **A. Solicitor's Report- James Jacquette, Timoney Knox LLP**

There was no report.

### **B. Engineer's Report- CKS Engineers**

A report was submitted for the record. Additionally, Borough Council discussed a minor subdivision at 325 W. Reliance Road by JEM Home Solutions, LLC. Council Member Taylor made a motion to consider approval of a plan for a minor subdivision (second review). Council member Kulhanjian seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Detweiler also announced that there was a recent pre-construction meeting regarding the police station lobby improvements.

## **XV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Finance and Administrative Committee- Emiline Weiss**

1. Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to approve bills from May 2023 in the amount of \$223,308.17. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

2. Although not formally listed on the meeting agenda, the hiring of an administrative position for the police department was discussed by Council. Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to hire Brittany Beres. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

#### **B. Planning and Zoning Committee- Carolyn Crouthamel**

Council Member Crouthamel introduced the following items:

1. Indian Valley Existing Land Use- May 2023
2. Indian Valley Regional Planning Commissions May 23rd meeting
3. IVRPC Demographics Memo 2023
4. May 23, 2023- IVRPC Agenda

Council President Ashley expanded on each item and answered questions from Council and members of the audience.

#### **C. Environmental Committee- Spencer Kulhanjian**

Council Member Kulhanjian advised that the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission will meet on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Kulhanjian advised that the NMCRC is looking to improve relationships with trash haulers, both commercial and residential.

#### **D. Public Works/Buildings & Plant Committee- Robert Jacobus**

Council Member Jacobus stated that he will be discussing streetlights with Public Works Director Gary Yoder in the near future.

#### **E. Public Safety Committee- William Ashley**

Council President Ashley advised that a Public Safety Committee Meeting was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and that parking and public safety concerns were discussed.

#### **F. Development & Culture Committee- John Taylor**

Council Member Taylor discussed the recent Night Market's that were held and advised that while the first one held on May 31<sup>st</sup> was very well attended, the attendance at the second one on June 7<sup>th</sup> was affected by smoke from the Canadian wildfires. Council Member Taylor stated that some vendors pulled out due to the smokey conditions.

### **XVI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Council President Ashley announced that there was an Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Ashley presented a slide show to Council and the audience addressing parking on Spring House Lane. He advised that he will come up with a plan for a revised ordinance at the next Public Safety Meeting.

After discussion, there was a consensus among Council to propose a potential change to the ordinance regarding parking on Spring House Lane. Should Council agree to the change, the item would be advertised and put to a vote in August.

## **XVII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Council President Ashley advised the audience that they would be afforded three minutes to speak and advised that comments should be limited to Telford Borough residents.

The following Telford Borough resident's offered commentary during the Citizens' Comments portion of the June 12, 2023 meeting:

Meredith Torres, 206 W. Lincoln Avenue

The following residents offered commentary and asked questions during other portions of the meeting:

John Waldenberger, 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Megan Corbo-Syrellis, 416 S. Main Street

Dale Nice, 364 W. Broad Street

John Harrell, Branch Avenue

## **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Taylor motioned for adjournment and Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.