

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 10, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President William Ashley called the Telford Borough Council meeting of July 10, 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, Eric Kratz and Robert Jacobus. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Gurese, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Borough Solicitor Jim Jacquette and Recording Secretary Tracey Inman.

Prior to citizens' comments, Council President Ashley inquired if anyone in 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.

**V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council Member Crouthamel made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting. Council Member Kratz seconded the motion. Prior to approval, Council Vice President Weiss requested that the minutes be updated to include the address of resident Dale Nice under the Citizens' Comments section. The motion subsequently passed with a 7-0 vote.

## **VI. TREASURERS REPORT**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Council Vice President Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

## **VII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no formal report submitted for the record. Mayor Guretse advised that he recently went to a Telford Borough Authority meeting, attended the Telford Night Market and met with Chief Floyd. Mayor Guretse also commended Patrol Officer Bob Seville on his placement in a martial arts competition.

## **VIII. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Floyd submitted a written report for the record. Chief Floyd discussed a rule change approval pertaining to the hiring process of police officers. He advised that he would like to revert back to overall scores and not individualized scores. After discussion, Council Member Jacobus made a motion to approve the changing of rules regarding the hiring process. Council member Kratz seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

## **IX. FIRE REPORT**

Robert Sparks from the Telford Fire Company advised that a written report was submitted for the record. Mr. Sparks also advised that two major drills were conducted in June 2023.

## **X. EMS REPORT**

A written report was submitted. Members of Council advised that they had recently received donation request letters from VMSC.

## **XI. LIBRARY REPORT**

Wendy Leshinskie submitted the library report for the record. Ms. Leshinskie introduced Suzi Leonard who is a Member-At-Large on the Indian Valley Public Library Board of Trustees. Additionally, Ms. Leshinskie answered questions regarding the report. Ms. Leshinskie clarified information and answered questions from the following residents:

- John Waldenberger, 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Kaitlin Derstine, address provided was inaudible. Address information was not found on the lobby sign-in sheet.

- Dale Nice, 364 W. Broad Street

## **XII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Detweiler presented the Public Works report. Mr. Detweiler also discussed the upcoming nova chipping process that will occur on Reliance Road.

### **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.

## **XIII. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS**

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

#### **1. Opening of sealed bids- 122 Penn Avenue**

Mr. Jacquette opened a single bid that was submitted for the purchase of the former borough building which is located at 122 Penn Avenue. The bid amount was \$300,000 and was submitted by Kyle Hoff. After discussion Council Member Jacobus made a motion to accept the bid upon conditional review by the Borough Solicitor. Council Vice President Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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

A written report was submitted for the record.

Chief Floyd also provided an update on the police department lobby project.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Council Member Crouthamel made a motion to approve bills from June 2023 in the amount of \$215,516.04 and Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. Prior to Council holding a vote, Council Member Jacobus introduced a motion to amend the main motion pertaining to June's payment of bills. Council Member Jacobus wished to strike payment to the Indian Valley Public Library until the library changes their philosophy.

Council Member Jacobus made a motion to amend the approval of bills. Council Member Kratz seconded the motion, however the motion to amend failed with a 2 to 5 vote.

The original motion was put to a vote a second time and passed with a 5-2 vote. The dissenting votes were cast by Council Member Jacobus and Council Member Kratz.

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

There was no report.

**C. Environmental Committee- Spencer Kulhanjian**

Council Member Kulhanjian advised that the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission are scheduled to meet twice more before the end of the year. Council Member Kulhanjian also advised that the NMCRC is looking to review potential grant money based on population.

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

Council Member Jacobus stated that he recently met with Public Works Director Gary Yoder who took him on a tour of the Borough.

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

Council President Ashley had a slide show presentation to discuss some constituent concerns in the Borough. Council President Ashley also discussed trash concerns along Franklin Alley.

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

Council Member Taylor advised of some upcoming parks and recreation events that will be held in the area, such as the Moyer Run, the Telford Night Market and the Indian Valley Public Library's Dinner in White, which will be held in August.

**XV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**XVI. 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 July 10, 2023 meeting:

Meredith Torres, 206 W. Lincoln Avenue

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

Katherine Farina, 620 S. Main Street

## **XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council suspended the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 10:03 PM to discuss matters of real estate. After discussion Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to enter into an agreement of sale in the amount of \$405,000 with Trinity United Church of Church for the purchase of a portion of their parking lot. It was agreed that the church would retain twenty-two parking spaces. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with 7-0 vote. After the matter of real estate was discussed, Council concluded Executive Session at 10:10 PM.

## **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Kratz motioned for adjournment and Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 PM.