



TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2024

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Emiline Weiss called the Telford Borough Council meeting of March 11, 2024, to order at 7:30 PM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Council Member John Taylor, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President Emiline Weiss, Vice President Carolyn Crouthamel, and council members John Taylor, Meredith Torres, Katherine Farina, Robert Sparks and junior Council Member Madison Gulden. Council Member Robert Jacobus was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Guretske, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Borough Solicitor Jim Jacquette, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Pedersen.

Prior to citizens' comments, Council President Weiss inquired if anyone in attendance would be audio or video recording tonight's meeting, or live streaming. John Worthington will be audio taping.

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens' comments regarding agenda items.

V. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS

State Representative Steve Malagari was in attendance to give the Presentation of Citations on behalf of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives to Detective Daniel Fox for his over 30 years of service to the Telford Borough Police Department and Superintendent Daniel Wurst

for his over 30 years of service to the Telford Borough Authority in its Wastewater Treatment Facility.

VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Council Member Taylor made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the February 12th, 2024, meeting. Council Member Sparks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

VII. TREASURERS REPORT- Blaine Bergey

A written report was submitted for the record.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT- Jerry Guretse

A verbal report was given by the Mayor.

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT- Chief Randall Floyd

A written report was submitted for the record.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XI. EMS REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XII. LIBRARY REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XIII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Works Department- Gary Yoder

A written report was submitted for the record.

B. Manager's Report- Kyle Detweiler

A written report was submitted for the record.

Council Member Farina made a motion to accept the Support of DCNR Resolution. Council Member John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Council Member Torres made a motion to accept the Resolution 2024-03 – DCNR Grant Resolution, ‘Telford Borough Pocket Park Acquisition’. Council Member Farina seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Council Member Farina made a motion to accept the Road Closure – SABL Opening Day Parade. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

XIV. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS’ REPORTS

A. Solicitor’s Report- James Jacquette, Timoney Knox LLP

A verbal report was given by the solicitor.

B. Engineer’s Report- CKS Engineers

A written report was submitted for the record.

XV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance & Administration Committee- Emiline Weiss

Council Member Torres made a motion to approve bills from February 2024 in the amount of \$233,107.75. Council Vice President Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

B. Planning and Zoning Committee- Carolyn Crouthamel

Nothing to report.

C. Environmental Committee- Katherine Farina

Nothing to report.

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

Absent.

E. Public Safety Committee- Robert Sparks

Council Member Sparks gave a report on the ongoing discussion of the potential parking ban inside the loop situation on Grandview Drive and the speeding on Main Street.

Council Member Sparks updated the Borough Council on the new Fire Company siren which is in the process of being manufactured.

F. Development & Culture Committee- John Taylor

Council Member Taylor discussed the upcoming Telford Happenings, Inc. events, which included the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd at 10am at Centennial Park, the ‘So You Think You Can Cook?’ competition on April 3rd at 6pm at Perseverance Fire Company, Earth Day celebrations on April 22nd, and the first Telford Night Market to occur on May 29th.

Council Member Farina has been elected as a Telford Borough representative for the Montgomery County Boroughs Association.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the Hometown Heroes Banner Project. Council Member Farina seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

XVII. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Kyle Long of 15 Indian Valley Lane brought to the Council’s attention that a sign owned by Penn Valley Church is currently located on Centennial Park property. According to Ordinance 16 -101 section E. it is unlawful to post any signs or advertisements within the area of a Borough Park.

Dale Nice of 364 W. Broad Street brought to the Council’s attention the extraordinary work done by Officer Erica Robbins. Officer Robbins did an exceptional job by quickly jumping on a complaint about a cut fence that could be used as a route for a quick getaway for low levels of crimes and getting the fence sewn back together. Chief Floyd thanked Mr. Nice for his remark and stated that he would let Office Robbins know about the accolade and write a memo about the commendation.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Sparks made a motion for adjournment and Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.