

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 8, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President William Ashley called the Telford Borough Council meeting of May 8, 2023 to order at 7:30 p.m.

**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 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 Guretske, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor James 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 advised that he would be live streaming the event on Facebook.

Prior to citizens' comments, Council President Ashley announced that the Council will meet in Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss real estate.

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

There were no citizens' comments regarding agenda items.

**V. SPECIAL ITEM**

Council President Ashley publicly recognized Cub Scout Troop #14 for volunteering on Earth Day in Telford Borough.

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

Council Vice President Emiline Weiss made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

## **VII. TREASURERS REPORT**

Finance Director Blaine Bergey presented the treasurer's report and offered information regarding the Borough's bank accounts and PLGIT. Council Member Taylor made a motion to close three bank accounts and move them to PLGIT. Council Vice President Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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

A report was submitted for the record. Mayor Guretse also advised that he recently attended the Water and Sewer Authority Meeting. Mayor Guretse also advised that the new sign for the VMSC was recently unveiled and that the fire department's shred event for Earth Day was a great success.

## **IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

There was no report.

## **X. FIRE REPORT**

Robert Sparks from the Telford Fire Company advised that the Telford Fire Company recently covered for Quakertown for a mutual event.

## **XI. EMS REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record.

## **XII. LIBRARY REPORT**

Wendy Leshinskie submitted the library report for the record. Ms. Leshinskie introduced Alexander Grande who is the President of the Board of Trustees for the Indian Valley Public Library. Ms. Leshinskie advised that the next library meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and that public commentary is welcome between 8:50 AM and 9:15 AM.

### **XIII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS**

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

Public Works Director Gary Yoder announced that the PennDOT paving project on Main Street is nearly complete, and that it just needs sealing and linework done.

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

Mr. Detweiler submitted a written report. Mr. Detweiler also answered questions regarding the new website being designed by Civic Plus and answered questions regarding Altek.

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

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

Mr. Jacquette advised that he has two items to be handled in Executive Session.

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

A report was submitted for the record.

### **XV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to approve bills from April 2023 in the amount of \$195,902.03. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

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

Council Member Crouthamel advised that there was no report.

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

Council Member Kulhanjian provided Council an oral report on waste haulers and other municipalities that may join the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission.

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

There was no report.

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

Council President Ashley advised that a Public Safety Committee Meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> and that parking and public safety concerns were discussed.

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

Council Member Taylor discussed the Earth Day clean-up in the Borough, and advised of a potential Oktoberfest celebration featuring German dancers. Council Member Taylor also advised that there was a recent meeting regarding vendors for the Telford Night Market and that a local cat rescue would like to use the site of the Telford Night Market to hold a fund raiser for their rescue. After discussion among the Council, it was agreed that the cat rescue could proceed with their event. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the cat event on May 27<sup>th</sup> and Council Member Kulhanjian seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

### **XVI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. After discussion among Council, the motion to approve Resolution #23-01 (Telford Borough Flag Policy) was tabled until additional information could be clarified.
- B. Council Member Kratz made a motion to approve Resolution #23-02 (Articles of Amendment – PWTA). Council Vice President Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.
- C. The motion to advertise an amendment to Ordinance Chapter 15, §15-402 (Spring House Lane Parking) was deferred to a future meeting while Council unanimously agreed to look more in depth into the matter.
- D. Council Member Taylor made a motion to appoint Eric Kratz to the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission. Council President Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.
- E. Council Member Kratz made a motion to appoint Earl Trauger to the Telford Borough Authority Board. Council Member Kulhanjian seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.
- F. Council Member Kratz made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (Souderton Area School District). Council Member Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

## **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:

Edna Harpel, 202 School Lane  
Catherine Farina, 627 Main St  
Lauren Geist, 217 W. Hamlin  
Karl Harpel, 202 School Lane  
John Waldenberger, 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Prior to adjournment, Council President Ashley reminded the audience that Council will meet in Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss real estate.

## **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Kratz motioned for adjournment and Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.