

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2023
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Emiline Weiss called the Telford Borough Council meeting of November 13, 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 was President William Ashley via video chat, Vice President Emiline Weiss, and council members, Carolyn Crouthamel, Spencer Kulhanjian, John Taylor, Eric Kratz and Robert Jacobus. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Guretse, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Borough Solicitor Jim Jacquette, Finance Director Blaine Bergey, Chief of Police Randall Floyd, and Recording Secretary Diane Windfelder. In the audience was Dale Nice, John Harrell and his wife, John Waldenberger, Claudio Sanchez and his wife, and Wendy Leshinskie.

Prior to citizens' comments, Vice-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

V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council member Taylor made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Meeting. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

VI. TREASURERS REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1) There was a formal report submitted for the record. Mayor Guretsse reported that he went to several meetings and indicated that the Fire Company did a boot drive, and it was a success.

VIII. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Floyd submitted a written report for the record. Chief Floyd reported that Officer Heffernan resigned after 11 years of service to take a position with a department closer to his residents. Mr. Floyd requested that the council approve the hiring of our Parttime Officer Christopher Hough to fulltime at the tier pay rate of \$31.31 per hour beginning November 16, 2023.

Council member Kulhanjian made a motion to hire Christopher Hough as a fulltime Officer starting November 16, 2023. A second by Council member Jacobus. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

IX. FIRE REPORT

A report was submitted.

X. EMS REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XI. LIBRARY REPORT

Wendy Leshinskie submitted the library report for the record.

XII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Works Department- Gary Yoder

Mr. Yoder submitted the Public Works report.

B. Manager's Report- Manager Kyle Detweiler

Mr. Detweiler submitted a written report. Mr. Detweiler answered questions regarding the report.

Council member Taylor made a motion to advertise the 2024 Budget as presented. A second by Council member Kulhanjian. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Manager also presented a public meeting and attendance policy revision which was tabled for the next meeting.

XIII. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

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

There was no report submitted.

B. Engineer's Report- CKS Engineers

A written report was submitted for the record.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Administrative Committee- Emiline Weiss

1. Council member Taylor made a motion to approve bills from October 2023 in the amount of \$575,268.78. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

B. Planning and Zoning Committee- Carolyn Crouthamel

There was no report submitted.

C. Environmental Committee- Spencer Kulhanjian

Council Member Kulhanjian advised that the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission that he will no longer be on Council after December 31, 2023.

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

Council Member Jacobus presented the cost to relocate the flagpole that is currently in the municipal parking lot.

E. Public Safety Committee- William Ashley

Council Member Ashley shared minutes and notes from the November Public Safety Committee Meeting.

F. Development & Culture Committee- John Taylor

Council Member Taylor reported that Telford Happenings donated \$3,500.00 for the Christmas tree that will be displayed on Friday, December 9th.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Council President William Ashley indicated that he received a letter from the counties indicated that they made a mistake on putting him on the ballot for the November election.

XVI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comment from the audience.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council suspended the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 8:35 PM to discuss matters of real estate. After the matter of real estate was discussed, Council concluded Executive Session at 8:42 PM.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Crouthamel motioned for adjournment and Council Member Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.