

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President William Ashley called the Telford Borough Council meeting of October 9, 2023, to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Council Member Emiline Weiss, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President William Ashley, Vice President Emiline Weiss, and council members, Carolyn Crouthamel, Spencer Kulhanjian, Eric Kratz and Robert Jacobus. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Guretske, Manager Kyle Detweiler, Public Works Gary Yoder, Borough Solicitor Jim Jacquette and Recording Secretary Diane Windfelder. Council Member John Taylor's absence was excused.

Prior to citizens' comments, Council President Ashley 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 Vice President Weiss made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Meeting. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 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 Guretske reported that he did a Saturday evening ride along with Officer Hough and Officer Kim. There were several calls, and our officers handled all calls in a very professional manner. He also reported that he would like to recognize Officer Hough for his quick life-saving actions as noted in Chief Floyd's report and would also like to note the letter in chief Floyd's report at complimented corporal Adams for his service to one our residents. He also reported that there will be no tax increase for the VMSC Ambulance due to a lot of donations from our residents.

VIII. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Floyd submitted a written report for the record. Chief Floyd was absent from the Council meeting.

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 and discussed the Franklin Alley Swale Project and CFA Grant meeting that will be held in November. Mr. Detweiler also addressed the Borough's response to stormwater issues.

Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to enter into record Resolution No 23-03 PPL LED Streetlight agreement. Council Member Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Council Member Kratz made a motion to enter into the record the Resolution No 23-04 – An ordinance amending the code of the borough of Telford, chapter 15, 15-402 parking prohibited at all times in certain location, by deleting the south side of Madison Avenue between Main street and School Lane, the west side of Spring House Lane between E. Reliance Road and Telford Hills Association, and the east side of Village Green Lane between E. Reliance Road and Springhouse Lane thus removing the parking prohibition. Council Member Jacobus seconded the motion. The motion passed as a 5-1 vote with Council President Ashley voting ‘no’.

XIII. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS’ REPORTS

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

Mr. Jacquette addressed the following items with Council and answered questions from those in attendance:

- The finalization of an agreement of sale with Trinity UCC Church for the purchase of real estate.

B. Engineer’s Report- CKS Engineers

A written report was submitted for the record. Mr. Gross of CKS Engineers updated Council on the Franklin Alley Swale Project. After discussion, Council Member Kulhanjian made a motion to accept the lowest bid in the amount of \$104,834.00. Council Vice President Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Administrative Committee- Emiline Weiss

1. Council Vice President Weiss made a motion to approve bills from September 2023 in the amount of \$396,281.54. Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

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 appointed Huff and Associates as their attorney.

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

Council Member Jacobus discussed an ordinance in regard to chickens and a potential allotment of allowable chickens per household.

E. Public Safety Committee- William Ashley

Council President Ashley reported that he did a Saturday evening ride along with Officer Kim.

F. Development & Culture Committee- Carolyn Crouthamel

Council Member Crouthamel made a motion to close 4th street down on October 21, 2023, for the Octoberfest. Council Member Kratz seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

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.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council suspended the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 9:45 PM to discuss matters of real estate. After the matter of real estate was discussed, Council concluded Executive Session at 9:57 PM.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Vice President Weiss motioned for adjournment and Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM.