

**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Emiline Weiss called the Telford Borough Council meeting of February 12, 2024, to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Council President Emiline Weiss, 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 Jacobus, and Robert Sparks. 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 Diane Windfelder.

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Vice President Crouthamel made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the January 2, 2024, meeting. Council Member Farina seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Council members Farina made a motion to enter into the record the minutes of the January 15, 2024, meeting. Council Member Torres seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

VI. TREASURERS REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

VIII. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Floyd submitted a written report for the record and the 2023 annual report for the Police Department.

IX. FIRE REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

Council members Torres made a motion to approve payment remittance for all invoiced charges that are incurred by the Telford fire Company for purchase and installation of their new siren, above and beyond the previously awarded grand funding and not to exceed \$45,000.00. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote with Council member Sparks abstaining.

X. EMS REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XI. LIBRARY REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Works Department- Gary Yoder

A written report was submitted for the record.

B. Manager's Report- Manager Kyle Detweiler

A written report was submitted for the record.

Council Member Jacobus made a motion to accept the proposal of Altek Business Systems Inc for the Borough Hall Council Chamber media improvements. Council Member Sparks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

XIII. 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.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Administrative Committee-

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve bills from January 2024 in the amount of \$421,329.53 and Council Member Crouthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

B. Planning and Zoning Committee-

Council Member Torres gave a brief presentation on the Indian Valley Regional Planning commission meeting that she had attended last month.

C. Environmental Committee-

Council Member Farina gave a presentation on the Council establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee. Ms. Farina would like to set up a committee to promote education and identify environmental problems and recommend a plan or programs, this committee will also give us more opportunities to receive more grant monies. At this time, it was the consensus of the Council to table this item.

D. Public Works/Buildings & Plant Committee-

Nothing to report.

E. Public Safety Committee-

Nothing to report.

F. Development & Culture Committee- John Taylor

Representative of Telford Happenings, Inc., Daniel Wurst, gave a report on the past year of the activities of Telford Happenings. Mr. Wurst indicated that it was a good year with a great turn out for event attendance and is looking forward to the coming season.

Council Member Taylor reported that his committee is working on the Hometown Heroes banner project and will be getting information out soon to Borough residents.

There was a brief discussion on making a monument of flags for all branches of the military on the new parcel of ground that was purchased next to the Community Building.

Manager Detweiler reported that there will be a Montgomery County Borough's Association Dinner on February 22 if anyone is interested in attending.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

XVI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were made.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Torres motioned for adjournment and Council Member Farina seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.