

April 5, 2021

The Telford Borough Council meeting held this date was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Taylor with the following people in attendance: Miles Arnott, Bill Ashley, Robert Baker, Carolyn Crouthamel, Mark Gehman and Jeffrey Maxwell. Also present were Mayor David Snook, Manager Mark Fournier, Recording Secretary Megan McShane, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor James Jacquette, Attorney Christopher Gerber, Police Chief Randall Floyd, Fire Company President Jerry Guretse, and residents Wendy Leshinskie, Lori Rappold, Nicole Spiese and Emiline Weiss.

The invocation was given by Councilman Mark Gehman, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Borough Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Mark Fournier reported that the Borough has taken in 45.12% of its revenues and spent 18.66% of its expenditures as of the end of March, 2021. He also reported that real estate taxes are coming in nicely so far, at 84%.

Mr. Fournier then informed Council that Public Works Director Gary Yoder has been getting quotes to have the train station buildings painted, and the cost is turning out to be higher than what was anticipated. Vice-President Miles Arnott asked for further clarification, and Mr. Yoder explained that we budgeted \$7,500 for this expense, but the quotes he's received have been between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the Treasurer's Report for March, 2021.

MAYOR'S REPORT: We did not receive a written monthly report for the file.

POLICE REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

FIRE REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Fire Company President Jerry Guretse mentioned that there is a fundraising shred event scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at the firehouse between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

LIBRARY REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Wendy Leshinskie reported that the Library received a grant to replace the roof. The Library is now open 7 days a week, including 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sundays.

The Library is currently having their online herb sale and the deadline to order is April 23rd. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 1st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Library is once again accepting book donations for future book sales; a limit of 5 bags may be donated at one time and you must call ahead to make a reservation to drop off donations.

Ms. Leshinskie also informed Council that the Library has cancelled its annual Beer Fest this year, but will hold its Dinner in White fundraiser on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

MANAGER'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Mr. Fournier reported that some of the furniture was delivered to the new Borough Hall today.

Mr. Fournier also informed Council that the office has received a few calls with requests to use the Community Building, and stated that the Building would need to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after each use, which should be considered prior to re-opening the Building.

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

Councilman Mark Gehman commented that he is pleased to see the progress of the improvements being made to 300 Erie Avenue and 18 Church Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: We did not receive a written monthly report for the file.

Solicitor Jim Jacquette reported that he will be circulating the Telford Happenings by-laws to Council this week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: We received a written monthly report for the file.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouthamel

A-1 A Crouthamel/Baker motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing payment of bills for the month of March, 2021 in the amount of \$277,092.85.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: There was nothing to report at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Gehman

Councilman Gehman reported that the next NMCRC meeting will be held via Zoom on April 8th.

Mr. Fournier reported that the Borough applied for a \$5,000 MS4 grant from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) to complete bio-swale work on the other side of the basin on Hunters Lane. The first part of this basin work was previously completed in 2018 through a PWC MS4 program grant.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS & PLANT COMMITTEE: Mr. Ashley

Councilman Bill Ashley informed Council that he attended a Telford Borough Authority Board meeting last month, adding that it was very interesting and informative.

Mr. Fournier reported that the Public Works Department will start the Third Street waterline replacement project next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr. Arnott

Mr. Arnott informed Council that he, Mayor Snook and Mr. Taylor had the opportunity to review the footage of the townhouse fire in Franconia Township that was captured on video surveillance from the doorbell camera across the street. He stated that the response time and professionalism of the Fire Company was very impressive and that everyone did a terrific job, adding that it would be good if all of Council could eventually review the video. It was the consensus of Council that the Fire Company should be presented with a commendation at the next Council meeting.

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Baker

Councilman Robert Baker reported that Telford Happenings is currently waiting for their EIN number, and they will be working with the bank to get an account set up. The group is making good progress with the Night Market and have twenty-one vendors signed up so far, but Windy Springs will not be participating this year. The Night Market will start on Wednesday, June 2nd from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and will run through Wednesday, September 1st.

A Baker/Maxwell motion carried unanimously (7-0) approving the following Board of Directors for Telford Happenings:

Daniel Wurst	President
Nicole Spiese	Vice-President
Linda Tufft	Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Spiese has been looking for an event planning coordinator for Telford Happenings, and Mr. Baker will work with Gary Yoder and Brian Kopp on the Night Market vendor layout. Mr. Baker added that someone will need to speak to Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sparks to verify any Covid-19 restrictions for the Night Market. Mr. Fournier informed Mr. Baker that both Telford Borough and Telford Happenings must be listed as additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance for the Market.

Mr. Taylor informed Council that the East Penn Modifiers Club has asked to use the Telford Marketplace parking lot again this fall for their car show on Sunday, September 5th, with Sunday, September 12th as a potential rain date. An Arnott/Baker motion carried unanimously (7-0) authorizing the East Penn Modifiers Club to use the Telford Marketplace lot on September 5th for their fall car show, with a potential rain date of September 12th.

Mr. Taylor reminded Council that the virtual Montgomery County Boroughs Association meeting will be on Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Telford Borough Council entered into Executive Session at 8:03 pm to discuss a matter of personnel.

Borough Council closed Executive Session at 8:46 pm.

An Arnott/Crouthamel motion carried unanimously (7-0) retroactively approving the carry-over of one week's vacation from 2020 to January, 2021 for Chief Randall Floyd. This will be a one-time dispensation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm by an Arnott/Gehman motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D. Fournier

Secretary