

The Tamaqua Borough Council held its second Regular Council Meeting for the month of April on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA.

Present were Councilmembers Ronald Bowman, Thomas Cara, R. Daniel Evans, Micah Gursky, Kerry Lasky and David Mace. Absent was Councilman Brian Connely. Officials present were Mayor Christian Morrison, Chief of Police Richard Weaver, Borough Manager Kevin Steigerwalt, Solicitor Michael S. Greek and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Georgia Depos DeWire.

The meeting was called to order by President Mace. The invocation was given by Councilman Cara followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Gursky. The roll was called with six councilmembers present and one absent.

The reading of the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held on April 5, 2016 was ordered suspended, and with no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written on motion of Cara, seconded by Bowman, and unanimously approved.

Communication was received from Nicholas Zigmant, branch executive of the Tamaqua YMCA, requesting permission to use the H.D. Buehler Memorial Pool from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. this summer for their Summer Adventure Camp. A recommendation was made to grant the request. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Cara, seconded by Lasky, and unanimously approved.

Communication was received from the Citizens Fire Company #1 Bazaar Committee stating that their annual block party would be held from July 8 to 10, 2016. The communication is requesting permission to close Hegarty Avenue from July 5 to 10, 2016 and all through traffic on Berwick Street from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 8th and 9th and from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 10th. The communication also requested permission to hold a fire truck parade on July 8th. A recommendation was made to grant the requests. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Bowman, seconded by Gursky, and unanimously approved.

Communication was received from Terese A. Ristila, treasurer of the East End Fire Company #4, thanking Borough Council for a \$15,000 check and for their support in helping their fire station.

Communication was received from David J. Meredith, adjutant of the C.H. Berry Post No. 173 of The American Legion, requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. A recommendation was made to grant the request. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Cara, seconded by Bowman, and unanimously approved.

Manager Steigerwalt reported on the following: a county-wide meeting was held to discuss storm clean-up costs related to Winter Storm Jonas; and the street sweeper should be finished cleaning all streets early next week and then the regular street cleaning schedule would be followed.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported on an ordinance amending the police pension ordinance adding that effective January 1, 2013, any member of the Police Pension Fund hired after January 1, 2013 who is permanently or totally disabled as a result of a service related injury shall be entitled to receive a disability pension of 50% of the officer's salary at the time the disability was incurred as negotiated in the 2013-2016 police contract relating to a service related disability pension benefit. Manager Steigerwalt stated that any member of the police pension fund hired prior to January 1,

2013 would be entitled to receive a disability pension of 75% of the officer's salary at the time the disability was incurred. A recommendation was made to advertise an ordinance amending a police pension ordinance by adding that members hired after January 1, 2013 would be entitled to receive a disability pension of 50% of the officer's salary at the time the disability was incurred as negotiated in the 2013-2016 police contract relating to service related disability pension benefit. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was made by Gursky, seconded by Bowman, and unanimously approved.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported that the Refuse and Recyclable Materials Collection Contract expires at the end of May. A recommendation was made to advertise for bids for Refuse and Recyclable Materials Collection pending the Solicitor's review of the contract's extension language. The bids would be due May 12, 2016. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Gursky, seconded by Cara, and unanimously approved.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported on the following: all but ten handicapped parking renewal applicants responded and these renewals were referred to the Parking and Traffic Committee to review; an update on the website development; and Tom Banditelli of the Owl Creek Reservoir Commission invited The Nature Conservancy to Owl Creek Reservoir to discuss the Working Woodlands forest conservation program. President Mace assigned Brian Connely and Thomas Cara, along with himself, to an ad-hoc committee of council to meet with The Nature Conservancy to discuss the Working Woodlands forest conservation program.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported on a proposal from Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. for the South Lehigh Street demolition design at a cost of \$12,000.00. There was some discussion about this matter. Manager Steigerwalt requested an executive session to discuss real estate matters prior to adjournment.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported on an Enforcement Order letter from Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. for the sidewalk and curb issue at the Family Dollar retail store located on Center Street. The deadline for the Family Dollar retail store to comply with the Enforcement Order is no later than April 30, 2016.

Under the Borough Manager's report, Councilman Cara discussed updating a Fee Schedule Resolution to include the rental rate for the sewer camera. There was some discussion about this matter. A recommendation was made to provide Kline Township with the option to rent the Borough's sewer camera at a rate of \$250.00 per hour which includes the services of two operators and any other required safety equipment. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Cara, seconded by Gursky, and unanimously approved.

Under the Borough Manager's report, Councilman Evans stated that the Building and Equipment Committee would review the Fee Schedule Resolution and advise council of their recommendations.

Chairman Gursky of the Finance, Wage and Salary Committee discussed the Service Electric Cablevision Franchise Renewal Agreement. There was some discussion about this matter.

Under the Recreation and Youth Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire part-time clerks for the H.D. Buehler Memorial Pool for the 2016 pool season. The part-time clerks are as follows: Sage Frey, Brianna Heck, Justin Huegel, Beth Fritzing-Jones and Emily Wenzel.

There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Lasky, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

Under the Recreation and Youth Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire Emily Bumbulsky as Senior Lifeguard at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour when functioning in the capacity as Pool Manager. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Evans, seconded by Bowman, and unanimously approved.

Under the Recreation and Youth Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire part-time lifeguards, as recommended by the Pool Manager, for the H.D. Buehler Memorial Pool for the 2016 pool season. The part-time lifeguards are as follows: Dalton Adams, Emily Andrews, Emily Bumbulsky, Tyler Calkins, Ethan Eberts, Chelsea Frantz, Amber Gulick, Kennedy Ho, Kayla Holland, Kirstin Jones, Melanie Kostecky, Victoria LaBar, Gabrielle Markiewicz, Jordan Nowacki, Kaitlyn Shlanta, Olivia Stanek, Kaitlyn Stauffenberg, Nathan Steigerwalt, Sierra Szabo, Megan Toth, Jacob Triano, Benjamin Turrano, Aleida VanBuren and Michael Witozak. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Evans, seconded by Lasky, and unanimously approved.

President Mace reported that the Recreation and Youth Committee met with the Lansford Borough Recreation Committee to offer Panther Valley residents of Nesquehoning, Coaldale, Lansford and Summit Hill, pool passes at the same cost as the Lansford rates. The Lansford rates for Panther Valley residents are as follows: before opening day \$50 single; after opening day \$60 single; before opening day \$100 family of two, \$125 family of three, \$150 family of four, and \$25 for each additional family member thereafter; after opening day add \$20 each to the family; and Senior Citizen 60 years or older \$30 with no change after opening day. A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Lasky to allow Lansford pool subscribers to purchase pool passes and to accept the rate structure as outlined by President Mace for Panther Valley residents of Coaldale, Lansford, Nesquehoning and Summit Hill. After some discussion, the motion and second was amended as follows: A recommendation was made to allow Lansford pool subscribers to purchase pool passes and to accept the rate structure as outlined by President Mace for Panther Valley residents of Coaldale, Lansford, Nesquehoning and Summit Hill with all proceeds collected from the pool passes be allocated to the H.D. Buehler Memorial Park Fund. There was much discussion about this matter. Council recognized Pool Manager Adrian Bumbulsky who asked about daily rates for Panther Valley residents. President Mace stated that the same daily rates as Outside of the Tamaqua School District would be used. Council recognized Liz Pinkey of 237 West Broad Street who stated that Lansford was very gracious when the Blue Waves Swim Team needed to use their pool last year. There was no one else from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Evans, seconded by Lasky, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Morrison requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters prior to adjournment.

Under the Parking and Traffic Committee report, a motion was made by Evans and seconded by Bowman to post No Parking signs on the south side of Willing Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and to close Church Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets and to allow double parking on Church Street between the hours of 9:00

a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for fire apparatus being used for the funeral of Keith M. Oliphant. After some discussion about this matter, the motion and second was amended as follows: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Bowman to post No Parking signs on the south side of Willing Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets from 9:00 a.m. to conclusion and to close Church Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets and to allow double parking on Church Street from 9:00 a.m. to conclusion for fire apparatus being used for the funeral of Keith M. Oliphant and to authorize the use of the fire police. After more discussion about this matter, the motion and seconded was amended again as follows: A recommendation was made to post No Parking signs on the south side of Willing Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets from 9:00 a.m. to conclusion and to close Church Street from Clark to Elizabeth streets and to allow double parking on Church Street from 9:00 a.m. to conclusion, and to post No Parking signs for both sides of Clark Street from East Union to Willing streets from 9:00 a.m. to conclusion for fire apparatus being used for the funeral of Keith M. Oliphant and to authorize the use of the fire police. There was no from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Evans, seconded by Bowman, and unanimously approved.

The meeting was opened to the floor.

Joseph Salla of 204 Owl Creek Road expressed his concerns about the following: a street sweeper schedule for Owl Creek Road; trees that were cut down at the Owl Creek Reservoir for money; a noise complaint against the owner of a property that is having trees cut down and the company is working until 10:00 p.m. at night; speeding and truck traffic on Owl Creek Road; and the need for line painting on Owl Creek Road. There was some discussion about these matters.

With no one else wishing to address council, the meeting was closed to the floor.

Solicitor Greek requested an executive session to discuss real estate matters prior to adjournment.

A recommendation was made to accept and file the various reports of borough officials. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Cara, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

A recommendation was made to pay all properly approved bills and claims against the borough. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Lasky, seconded by Gursky, and unanimously approved.

Under New Business, Councilman Gursky announced that the Tamaqua Community Art Center would host a Big Benefit Concert on Friday night.

A recommendation was made to hold an executive session to discuss personnel and real estate matters. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Bowman, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

The council meeting was recessed at approximately 8:20 p.m. while council met in executive session.

The council meeting was reconvened at approximately 9:20 p.m.

President Mace announced that an executive session was held to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

A recommendation was made to revoke the payment of voucher number 32284 for an employee reimbursement in the amount of \$2,200.00 from the bills and claims against the borough. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Gursky, seconded by Cara, and unanimously approved.

A recommendation was made to approve a reimbursement for Bernard Kupetz upon completion of course requirements with a passing grade and subject to a memorandum of understanding with the United Autoworkers Local 1612 that this is not precedence setting. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Gursky, seconded by Cara, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m. on motion of Bowman, seconded by Lasky, to meet again at the call of the President.

ATTEST:

Georgia Depos DeWire, Borough Secretary/Treasurer