

The Tamaqua Borough Council held its second Regular Council Meeting for the month of April on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 320 East Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA.

Present were Councilmembers Thomas Cara, R. Daniel Evans, Micah Gursky, Kerry Lasky and David Mace. Absent were Councilmembers Brian Connely and Justin Startzel. Officials present were Borough Manager Kevin Steigerwalt, and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Georgia Depos DeWire. Mayor Christian Morrison arrived later in the meeting. Absent was Solicitor Michael S. Greek.

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

The reading of the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015 was ordered suspended, and with no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written on motion of Mace, seconded by Cara, and unanimously approved.

Under Special Business, President Gursky thanked fellow Councilmembers and Borough Manager Steigerwalt for volunteering to wear ladies high-heeled shoes as a show of support to raise awareness of sexual violence in Schuylkill County. President Gursky spoke about the Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC) Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® fundraising event in which men walk a mile in women's high heeled shoes to show their support. The annual fundraising event would be held on April 23, 2015, with festivities beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Humane Fire Company in Pottsville, PA. President Gursky introduced SARCC board member Christine Verdier. President Gursky stated that Councilwoman Kerry Lasky is also a SARCC board member.

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 Mace, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

Communication was received from David J. Meredith of the C.H. Berry Post No. 173 of The American Legion, requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015 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 Mace, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

Manager Steigerwalt reported on the following: the demolition project at 216 Pitt Street is underway; the other demolition projects should begin in the next week or two; and the codification project and the appraisals of all borough buildings are progressing.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported that Karen Parish, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) consultant for Schuylkill County contacted him to discuss the CDBG application and public hearing for 2015.

Mayor Morrison arrived at approximately 7:16 p.m.

There was some discussion about CDGB funding, projects and advertising for a CDBG public hearing prior to the next council meeting.

Manager Steigerwalt also reported that he asked the borough engineers to provide a proposal for the inspection of the Wabash Creek.

Under the Public Safety Committee report, Councilman Evans reported that he had an ordinance amending the Police Pension Plan to present for council's consideration:

**ORDINANCE NO. 679**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 613 WHICH AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE NO. 413 ENACTED NOVEMBER 1, 1983, AS AMENDED WHICH CREATED AND ESTABLISHED A FUND FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND RELIEF OF AGED, RETIRED AND DISABLED FULL-TIME POLICEMEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF TAMAQUA; PROVIDING A PENSION FUND FOR SAID POLICEMEN; AND PROVIDING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS, FINE TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS THERETO; REGULATING MEMBERSHIP THEREIN, CREATING A COMMISSION FOR THE MANAGEMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING THE AMOUNT, MODE AND MANNER OF PAYMENT TO THE BENEFICIARIES THEREOF, AND FOR THE CARE AND DISPOSITION OF SAID FUND; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

A recommendation was made to adopt the foregoing ordinance. 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 Mace, and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Under the Public Safety Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire Collin Leibensperger as a part-time police officer, effective immediately. There was no one from floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Evans, seconded by Mace, and unanimously approved.

Under the Recreation and Youth Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire Matthew Stanek as assistant pool manager for the 2015 season at the pay rate of \$12.50 per hour. There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Mace, 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 acting 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 Mace, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved.

Under the Recreation and Youth Committee report, a recommendation was made to hire part-time lifeguards and clerks for the H.D. Buehler Memorial Pool for the 2015 pool season. Councilman Mace read the list of 2015 pool applicants. The part-time lifeguards are as follows: Earl Akins, Allison Amodea, Emily Bumbulsky, Joann Butkus, Ethan Eberts, Chelsea Frantz, Zander Goetz, Amber Gulick, Kayla Holland, Melanie Kostecky, Victoria LaBar, John Ritzko, Olivia Stanek, Nathan Steigerwalt, Chance Szabo, Savannah Szabo, Benjamin Turrano and Gage Whalen. The part-time clerks are as follows: Sage Frey, Beth Fritzinger-Jones, Brianna Heck 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 Mace, seconded by Cara, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mace of the Recreation and Youth Committee reported that he is receiving positive feedback regarding the availability of a temporary guest pass.

Chairman Evans of the Building and Equipment Committee reported on the following: the 2016 Ford F550 dump truck was ordered; settled on the purchase of a CAT wheel loader; the repairs

to the street sweeper were approved at the last council meeting; and a request to purchase a bearing press and an air operated grease gun.

Chairwoman Lasky of the Parking and Traffic Committee asked council to consider a request to make West Cottage Avenue a one-way street from Nescopec Street to Hunter Street. There was some discussion about this matter.

Mayor Morrison introduced Officer Collin Leibensperger.

The meeting was opened to the floor.

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

President Gursky stated that Solicitor Greek was here briefly prior to the meeting but had to leave to attend to a family issue.

A recommendation was made to accept and file the various reports of borough officials. Councilman Cara commented on the detail added to the report by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. (BIA). There was no one from the floor wishing to address council about this matter. The recommendation was so ordered on motion of Mace, seconded by Cara, 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 Cara, seconded by Lasky, and unanimously approved.

Under New Business, Councilman Evans stated that the Schuylkill County Commissioners have approved a county-wide ban on open burning that would take effect at noon on April 17, 2015 and would remain in place until noon on May 17, 2015.

Under New Business, there was some discussion about the annual inspection of the aerial truck which was performed by KME and the need to purchase eight new tires in order for the truck to pass inspection. A recommendation was made to purchase eight new tires for the aerial truck under the COSTARS program and to install the tires as soon as possible in order to make the truck compliant for inspection. 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 Mace, and unanimously approved.

A recommendation was made to hold an executive session to discuss 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 Mace, seconded by Evans and unanimously approved.

The council meeting was recessed at approximately 7:40 p.m. while council met in executive session.

The council meeting was reconvened at approximately 8:05 p.m.

President Gursky announced that an executive session was held to discuss real estate matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. on motion of Mace, seconded by Cara, to meet again at the call of the President.

ATTEST:

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Georgia Depos DeWire, Borough Secretary/Treasurer