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Borough of New Bethlehem

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Visitors: Pursuant to Section 710.1 of the Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. Sec. 710.1), Borough residents and taxpayers shall be permitted to participate in the public comment period to address matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Borough Council. Public comment by other visitors may be permitted at the discretion of Borough Council. Unless specifically listed on the agenda, Borough residents, Borough taxpayers and visitors are asked to keep their comments to no more than 3 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. Public participation may also be permitted at the end of the meeting, but there shall be no public comment during the course of the meeting so that Council can complete its agenda. Borough residents, taxpayers and other visitors that wish to appear on the agenda may submit a request with any pertinent information by the Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday meeting so that it can be included on the agenda and in the Council's meeting packet which is distributed on Friday. By law, Council cannot take action on items not on the agenda or to do list which is part of the agenda.)

Agenda

Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)

January 21, 2024

Visitors

Lisa Goth – Penn Street Bridge

Jordon McCauslin - Flag Retirement Box

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on the following request received from Jordon McCauslin. Jordon is a member of New Bethlehem's Boy Scout Troop 403 and was wondering if he could get his Eagle Scout project idea approved by council for the installation of a flag retirement box. Also, to see where he could put it in the borough.**

Minutes

- **Council intends to take action on approving the November 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes.**

Ordinance Amendments

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on Ordinance #954, amending Chapter 500 to permit short-term rental uses in certain zoning districts.**
- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on Ordinance #955, amending Chapter 500 amending and revising the sign provisions in the borough zoning ordinance.**
- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on Ordinance #956, amending Chapter 500 revising the zoning ordinance lot requirements.**

UCC Appeals Board Members

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action regarding reducing the number of members of the Borough UCC Board of Appeals.**

Financial Accounts

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on change the account status of the Liquid Fuels Account from a Commercial Investment Account with a \$10,000 limit to a standard checking account.**
- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on opening a new standard checking account titled Parks and Recreation.**

Parks/Recreation

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on the following items related to Gumtown Park.**
 - **Rules, regulations, usage forms, etc.**
 - **Contracts/agreements related to donations for Gumtown Park.**
 - **Creation of a new Parks & Recreation Committee.**

Records Retention

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on disposing of old police and borough files.**

Multi-Modal Grant/Route 28 Access Road

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action regarding the Multi-Modal Grant and/or the Access Road Project.**

Penn Street Bridge/Stream Banks

- **Council intends to discuss and may take any action necessary regarding repair/replacement of the bridge at Penn Street and the bridge stream banks at Broad Street/Route 28.**

Committees

- **Street, Building & Equipment Committee**
- **Solid Waste Committee**
- **Cemetery Committee**
- **Finance & Personnel Committee**
- **Long Range Planning Committee**
- **Ordinance Review Committee**

Reports

- **Building Code Violations**
- **Police Report**
- **RVMA – Lisa Kerle**
- **Police Association – Don Heeter**
- **SCCRPD – Don Heeter/Bryan Ruth**
- **Fire Company – Scott Barrett/Brian Fox/Mayor Barrows**
- **Mayor's Report**
- **Engineer's Report**
 - **Council intends to discuss/review all of the reports and vote to approve the reports as presented.**

Other Business

Bills

- **Move to pay the bills and ratify the paid bills.**

Visitors' comments

Executive Session for personnel, legal or contract matters.

Audit Services

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on appointing an auditing firm for the borough.**

American Rescue Funds Allocation Contracts

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on the American Rescue Funds.**

Former motions:

- **American Rescue Funds/Broad Street Storm Sewer:** The engineer noted no bids were received for the repair/replacement of the Broad Street manhole. Heeter moved to enter into a contract with Bison Construction for repair/replacement of the manhole using \$23,200.00 in American Rescue Funds. Seconded by Gold and passed unanimously.
- **American Rescue Funds:** Heeter moved to donate \$1,775.12 of Rescue Funds to Hawthorn QRS.Emergency Services. Seconded by Rupert and passed unanimously. Thompson presented the engineering contract allocating the remaining \$71,310.00 of Rescue Funds to Gannett Fleming for 2025 engineering services.

(Adjournment)