

Rochester Borough Council
 Regular Meeting in the Municipal Building
 April 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Present: President David Alford, Vice-President Toni Bucher, Don Brothers, Renee Simmons, Chad Rape, Rico Elmore, Sam Piccinini, Mayor Keith Jackson, Solicitor Paul Steff, Sergeant Dawn Shane, Fire Chief Mike Mamone III, Manager John Barrett

Absent: Jodi Hemer

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Persons in Attendance:

Fire Chief Mamone discussed the fire study, the status of equipment and their plans for staffing a paid fireman on station. The proposed fire agreement between the Borough and the Township will be reviewed for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Piccinini stated that at the last meeting there was discussion about getting the Manager some help. A proposed job description was distributed. Mr. Piccinini introduce Dean Galitsis as a possible candidate. Mr. Galitsis reviewed his background and areas he felt would be beneficial for the Borough. Council thank Mr. Galitsis and would discuss this further in executive session.

The owners of 520 Connecticut Avenue expressed their concern about baseballs hitting their house and cars from the ballfield next to their property. After some discussion, Council asked the Manager to address this with the baseball organization to see if some fence or some netting could be installed to raise the protection area.

Action Items:

Mr. Elmore motioned to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 regular Council meeting as presented. Mrs. Bucher seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Elmore motioned to pay all approved bills as submitted. Mrs. Bucher seconded and the motion carried.

BILLS:

Gen. Fund – Ck# 12658–12735 – totaling \$115,686.76.

Payroll (3/29, 4/12) – Ck# 5817-5835 plus Dir. Dep. and Elec. Pymts. – totaling \$115,112.30.

Council received for their review and consideration, the 2024 Paving Program bid results. Youngblood Paving was the low bidder at \$372,691.91 for the base bid and \$24,853.67 for the add/alternate with the bid totaling \$397,545.58. After some discussion, the award was tabled until Columbia Gas presents their contribution amount.

Council received for their review and consideration, a proposal from Retail Design Services for architectural services to renovate the old public works garage for \$20,340. After some discussion, Mr. Elmore motioned to approve and accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rape seconded and the motion carried.

Council received for their review and consideration, a letter from the Borough Engineer following the review of the new video of the sanitary lines in the Municipal Building. After some discussion, Mr. Elmore motioned to follow the Engineer's recommendation to leave the sewer line as is, close up the hole and have the new flooring installed. Mr. Rape seconded and the motion carried.

Review Items:

There were no review items.

Committee Reports:

Public Administration – Chad Rape, Chairperson

Council received for their review, the Expense and Revenue Report from January 1, 2024 through April 10, 2024.

Public Safety – Rico Elmore, Chairperson

Mr. Elmore reviewed the various grants the grant writer is submitting on the Borough's behalf.

Police Department Report – Sergeant Shane discussed the upcoming movie detail. They have negotiated a charge of \$90/hr. for each officer and \$60/hr. for the Borough; if this was agreeable to Council. Mr. Rape motioned to accept and approve the negotiated wage and compensation. Mr. Piccinini seconded and the motion carried. Sergeant Shane discussed an issue with food trucks at the Deer Lane Grill. This past weekend the truck was there until 2:00 a.m. causing a disturbance to the neighborhood. The Solicitor will review the ordinances for areas of compliance.

Public Works – Toni Bucher, Chairperson

Mrs. Bucher had nothing to present.

Recreation – Renee Simmons, Chairperson

Mrs. Simmons continued ongoing discussions regarding the music festival on June 15th and the Beaver County Boom event on June 28th-29th. Banners, vendors, performers and times were discussed.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jackson noted various nuisance items around town.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Steff had nothing to report.

Code Officer's Report:

Council received for their review, the March report from the Code Officer and the 2024 activities log from the Zoning Officer.

Fire Chief's Report:

Council received for their review, the March 2024 Fire Department report.

Manager's/Treasurer's Report:

Council received for their review, the March 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Manager Barrett discussed the \$50,000 B.C. Tourism grant with Council. Council agreed to include the replacement of the ground lights at the flag plaza, the new adult exercise equipment, 3 new roofs on the pavilions, and \$2,500 for sound on the Boom weekend activities.

Old Business/New Business:

There was no old/new business.

Council went into an executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and the creation of a new position.

Council reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

John M. Barrett
Borough Manager