

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL RECESSED MEETING

Monday, March 15, 2023 – 5:30PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Marvin Rudnitsky, Vice President Richard Mease, President Pro Tempore Bobbie J. Owens, C/P Sara Lauver, C/P Christopher Kalcich, C/P Sara Maul, C/P Scott M. Frost

COUNCIL MEMBERS VIA ZOOM/TELEPHONE: N/A

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Reed, Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren A. Martz, Assistant Borough Manager/Treasurer Sharon Badman, Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs, Resident: Stephen Feiler

OTHER PERSONS VIA ZOOM: N/A

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Rudnitsky called the meeting back into order at 5:30PM. Borough Manager/Secretary Martz called the roll and acknowledged a quorum.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD: None

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:

A. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOBBIE OWENS, CHAIR

1. C/P Owens made a motion to approve payment to G&R Charles for a completed portion of the W. Pine Street Curb and Ramp Project in the amount of \$81,857.73. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. C/P Mease made a recommendation to change the Borough Council Committee structure with the suggested changes:

- President of Council would not be a permanent member of any Council Committee but would become the alternate on all committees.
- C/P Lauver would move from the Administration/Finance Committee to the Community Development/Ombudsman Committee.
- C/P Frost would move from the Community Development/Ombudsman Committee to the Administration/Finance Committee.
- Vice President Mease would replace President Rudnitsky on the Administration/Finance Committee.

C/P Frost made the motion to approve the Borough Council Committee restructuring suggested by Vice President Mease. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

Discussion was had and a motion was made by President Rudnitsky to table the motion until the April 3, 2023 Borough Council Meeting. This motion did not produce a second, so the Council voted on the first motion made.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: ONE (1)

MOTION CARRIED

(President Rudnitsky)

C/P Lauver stated she wanted to note that she did not ask to be removed from the Finance Committee and that she felt at times was not provided with information when requesting it from C/P Owens.

C/P Mease stated he would like noted that he, C/P Owens, Borough Manager/Secretary Martz, and Treasurer Badman met with Tyler Shields, Treasurer for the REC, at 3:30 PM to discuss all that was in question, and everyone is now on the same page. C/P Mease believes everything should be resolved for the April 3rd Council meeting.

2. President Rudnitsky asked about finding a way to make the Gelnett Application a fillable form

online. Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren A. Martz stated she will speak with Scott Clark from SEDA-COG IT to see how we can make this happen for our online forms.

B. MAYOR: Mayor Reed informed Council that Chief Mitchell has received information that Bucknell University is offering crisis intervention team training free of charge for a limited number of applicants. Chief Mitchell felt this would be a beneficial training for all officers at the Selinsgrove Police Department. Mayor Reed gave his approval to attend the 8-hour training for which the officers will be paid for their time.

C. OTHERS: Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren A. Martz stated Selinsgrove Borough is being considered for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant and staff was given a short timeframe to choose whether to be funded for water or sewer, Selinsgrove Borough could use funding for water more.

Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren A. Martz asked Council their preference for seating as some members of Council had mentioned they would like to be back at the table as before Covid so they can hear and see each other better. Council amicably decided to try having all of Council seated together at the April 3, 2023 meeting and leave it open to anyone feeling uncomfortable with sitting near others to move to an open table.

President Rudnitsky recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 5:55 PM.

Resume to public meeting at _____.

There was nothing else on the tape. Please let me know if there is anything else I should add.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Briggs