

Borough of Somerset Council Meeting October 28th, 2019 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Ruby Miller

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Council Members present: Ruby Miller; Fred Rosemeyer; Judy Pyle; Sue Opp; Steve Shaulis and Gary Thomas.

Council Member present via phone: Pam Ream

Present: Mayor Scott Walker.

Also present: Junior Council Member Jonathan Wagner.

Also present were the following: Borough Manager, Michele Enos; Director of Finance, Brett Peters; Chief of Police, Randy Cox; Solicitor, James Cascio; and Consulting Engineers, Tom Reilly and Jake Bolby.

4. Announcements:

(a) *None*

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

(a) ***September 9th, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.***

Motion

Mr. Rosemeyer moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to approve the September 9th, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(b) ***September 23rd, 2019 – Borough Council Meeting Minutes.***

Motion

Mrs. Ream moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to approve September 23rd, 2019 Borough Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(c) Departmental Reports - Approval of Departmental Reports for September 2019.

Motion

Mr. Shaulis moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to approve the Departmental Reports for September 2019.

Motion Unanimously Carried

6. Award of Bids:

(a) None

7. General Public Comments:

(a) None

8. Administrative Business:

(a) Communications (None)

(b) Payment of bills:

Motion

Mrs. Opp moved, Mr. Shaulis seconded, to approve the payment of bills numbered 33857 - 34019 totaling \$362,596.54.

Motion Unanimously Carried

9. Policy Agenda:

Old Business:

(a) None

New Business:

(a) Junior Council Person – Jonathan Wagner – “Thank You” presentation by Borough Council for serving as our Junior Council Member for the 2018 to 2019 School Season.

Mr. Rosemeyer read a letter of recognition, and congratulations, to Jonathan Wagner on behalf of the Mayor, and the Council of the Borough of Somerset, for completing his term as Somerset Borough Junior Council Person for the 2018-2019 school year.

(b) Junior Council Person – Consider appointing Patrick Kuhn to serve as our Junior Council Member for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion

Mr. Rosemeyer moved, Mr. Shaulis seconded, to appoint Patrick Kuhn to serve as our Junior Council Member for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(c) Swearing-In Junior Council Member – Mr. Rosemeyer will conduct the Oath of Office under Junior Council Program guidelines.

Patrick Kuhn was sworn-in to serve as the Junior Council Member for the 2019-2020 school year by Mr. Rosemeyer.

Mrs. Pyle stated that the Economic Development Committee of Somerset Inc. recently held a meeting that focused on the buildings in disrepair and what could be done about them. She asked Ms. Enos her thoughts on future developments in this regard.

Ms. Enos stated that the Borough is working on some avenues with the Redevelopment Authority. She stated that grant opportunities is probably the best approach.

Ms. Enos stated that she will be attending the next Somerset Inc. meeting to see where the Borough wants to move forward on this. The Borough may also be looking at regulations once a plan has been set in place for the Historic District.

Mr. Bolby stated that of the two ongoing projects at the Sewage Treatment Plant, one is being “wrapped up” and the final paper work is being taken care of.

He also mentioned that the Pump Project should be starting in November 2019.

Ms. Enos disclosed that the paving project in the Borough is presently being done.

She also mentioned that a waterline repair and restoration is going to be done in front of Wendy’s Restaurant by New Enterprise contractors this week.

Ms. Enos mentioned that there was \$3,000.00 worth of extra holiday decorations purchased in the form of lighting. The Borough has donations coming in from a large donor, which name will be released when the donation is received. She stated that 4,000 additional lights will be added this year. Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 volunteers will be putting up the holiday decorations in our Uptown. The Eagles will hold a breakfast at 7:00 a.m. before decorating begins.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Mr. Rosemeyer.

Motion Unanimously Carried

7:20 p.m.

Michele A. Enos, Borough Manager/ Secretary