

Special Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2024

Call to Order- 6:00 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich

Introduction of Maria Ahner as new borough secretary

Attending Council Roll Call- Michele Bartek, Joesph Butrie, Gwyneth Collevechio, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Jack Soberick, Jennifer Staines

Absent-Mayor Hugh Vrablic

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Debbie Raebold-

Inquired about the purchase of the new computer system. Council responded that the computer system is 12 years old and does not work properly. Debbie also inquired about if the police department has a necessity for new weapons due to the number of calls that are not being responded to. Council responded that police guns are from 2002 and have had numerous misfires, and that ideally every seven years they should be exchanged.

Mary Soberick-

Inquired about if the collection program and the electronics is going to be one collection in one location. Bruce Markovich responded that it will be one collection in one location and that they should be a bid in addition to the basic garbage fee so that they can be dropped off if they are too expensive. Mary also inquired about borough secretaries. Bruce Markovich responded there currently is one but there will be two with one being the treasurer and the secretary and the other the assistant treasurer and assistant secretary.

Consent Agenda:

Presentation from Cloud Services on Police Department Computers-

Dan Moyer from Clouds- Dan Moyer introduced himself and explained that because computer systems age their components need replacing due to security. Dan explains that the current police server needs replacing due to it being 12 years old and not being able to be fixed. He further goes on to explain that because the servers are out of date, they will not be secure, which is a concern because computer security is then at risk and due to the system being old, the newer operating system would not be usable.

Motion to replace the computer system for the police department-

Cost being \$19,470 being paid to Cloud Services from the boroughs COVID funds with half the payment at the start of the contract and the last half at the end of the contract. Council was advised that all council use the Lansford Borough email address instead of their personal to ensure additional security. The server order takes about two weeks to arrive, arriving around the first week of March.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to extend the rental license applications due dates until April 30, 2024 to return rental license applications-

Arrow is currently going through unknown properties and would like to extend the due date to avoid having to send out en masse all rental applications.

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevchio and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to sign the agreement to reopen the police contract for the sole purpose of purchasing new weapons and related items for the police department -

Memorandum of understand was received by council for police guns. Guns are the only thing open for discussion and the memorandum will remain open until the guns are purchased and will then be closed again.

Old guns will be traded in, and Jennifer emailed Kyle Woodward for prices on guns, holsters, and ammunition.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Gwyneth Collevecchio.

Motion to advertise for the refuse collection contract. Separate bids to include one borough wide cleanup date and one electronics collection program-

Motion to advise for refuse collection contract that would include bids for one borough-wide clean-up date and one electronics collection program. The company would place a bid with all three provisions in it and any provisions that are too expensive would be deleted. The current contract expires April 30th, resulting in the bid being awarded in the April meeting.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to hire an additional borough secretary-

Motion to hire Ashley McLaughlin as additional borough secretary.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion was in favor by Michele Bartek, Bruce Markovich, Gwyneth Collevecchio, Jack Soberick, Jennifer Staines, and Jay Doyle. Motion was opposed by Joseph Butrie.

New Business

Joseph Butrie-

Inquired about why southside, Unit Block has barricades around the building. Stating that this was a problem that occurred before and that the minute something like that is put up the borough claims responsibility for anything that falls. Bruce Markovich stated that the owner was contacted and that a contractor is going to be repairing the building.

Motion to go off agenda-

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Joseph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Staines-

Would like to pay Sean Nunemacher \$814 for the Zoom Penn State Class, Police Supervisory In-Services Training, that will take place on February 26th to March 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Council discussed that there is \$5,000 of discretionary spending from Kyle Woodward not taking his health insurance. The \$5,000 was placed into the placed into the police budget. Council discussed that police is already lacking and that more information is needed.

Motioned by Jennifer Staines seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion favored by Jennifer Staines, Jack Soberick, and Joseph Butrie. Motion was opposed by Bruce Markovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Michele Bartek and Jay Doyle.

Motion to Adjourn-

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer