

Fleetwood Borough Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016

Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m. with the salute of the flag and attendance was taken. Council was all present with the exceptions of Secretary, Doreen O'Neil; Mayor, Tammy Gore; and Councilman, Jim Meals.

1. Council Andrew George advised that the Budget for 2017 was made available pursuant to publication and open to the public. The Budget reflects a ¼ Mil tax increase with a balanced expense and revenue of \$2,220,619. Motion to approve the budget was made by John Rothenberger and seconded by Ralph Touch. The Motion was granted and the budget approved. No public was present to address the Budget.

Resolution: 2016-12-12

2. Council Andrew George advised that the proposal to increase taxes by ¼ Mil was duly advertised. Current taxes will be 5.25 mil total with a 1 mil fire tax. No public was present to address the proposed increase in taxes. The motion to approve the tax increase was made by Ralph Touch seconded by Colin Boyer. The motion was granted and the tax increase approved.

Ordinance #625

3. A modification to the parking ordinance was advertised to provide additional amendments to specific parking and travel lanes in order to better accommodate the construction underway on Main Street and South Richmond Street. Changes included modifications to the snow emergency route to provide a route that is more contiguous with the neighboring towns. The parking ordinance also incorporates a list of technical corrections to reflect current parking regulations. The motion was made by Pete Merkel, seconded by Chris Young. The motion was granted and the new parking ordinance updates approved.

Ordinance #624

4. The Police contract with Richmond Township was reviewed. The contract provides for a 3% increase with payments of \$36,866.41 per month and a credit for the \$4,000 Richmond donates to the Fleetwood Public Library, \$884,794 in total. Richmond Township tentatively approved the contract. The motion to approve the contract was made by Colin Boyer, seconded by John Rothenberger. The motion was granted and the contract is approved. Borough Council President is authorized to sign the contract and Borough Council Secretary is authorized to acknowledge the contract.

5. Borough Council Workshop meeting 12/19/16 was cancelled.

6. Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Ralph Touch and seconded by Chris Young. The motion was granted and checks signed.

7. New Alley discussion. One concern was received requesting closure of New Alley based on it being a dangerous entry from South Richmond Street during construction. Police Sargent advised that the issues have decreased but continue, namely people ignoring the one way signs. Overall, 188 people have been cited. Sergeant advised that there was a recent incident where a trailer came down the alley the wrong way taking out a set of shrubs. Additional information is being obtained.

8. The Fleetwood Public Library representatives, Lois Geist, Mackenzie Weaver and Karin Milesosky, the new Librarian, came to address Council. There was a brief discussion regarding the overall plans for the library to move downstairs, which remains a goal of the Library with an anticipated time frame on or after late 2017. Council was advised that the Library Board would come to the January Borough Council Workshop meeting to discuss the layout and the full plans.
9. Motion was made to authorize Borough Council President to sign and Borough Council Secretary to attest to the modifications presented by Penn Dot relative to Railroad Timing by Chris Young, seconded by John Rothenberger. The motion was granted and authority given.
10. The Police report was given by Sergeant Greg Geisinger.
11. Council discussed the sewer issues in the Fleetwood Community Center in the Fleetwood Historical portion of the building. Insurance has been contacted and we wait authority to release the scene for supplemental cleanup. Emergency cleanup had already occurred.
12. Boiler removal from the basement of the Fleetwood Community Center was discussed. The initial estimate would be \$14,000 or so for the boiler removal in addition to potential asbestos remediation.
13. Motion was made by Chris Young, seconded by John Rothenberger to authorize the installation of carpet in the Fleetwood Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. The motion was granted and authority given.
14. Water / Sewer were asked to review their plans to identify future major projects or capital upgrades.
15. Per advice of solicitor, a motion to have John Rothenberger serve as acting secretary for the evening to sign documents was made by Chris Young, seconded by Colin Boyer.
16. Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Chris Young, seconded by Pete Merkel. The motion was granted and the meeting adjourned.