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The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Alviene who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Alviene, Councilman Fox, Councilman McNear, Councilman Meier, Councilman Regis, Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, R. Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; J. Alderton, Fire Consultant and M. O'Keefe, Borough Clerk

DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the Art in the Park event sponsored by the Butler Economic Development Committee

Mr. Lampmann gave an overview of the events, there will be concerts and art shows, involving Butler Park, dates are as follows: Art Shows Sunday June 14, Rain date June 21 and Sunday September 20, Rain date September 27. Concerts will be June 12, July 10, August 7 and September 18. Councilman Regis asked if there will be police required, Chief Chimento attended a pre-event meeting he will have the police monitor the events as part of the regular patrol. The Mayor and Council approved the event, as this is a great idea for the Borough.

Appointment of Douglas Travers to the Recreation Commission for a full five-year term. The Mayor and Council approved this appointment. Mr. Travers will be notified of his appointment, along with the Recreation Commission.

Updates to the Fire Department Ordinance – Councilman Meier and Council President Vath recused themselves, and left the room for this discussion. Mr. Lampmann provided an overview of the changes suggested by Mr. Alderton to Chapter 21, Fire Department of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Butler. Mr. Alderton noted that the suggested changes would bring the Fire Department up to State and National Standards, with the additional training. The suggested courses for officers will allow a succession plan to become Chief. The ordinance will define the requirements for the various officers, noting that he has renamed the officers to be consistent. As each firefighter progresses in the department, training is required to guarantee that upon becoming Chief of the Department the individual will have all the appropriate training required for the position. In the event of a vacancy, the order of progression will be followed. The Master Mechanic, to avoid any issues, will inspect the fire equipment on a weekly basis and provide reports to the Mayor and Council. Attendance requirements, along with mandatory percentage requirements of 50% of fire calls only. Monthly reports should be provided to the Mayor and Council, and the Chief and or Chiefs should attend the monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council. Mayor Alviene noted that if all the changes can be made prior to the April 21, meeting he would like to introduce it at that time. Suggestions were made as to how to address any questions that may arise within the fire departments. Councilman Fox noted that this is not the final draft of the ordinance, so please do not release this information to anyone.

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Discussion on the 2015 Butler Capital Plan – Mr. Lampmann explained that after all budgets have been reviewed, the amounts allocated would not be finalized until after road inspections for the 2015 repaving and the ordinances are introduced. Mr. Lampmann explained the difference between using the Capital Improvement funding and a Bond Anticipation Notes.

Discussion – Possible Transfer of Property from the Passaic River Coalition to the Borough of Butler - Mr. Lampmann noted that the new Director of the Passaic River Coalition contacted him regarding transferring property back to the Borough. After discussion by the Mayor and Council it was determined that, the Borough is not interested in the acquisition.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Alviene opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one come forward to speak a motion was made to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Regis

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation:

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Regis

Motion to return to Open Session:

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Regis

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Regis

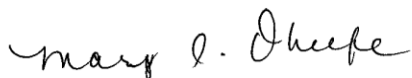
ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

Adopted: June 16, 2015



Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Dated: June 16, 2015

R 2015-37A
MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler on the 7th day of April 2015, that:

1. Prior to conclusion of the business meeting, the Borough Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
 - () B. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () B. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () B. (3) A matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () B. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - () B. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () B. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure would impact such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - (X) B. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in Subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - () B. (8) Personnel matters.
 - () B. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Moved: Fox

Second: Regis