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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 is 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 Meier, Councilman Regis (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ABSENT: Councilman McNear

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilman McNear

Moved: Meier

Second: Fox

All in favor.

DISCUSSION:

Chapter 21, Fire Department

Chief Soules of the Butler Fire Department is here this evening to ask for an extension of time for the required training. The Fire Department is having scheduling problems with instructors. After discussion it was decided to postpone the training requirement until June 30, 2016, if additional time is required at that time, the Fire Department will let the Mayor and Council know and the matter will be revisited.

Potential Purchase or Easement of Property to Shri Sai Shakti, LLC for a section of Outlook Street

Dr. Maheta, is present this evening to ask that the Mayor and Council consider his company be allowed to purchase or have an easement granted for a portion of Outlook Street behind his business. Currently, he is experiencing difficulty in renting the minimart portion of the gas station recently built; he feels that it would be easier with additional parking spots. The current configuration does not allow for enough parking spaces for the minimart, he would like to either purchase or lease the property to add additional parking spots by shifting the fence back by approximately five feet. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the title needs to be researched, to determine who owns the property. The Mayor and Council would like to inspect the property and have the Planning Board review the proposal as the site plans would need to be amended. If this is Municipal property then the Borough can vacate the Right of Way or hold an auction for the property in question.

Bob Norman, 31 Cascade Way questioned where this property was located; the location is behind the newly constructed gas station on Route 23 Southbound.

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Resolution(s):

2015-78 Purchase of Ford F-550 Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works

Moved: Vath

Second: Regis

Voted Aye: Fox, Meier, Regis, Verdonik and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: McNear

2015-79 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and Confirmation Transactions Thereunder Between the Borough of Butler and Various Suppliers

Mr. Lampmann explained that this authorizes the Borough to bid for power at lower rates, with the addition of new vendors; it allows the Borough to have choices and get the best rates possible.

Moved: Meier

Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Fox, Meier, Regis and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: McNear

Recuse: Verdonik

Correspondence

Request from the Valerie Fund for a Proclamation proclaiming September 2015 as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

The Mayor and the Council concurred proclamation will be signed.

Mayor Alviene asked that the Council consider the purchase of a parcel of property to create a memorial space for the 911 Artifact to be displayed. Mr. Lampmann will check with Mr. Darmofalski as to whether or not this is a feasible use for the property, regarding the property's proximity to the stream.

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

Bob Norman, 31 Cascade Way

Mr. Norman asked if Mr. Darmofalski had been contacted regarding the McDonald's traffic situation. Mr. Darmofalski suggested that allow the construction to be complete, and then the issue will be dealt with. Mr. Lampmann concurred with Mr. Norman that perhaps additional signage is required. Mr. Norman wanted to inform the Mayor and Council that the property behind McDonald's which he stated is wetlands, that the area in question has been filled in, and when the lawn is being maintained, the clippings are being dumped in that area. The Borough will check into this and let him know, Mr. Norman may come into review the site plans at his leisure.

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Brittany Morley, 179 Boonton Avenue asked that when Boonton Avenue is repaved, can the parking spaces be delineated, if a person parks haphazardly this lessens the amount of available parking spaces. Mayor Alviene will address this issue with Morris County.

Councilman Fox seeing no one else come forward moved that the public portion be closed, seconded by Councilman Verdonik.
All in favor.

**Closed Session – Potential Litigation/Contract Negotiations – Riverdale Capacity Transfer
Sequestration Principle**

Motion to go into Closed Session:
Moved: Verdonik
All in favor.

Second: Regis

Motion to return to Open Session:
Moved: Verdonik

Second: Regis

Motion to adjourn
Moved: Verdonik
All in favor.

Second: Regis

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 p.m.

Adopted: October 20, 2015

Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:

Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: October 20, 2015