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WORKSHOP MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2017  
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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 Calvi, Councilman Fox, Councilman McNear, Councilman Meier, Councilman Regis and Council President Verdonik

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, R. Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; Councilman Elect Douglas Travers and M. O’Keefe, Borough Clerk

**Discussion – Butler Bulldogs Education Association Tiers of Giving Holiday Flyer**

Mayor Alviene asked the Council if they had reviewed the request to distribute these forms at the Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 8, 2017. Councilman Fox feels that this is not the place to distribute the fliers. Councilman Meier concurred with Councilman Fox; he feels that this should be distributed to local businesses to display; he also feels that they should be distributed to the schoolchildren so they may be passed along to family members. Council President Verdonik concurred and noted that he feels this will take away from the spirit of the Tree Lighting. Council Calvi feels that it is a great thing; he feels that they are looking for other sources of funding for the school system. Councilman McNear feels that it would benefit the schools and the Town, while bringing an awareness to the residents. The majority of the Council determined that they would not approve this request. Ms. O’Keefe to notify Mrs. Calvi on December 6 about the decision.

**Discussion – 2018 Appointments** Ms. O’Keefe apologized for any errors or omissions on the memorandum provided to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Alviene asked if anyone had any suggestions or concerns regarding the Borough professionals. As no concerns were expressed, the Council committee appointments were carried.

**Community Development Block Grant Funding Application** – Mr. Lampmann provided the Mayor and Council with the cover sheet for the application detailing that the project being submitted for is as follows: Northwestern Avenue which has a loop that goes from Kiel Avenue back to Kiel Avenue, this is a great project as it covers many requirements of the grant application. Additionally, he has heard that there may be additional funding available from projects that were not completed by other municipalities.

**R 2017-103 Resolution of the Borough of Butler Authorizing Participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Program**

Ms. O’Keefe and Mr. Lampmann explained that this is a sizable grant as it gives the Borough \$60,000 towards a police officer. The Mayor and Council concurred.

Moved: Fox

Second: Regis

Voted Aye: Calvi, Fox, McNear, Meier, Regis and Verdonik

Voted Nay: None

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**Discussion – Towing and Storage Fees**

Rick Malanga of Malanga’s Towing and Mike Rudge of Rudge Towing are here this evening to request an increase in the Towing rates to be comparable to the state rates. The Mayor and Council agreed that the rates should go up; the ordinance will be introduced at the January 2, 2018 Council meeting.

Council Calvi inquired if the discussion regarding the handouts by the Butler Bulldogs Education Association Tiers of Giving could be reopened at this time, Mayor Alviene and several members of the Council reiterated their earlier responses that they do not feel this would be acceptable at the Annual Tree lighting.

**Introduction**

**2017-14 Ordinance Providing for the Appropriation of \$150,000 for the Improvements to the Sewer Pump Stations**

**Public Hearing: December 19, 2017**

Mr. Lampmann explained that there was a catastrophic failure of the sewer pump station on Harold J Mathews Jr. Court that affects approximately two hundred homes, this occurred on Thanksgiving Eve, continuing through Thanksgiving Day. At the current time, the affected area is using temporary pumps, with pipes and hoses in the area pumping from the failed station into the sewer main. Design is complete for the new pump station; it must be built in front of the existing station, as a retrofit is not possible in the existing station. Quotes are being obtained for the project as this was not in the 2017 budget, however, monies for this project will come from a prior sale of sewer capacity and it will not affect taxes as this money was set aside for improvements to the sewer system. Mr. Lampmann explained how the process works and that the current pump station was undersized to service all the homes in the area.

Moved: Meier

Second: McNear

Voted Aye: Calvi, Fox, McNear, Meier, Regis and Verdonik

Voted Nay: None

**Mayor Alviene** wanted to discuss Library expenditures in regards to a letter received he reiterated that the Library received approximately \$315,000 this year; they are billed for the various services that the Borough provides at a reduced rate. The Mayor also noted that the Library staff received the same salary increases that Borough employees received and while the Library offers many programs, they are not free to the Borough so those expenditures must be taken into account and they must stay within their budget. Library funding is set by the State of New Jersey with the Borough providing the funds from property taxes collected.

**Closed Session – Contract Negotiations – Shared Services Agreement Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority**

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Moved: Regis

Second: Fox

All in favor.

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Motion to return to open session:  
Moved: McNear  
All in favor.

Second: Regis

**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: McNear

Mr. Lampmann polled the Mayor and Borough Council regarding salary increases for Non-Union Employees being the same as union employees. The consensus of the Mayor and Council is to give the same salary increases as the union employees.

Mayor Alviene reminded everyone of the Annual Tree lighting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. the tree will be lit this year by Harry Radell a World War II veteran and a member of the Butler Fire Department.

Motion to adjourn:  
Moved: Fox  
All in favor.

Second: McNear

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 p.m.

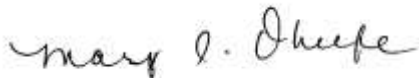
Adopted: February 20, 2018



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Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



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Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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**BOROUGH OF BUTLER  
RESOLUTION R 2017-103**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE  
AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Butler wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$60,000 with a match of \$349,582.00 for an approximate project total cost of \$409,582.00 for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program (P18-1403) for the grant period of December 29, 2017 through December 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Butler for the purpose described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Borough of Butler wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized by law.

Adopted: December 5, 2017

  
Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Dated: December 5, 2017