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The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Martinez 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 Martinez, Councilman Calvi, Councilman Fox, Councilman Meier, Councilman Regis, Councilman Travers and Council President Verdonik

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, and C. Woods from the office of the Borough Attorney, and M. O’Keefe, Borough Clerk

Presentation – Setting Up a Cannabis Retail Business in the Borough of Butler Juan Carlos Negrin and Thomas J. Castronova are present this evening of behalf of the Demeter Investment Group to go over the presentation (attached). They have been actively pursuing a medical/recreational license from the State of New Jersey; they are trying to find a good location noting that Butler has several favorable locations along Route 23 and are looking for a letter of support for the business. Mr. Negrin is currently in the liquor industry, he has visited the establishments located in Colorado to get an idea as to the workings of the business. Their original plans were for a medical dispensary, the Borough Council adopted a resolution in support in 2019. They amended their business plan to include recreational use as well as medicinal. The application process includes support from the municipality; there are a number of benefits to the community such as the hiring of the residents and local developers for the property. Mr. Negrin noted that Demeter is a minority owned group, which may be advantageous in the application process. Mr. Castronova noted that there will be no on premise consumption and there will be strict security in these buildings. The security plan is designed by a company that specializes in providing security to this type of business and the State will have access to the surveillance cameras. In New Jersey, they have separated the licenses so you cannot grow, manufacture and sell under the same license. They are only interested in the retail licensing. Councilman Travers questioned who would regulate the amount of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) in the product, Mr. Woods responded that would be done as part of the State of New Jersey guidelines and come under the auspices of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Medical Cannabis allows for higher levels of THC and will only be available to medical patients with a doctor’s prescription. Mayor Martinez expressed concern about loitering; security will be in place to deter this. Councilman Meier asked how the amount dispensed at one time would be regulated; the State will regulate the amounts allowed to be purchased on a daily basis. When Demeter files the application, a letter of support signed by the Mayor will be required, presently they are not sure if the State of New Jersey will be issuing new licenses, and they are looking to pursue both medical and recreational licenses. Mayor Martinez polled the Council who are in support of the application; however, once the legislation is enacted they will revisit support of the license application. There may be a call for applications in the spring of 2021; this is the start of the process.

Permission to connect to the Butler Water Supply at 18 Carl Place, Kinnelon

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The Mayor and Council approved the connection, Mr. Petreski to be notified.

Resolution No. 2020-104 Safe and Secure Communities Application

Moved: Fox
All in favor

Second: Regis

Discussion – 2021 Appointments

There were no questions on the 2021 appointments they will be done at the January 5, 2021 Reorganization meeting.

Discussion – 2021 Salaries

Mr. Lampmann explained that as is customary would the same percentage of increase for the white-collar non-contractual workers be the same as for the contractual workers. An informal vote of the Borough Council was as follows:

Yes: Fox, Regis, Travers and Verdonik

No: Calvi and Meier

Discussion – Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG)

Mr. Lampmann noted that the grant application is due on January 6, 2021 and it must be discussed prior to the submission of the application. He suggested that this year's application be for the balance of South Gifford Street water main replacement. This will complete the replacement of the water main and prepare the road for repaving. Mr. Lampmann will prepare the application and a resolution in support will be adopted at the December 15, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the Public.

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

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Verdonik

Motion to adjourn:

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Verdonik

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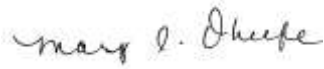
ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 p.m.

Adopted: December 15, 2020



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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**BOROUGH OF BUTLER
RESOLUTION R 2020-104**

**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 \$32,400 with a match of \$394,011.00 for an approximate project total cost of \$426,411.00 for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program (P21-1403) for the grant period of December 29, 2020 through December 28, 2021; 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 and is authorized to accept the funding.
- 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 1, 2020



Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: December 1, 2020