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The Council Meeting of the 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. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Reflection.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Robert W. Alviene, Council President Edwin Vath, Councilman Robert Fox, Councilman Stephen Regis, Councilman Raymond Verdonik, Councilman Robert Meier and Councilwoman Judith Woop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 4

Moved: Regis
All in favor.

Second: Fox

DISCUSSION WITH BUTLER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION RE: BUTLER MARKETPLACE
Council was very receptive to the ideas put forth, resolution and contract to be prepared for signature. The event would run from May through October during the following hours 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the convenience of people returning from work. Councilwoman Woop noted that the Main Street cleanup should be done prior to commencement of the Marketplace.

PROCLAMATION:

READ ACROSS AMERICA AND READ ACROSS NEW JERSEY –

Mayor Alviene signed the proclamation, which will be forwarded onto the school.
All in favor.

MEETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Seeing no one come forward to speak the Public Portion of the Meeting.

Moved: Fox

Second: Meier

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Tax Collectors Report – December 2010 – \$240,116.35

Tax Collectors Report – Year 2010 – \$23,154,921.77

Power & Light/Water & Sewer Department – December 2010 - \$2,554,156.96

Council President Vath reported on the following:

The Board of Health meeting was cancelled for January 26, a special meeting was held on February 9.

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The Board of Health looked at amending the ordinance regarding fees charged for vendors at the Marketplace and it was determined that \$10.00 per vendor would be an appropriate fee, the ordinance amendment to be introduced at the March Board of Health meeting, copy to be forwarded to Clerk's office.

The Board of Health 2011 budget was discussed, discussions to continue at March meeting. 2011 preliminary Borough Budget was discussed; however, the final budget could not be completed until State Aid numbers are released.

Councilman Fox reported:

Mr. Becker, Public Works Superintendent asked that the utility problems on Kakeout Road be inspected and addressed prior to the bid preparation. Mr. Lampmann noted that due to traffic concerns the work on Kakeout Road would actually begin in late spring or early summer.

Councilman Regis reported:

A firefighter needed to be transported to the hospital today because of assisting with a heavy lift request from the first aid squad.

Mr. Regis also noted that there are two (2) new fire department members at the Morris County Fire Academy, two (2) new fire department members at the Passaic County Fire Academy and (3) three new members of the first aid squad at the Bergen County EMS training center.

Councilman Verdonik reported:

The museum is in the process of boxing up items, exploring the possibility of only moving the items to one side of the museum during renovations.

The submission of a non-construction grant for Phase II rehabilitation of the museum will be submitted to Morris County on February 24, 2011.

There was a major water main break on Route 23; there are still two customers without water, a joint effort with Morris County to provide a portable water unit is being pursued. Repairs to the water main have not occurred yet.

Councilman Meier reported:

The electric crews have been tree trimming due to the weather conditions.

The Electric utility is also looking into rewiring upgrades, automated meter readings and GIS. Additionally, the utility is looking into the installation of capacitor banks on main feeders due to electric consumption over the past summer.

A garbage truck hit an electric pole in Bloomingdale, pole was stabilized the company will be billed for costs associated.

Installation of floodlights at Star Lake Camp, updated bill to be issued to include costs associated with installation and power usage.

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Councilwoman Woop reported:

No committee meetings have been held regarding trash pickup. Clean communities will schedule the cleanup of Main Street prior to commencement of the Butler Marketplace.

Mr. Lampmann scheduled the Electric Budget meeting for February 23, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., as state aid has no effect on the utility. Mr. Lampmann also noted that four vendors have requested and received the bid package for the backhoe. The return date is February 24, 2011; he would like to award the bid at the March Workshop meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS

R 2011-23 AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Moved: Vath Second: Fox
Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Regis, Verdonik, Meier and Woop
Voted Aye with abstention on fire department bills Vath and Meier
Voted Nay: None
R 2011-23 approved

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS

Nothing to present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearing scheduled.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2011-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AND REVISING THE REQUIREMENT FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

Moved: Fox Second: Vath
Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Regis, Fox and Vath
Voted Nay: None
Public hearing scheduled for March 15, 2011

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

No ordinances for adoption at this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A. R 2011-16 CONSENT AGENDA (All items with an asterisk * are considered to be routine and noncontroversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion).

Moved: Fox Second: Vath
Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Regis, Verdonik, Meier and Woop

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- B. *R 2011-17 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REPEAL OF SICK LEAVE INJURY
- C. *R 2011-18 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-2404 CAPPING ATTORNEY FEES IN LITIGATION AGAINST PUBLIC ENTITIES
- D. * R 2011-19 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A3431 TO AMEND TITLE 59 BY GRANTING IMMUNITY TO PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR SIDEWALK INJURIES WHERE THE HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE BY ORDINANCE
- E. * R 2011-20 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A-3430 TO AMEND TITLE 59 BY STRENGTHENING WEATHER IMMUNITY
- F. * R 2011-21 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-2333 AND A-3432 TO AMEND TITLE 59 TO PROVIDE IMMUNITIES FOR BEACHES, BOARDWALKS AND SIMILAR PROPERTY
- G. * R 2011-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC

No comments

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issues and Contract Negotiations:

Fox Second: Vath

All in favor.

Meeting reopened

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Adopted:

MAYOR ROBERT W. ALVIENE

Attest:

Mary A. O'Keefe, Municipal Clerk

Dated: