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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 and on the Borough Website.

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Martinez, Councilman Calvi, Councilman Fox, Councilman Meier, Councilwoman Morley, Councilman Piccirillo and Council President Verdonik

ALSO PRESENT: James Lampmann, Borough Administrator; James Kozimor, CFO; Robert Oostdyk, Borough Attorney and Brandi Greco, Borough Clerk.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Re-Org and Workshop of January 2, 2024 Moved: Verdonik Second: Calvi

All in favor

January 16, 2024

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Verdonik
All in favor except Councilman Fox who was absent

February 6, 2024

Moved: Fox Second: Verdonik

All in favor

Closed Session February 6, 2024

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Calvi

All in favor

February 20, 2024

Moved: Fox Second: Piccirillo

All in favor except Councilman Meier who was absent

### RESOLUTION(S)

**R 2024-37** Resolution Authorizing Lt. Robert Findura To Purchase His Service Weapon Due To Retirement Moved: Morley Second: Fox

All in favor

**R 2024-38** Resolution Authorizing Support Of and Consent To The Filing Of The CDBG Application For 64 Belleview Ave Group Home Rehabilitation Project by Community Options, Inc.

Moved: Fox Second: Calvi

All in favor

**R 2024-39** Resolution Authorizing Support Of and Consent To The Filing Of The CDBG Application For The 20 Siek Road Group Home Rehabilitation Project by Community Options, Inc.

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Verdonik

All in favor

**R 2024-40** Resolution Authorizing Support Of and Consent To The Filing Of The CDBG Application For The 38 Van Houten Ave Group Home Rehabilitation Project by Community Options Van Houten, Inc.

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Fox

All in favor

**Discussion** – Butler Museum – Museum Co-Chair Cynthia Sokoloff approached the Mayor and Council to explain the need to increase the number of Museum Board Members. Council agreed to adjust the ordinance to allow for additional members. It will be prepared and introduced at the next meeting.

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**Discussion** – Butler Day – Mayor Martinez presented a rough estimate of the monies requested to run Butler Day. He explained that food trucks, entertainment, DJ and rides would be paid for by the Borough. Vendors will be obtained by an outside company. Mr. Lampmann explained we needed to include a budget for police officers as well as DPW personnel for set up and clean up. Councilwoman Morley asked if we could allocate the money for the Summer Concert Series to Butler Day since they are not hosting bands this year. Councilman Verdonik explained that came from the banner sponsorships, not the Borough. Mayor Martinez said he would like \$10,000 from the Borough and he will put a committee together to raise additional funds if needed. He said no band or fireworks this year, just rides and family fun. Mr. Lampmann stated he will need appx. 3 months' notice to get insurance approvals for the rides. The Mayor said he would like to pick a date in early Fall and will use one of the fields per Dr. Johnson.

**Discussion** – CFO James Kozimor presented the Capital Budget. He said we bounced back really well after the garbage issue last year- all departments maintained a level budget. Mr. Kozimor reminded everyone that this is the last year that we get the Municipal Relief Fund. Mr. Lampmann said we need to make up the difference in what we are receiving for the totaled police car...at this point only half is being covered. We are balancing really well considering inflation. For example, a transformer that used to be 1,200. is now over 6,000. for the same transformer! He said for departments that didn't give an itemization, capital money will be distributed and they are responsible for allocating it as needed. Mayor inquired about making the Mayors position unpaid and putting that back into the budget - Mr. Kozimor explained it is split among departments so it would have to be spread out accordingly.

**Discussion** – Tree Removal and Replacement Ordinance. Mr. Lampmann had not received any feedback from the last discussion so he prepared the state mandated Tree Ordinance that is required to be adopted by all municipalities. He asked all to review and if in agreement with the terms, it will be introduced at the next meeting. All were in favor.

### OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public.

Damian Daskaloski approached – stated he owns property at 15 Boonton Ave and just bought another one at 141 Boonton Ave. He wanted to buy the adjacent land owned by the Borough that the Stonybrook sign is on but was told it was Green Acres land. Mr. Oostdyk confirmed this and said by law, we cannot sell Green Acres property. He then stated he would like to change the crumbling retaining wall in the back to make it safer. It is currently a rubber tire wall. Mr. Lampmann explained this is partially on the neighbors' property so he would need to come to the Planning Board for a variance. Mr. Daskaloski stated he is also working on the back end of Carey Ave to hopefully develop some of that property.

Mike McDonald from 9 Beech St. approached and said he wanted to learn more about Butler Day – he is part of the "Butler Dads" group and they are all in support of Butler Day and want to help increase participation. Mr. Lampmann asked if they would be interested in volunteering and he confirmed they are. The Mayor will be his point of contact regarding their involvement.

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

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Morley

All in favor

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Morley All in favor Second: Piccirillo

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Municipal Clerk

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AUTHORIZING LIEUTENANT ROBERT FINDURA TO PURCHASE HIS SERVICE WEAPONS DUE TO RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Lieutenant Robert Findura to retire from the Butler Police Department effective February 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, The Borough Administrator received a request from Lieutenant Findura to purchase his service weapons, Glock Model 22 Generation 4 .40 Caliber, Serial #ZUZ553 and A Glock 42, Serial #AAZZ782 due to such retirement, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Findura agrees to take full responsibility in arranging the proper transfer through a licensed firearms dealer, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Findura will provide the Borough of Butler with a copy of the appraisal in order to establish a fair purchase price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that Lieutenant Robert Findura of the Butler Police Department be allowed to purchase his BPD issued service weapons described above due to his retirement as Butler Police Lieutenant which will become effective on February 1, 2024.

ADOPTED: March 5, 2024

Brandi L. Smith-Greco, Borough Clerk

Ryan Martinez, Mayor

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF AND CONSENT TO THE FILING OF THE CDBG APPLICATION FOR 64 BELLEVIEW AVE GROUP HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT BY COMMUNITY OPTIONS INC.

WHEREAS, Community Options Inc. desires to submit an application for CDBG funds for the Rehabilitation of a Group Home located at 64 Belleview Ave in Butler; and

WHEREAS, Community Options has prepared the application, together with all other accompanying documents and obtained a cost estimate from a Certified Contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Borough Council supports the application by Community Options Inc to the Morris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- 2. If awarded CDBG funds, Community Options Inc. shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 3. This resolution does not obligate financial resources of the Borough of Butler.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 5, 2024

Rvan Martinez, Mayor

Brandi Greco, RMC

Dated: March 5, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF AND CONSENT TO THE FILING OF THE CDBG APPLICATION FOR THE 20 SIEK ROAD GROUP HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT BY COMMUNITY OPTIONS SIEK INC.

WHEREAS, Community Options Siek Inc. desires to submit an application for CDBG funds for the Rehabilitation of a Group Home located at 20 Siek Road in Butler; and

WHEREAS, Community Options Siek Inc has prepared the application, together with all other accompanying documents and obtained a cost estimate from a Certified Contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Borough Council supports the application by Community Options Siek Inc to the Morris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- 2. If awarded CDBG funds, Community Options Siek Inc. shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 3. This resolution does not obligate financial resources of the Borough of Butler.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 5, 2024

Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Dated: March 5, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF AND CONSENT TO THE FILING OF THE CDBG APPLICATION FOR THE 38 VAN HOUTEN AVE GROUP HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT BY COMMUNITY OPTIONS VAN HOUTEN INC.

WHEREAS, Community Options Van Houten Inc. desires to submit an application for CDBG funds for the Rehabilitation of a Group Home located at 38 Van Houten Avenue in Butler; and

WHEREAS, Community Options Van Houten Inc. has prepared the application, together with all other accompanying documents and obtained a cost estimate from a Certified Contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Borough Council supports the application by Community Options Van Houten Inc to the Morris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- If awarded CDBG funds, Community Options Van Houten Inc. shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 3. This resolution does not obligate financial resources of the Borough of Butler.
- This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 5, 2024

Ryan Martinez, Mayor

Blandi Greco, KWIC

Dated: March 5, 2024