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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.

ABSENT: Council President Verdonik

Motion to excuse the absence of Council President Verdonik by Morley, Second by Fox and All In Favor.

ALSO PRESENT: James Lampmann, Borough Administrator; Christopher Woods, office of the Borough Attorney; Brandi Greco, Borough Clerk and William Budesheim, Zoning Officer.

**DISCUSSION** – Main Street Bicycle Use Safety / Awareness – Mr. Lampmann explained this is a follow up from a previous discussion. A store owner has requested limiting e-bikes on the sidewalks as they have had close calls with bikers/pedestrians. Mr. Lampmann and Mr. Woods said they would compare ordinances that are in place in other towns and agreed to look further at State regulations.

**DISCUSSION** – Planning Board / Land Use Ordinance proposed changes – Mr. Budesheim was in attendance to answer any questions regarding his proposed changes that were presented to the Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council wanted clarification and discussed digital sign usage, small commercial and recreational vehicle storage and harboring of chickens. Councilman Calvi made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Land Use Board as recommended by the Planning Board subject to changes identified by the Zoning Official for recreational vehicles under 143-5 and accepting the Zoning Officials recommendation for 143-175150F. Second by Morley.

Aye: Calvi, Fox (with the exception of the digital signs), Meier, Morley, Piccirillo

Nay: None

Absent: Verdonik

**DISCUSSION** – PFAS Litigation – Mr. Lampmann explained we needed to make sure the water department was covered in the event of litigation for any future settlements we may be entitled to. Mr. Woods said the earlier we get into this, the better off we will be.

## **UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS**

Brandi Greco asked for clarification on the park lighting details- Mr. Lampmann didn't have confirmation from Jordan Transportation yet but all others are OK with December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public.

<u>Alex Yurkin</u> from 5 Elm St. stated he received the violation letter and being he is on a corner lot (with 2 "front" lots), he has many concerns over it. He has a boat next to his detached garage but since it is a corner lot he fails to meet the current storage requirements.

<u>Doug Morse</u> from 2 South Gifford stated he received the violation letter as well and wants to make sure he won't receive a summons until the amended ordinances are in effect.

George Logan from 1 South Gifford stated he also has concerns over the recreational vehicle storage since his son is in the process of buying a trailer.

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

Moved: Fox

Second: Morley

All in favor

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James Lampmann stated he has an additional agenda item. He inquired as to whether the Council would like to consider issuing parking permits for the museum parking lot. Tenants on Main St. have complained the Harmon Lot is too far. Council and Mayor state they do not want parking in the museum lot. They will need to rent from Park Place or use Harmon Lot. Councilwoman Morley stated she would like to issue "winter parking" for Harmon Lot rather than the January to June and July to December terms.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved: Morley All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 pm

Brandi L.Simur Greco, KWC

Adopted: December 19, 2023

Second: Piccirillo

Ryan Martinez, Mayor