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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 Fox, Councilman McNear, Councilman Regis, Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, R. Oostdyk, Borough Attorney, W. Budesheim, Zoning Officer and M. O’Keefe, Borough Clerk

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilman Meier:

Moved Vath

Second: McNear

All in favor.

2016-4 An Ordinance Providing for the Appropriation of \$380,000 for the Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck

Mr. Lampmann explained that the purchase of this truck is at substantial savings, the final purchase price is \$349,000.

Mayor Alviene opened the meeting up to the public on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Councilman Fox seeing no one come forward made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and move the adoption of 2016-4.

Moved: Fox

Second: Regis

Voted: Aye: Fox, McNear, Regis, Verdonik and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Meier

DISCUSSION:

Dealers in Precious Metals, Gems and or Second Hand Goods – Mayor Alviene noted that recently a new business opened downtown dealing in the above stated items; the Borough needs to set local rules and regulations. Mr. Oostdyk noted that the Morris County Prosecutors Office recommends the sample ordinances provided. Councilman Regis clarified that this covers all the requirements Chief Chimento requested, the ordinance will be introduced at the April 21, 2016 Regular Council meeting.

Discussion - Use of Butler Park for 2016 EDC Concert Series - Appointment to the Planning Board – Ms. O’Keefe explained that the request to use the park for the Concert Series is not in conflict with any other activities for use of the park. Mayor and Borough Council approved the request.

Discussion – Property Maintenance – Mr. Lampmann explained that we had received complaints regarding a property that is currently in foreclosure and disrepair. He explained that the current procedures in place regarding foreclosed and Sheriff’s Sale properties are convoluted and confusing. Mr. Lampmann explained that the information provided to the Mayor and Council are some of the better ordinances that might be used to formulate the Borough of Butler ordinance on this. Councilman McNear asked if this would cover commercial properties in addition to Residential. Mr. Budesheim explained that he has also provided information regarding commercial properties. Mr. Lampmann explained that he spoke with the Administrator from Stanhope regarding the effectiveness of the ordinance and it appears it has not made a difference. Mr. Budesheim has some concerns that he would like clarified by the Borough Attorney, such as how does one determine if the property is abandoned and what proofs should be provided; clarification of definitions for abandonment. Mr. Budesheim suggested several amendments to the current ordinances regarding Property Maintenance; he also would like to amend the current ordinances regarding property maintenance for vacant commercial properties.

Discussion – Clothing Donation Bins – Discussion ensued regarding placement of clothing donation bins in the Borough by for profit organizations. The Mayor and Council concurred that the ordinance will remain that only non-profit organizations may have clothing donation bins in the Borough.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Alviene opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Peggy Spranzani, 32 Cleary Avenue had a question regarding the current pawnshop downtown what sort of security will be provided, would a consignment shop be covered by this ordinance. In response to her question regarding security and items available for sale only certain items may be sold or pawned, other items such as firearms may not be pawned or sold if they are in working order, as far as a consignment shop that is a different sort of business. Ms. Spranzani wanted to provide the Mayor and Council with a status report for the reopening of the Butler Museum, there will be police presence for the entire event, the Richard Butler School Jazz Band will perform the National Anthem and several other selections, Boys and Girl Scouts will be there for the flag presentation. Congressman Frelinghuysen sent his regrets; however, he will send a flag that has flown over the US Capital Building. Invitations were sent out to various dignitaries; however, limited responses have been received. There will be vintage and/or specialty cars, courtesy of Jim Becker and he has graciously allowed two military Humvees parking on his property. The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation will be sending a maintenance vehicle and a representative from the Railroad will be giving a safety talk geared towards young children. Tri-Boro First Aid and the Bartholdi Hose Fire Company will have vehicles on site. There will be various prizes available to the public along with refreshments for a limited number of people. Representatives from the Ramapough Lunaape Indian Nation, Turtle Clan will attend in ceremonial dress. The tents rented from the Butler Fire Department will be erected and member of the Museum committee will contact the various Churches in the area to borrow chairs for the event. If needed the Borough will help with pick-up and delivery of

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the chairs. The Museum Committee will meet on April 9, 2016 to finalize the details. Mayor Alviene and the Borough Council commended the Museum Committee for all their hard work in getting ready for the grand Re-Opening.

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

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: McNear

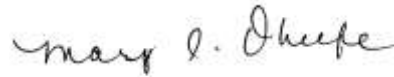
ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.

Adopted: June 21, 2016



Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 21, 2016