Trafford Borough
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes- February 2, 2021

The Trafford Borough Council held its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 7:04 p.m., VIA Zoom. Council President, Kris Cardiff, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Roll Call of Attendance by Assistant Manager Nina Solivan:

(Present)	Kris Cardiff, Council President	Craig Alexander, Solicitor
	Steven Perovich, Council Vice-President	Ashley Stack, Borough Manager
	Zack Cole, Councilmember	Adam Hlad, Code Enforcement Officer
	Christopher Corrales, Councilmember	Ed Llewellyn, Mayor
	Leslie Peters, Councilmember	
	Casey Shoub, Councilmember	
(Absent)	Ralph Deabner, Councilmember	Charles Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator

Councilman Cardiff announced an executive session held prior to this meeting for matters of litigation and personnel.

Minutes: A motion "to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2021, regular council meeting" was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Councilman Perovich. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Payment of Bills: A motion "to approve the expense voucher list dated February 2, 2021" was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Councilman Perovich. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Deabner entered the meeting.

Public Comment:
Councilman Cardiff read the rules for public comment.

Diane Kerrigan, a resident of 35 Sycamore Street, expressed concerns regarding the proposed amusement tax ordinance. Mrs. Kerrigan expressed that she understands the desire to bring additional tax revenues into the community; however, she is not in support of the ordinance and requests the council to reconsider.

Solicitor Alexander stated at this time, the Tax Amusement Ordinance has been removed from the agenda and will not be considered this evening. We have received a lot of feedback from the community. Council agrees that the ordinance needs to be taken back to the drawing board for revision.

Anthony Sarnowski, a resident of 111 Bradford Square and All American Baseball, expressed concerns, not in support of the proposed amusement tax ordinance. Mr. Sarnowski stated the ordinance was written for one specific business perhaps a conversation versus an ordinance could solve the issues at hand.

Brandon Lacina of 430 Brinton Avenue, Owner of Digital Trafford, expressed concern on behalf of the TBA not supporting the proposed amusement tax ordinance. Mr. Lacina requests council work with the TBA moving forward for outreach purposes and understanding.

Dolores Sutton, a resident of 601 Brinton Avenue, requested an update on the status of Shop N Save and the Forbes Road closure. Mrs. Sutton questioned why Parente's new buyer has not opened yet and where she could receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Diane Kerrigan stated the new owner of Parente's is not planning on opening during the pandemic and will not be a traditional restaurant. Manager Stack reported the latest update from PennDOT stated the hold up had been related to utility companies. PennDOT reported they are hoping to have the road reopened in late February. No reports have been received from Shop N Save. Adam Hlad stated the best way to obtain appointments is via Allegheny County Health Departments' website.

Councilman Cardiff added he appreciates the participation this evening and hopes to continue to receive feedback from the community.

Borough Manager's Report: Manager Stack thanked the public works department for working tirelessly to keep the roadways clear during the recent snow events. Manager Stack announced the office had received twenty-one applications for the Code Enforcement

Officer position. The hiring committee will be reviewing the applications next week for interview selection. Clean-up Days will be held Friday, May 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sewage payments are due on February 19 for the period of August 7, 2020, to November 8, 2020. Manager Stack announced the boroughs fees did not increase; however, ALCOSAN's consumption and service fee was increased by seven percent. The general fund balance is approximately $489,091.00. The liquid fuel balance is approximately $96,444.00. The recreation fund balance is approximately $5,074.00. The sewage fund balance is approximately $620,390.00, and the Veteran's Memorial Park fund balance is approximately $8,377.00.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Llewellyn reported for January, there were a total of one hundred and ten service calls, with eight criminal complaints filed and eighteen citations issued. Mayor Llewellyn announced if you see activity that is out of the ordinary or are witnessing a crime, please dial 911 immediately so the police can investigate. Please do not wait until days later.

Community & Economic Development: Councilman Perovich stated there had been ongoing construction/renovations on Cavitt Avenue. Weldon Acres will be moving into the storefront at the corner of Third Street and Cavitt Avenue.

General Government & Finance: Councilman Corrales stated he did not have a report this evening.

Parks & Recreation: Councilwoman Peters reported there had been a number of dogs on the baseball fields. Councilwoman Peters stated as a reminder; dogs are not permitted in any of our parks. Councilman Perovich stated PTARC is still looking at options in lieu of the summer playground program due to COVID.

Planning, Property, & Ordinances: Councilman Deabner stated he did not have a report this evening.

Public Safety: Councilman Cole stated he did not have anything to report this evening.

Public Works & Sanitation: Councilman Shoub thanked public works for their services during the recent snow events.

Presidents Report: Councilman Cardiff stated there was a glitch with the website where some of the downloadable files could not be accessed. Councilman Cardiff stated he had gone in and fixed those issues. Councilman Perovich commended Councilman Cardiff on his efforts with the website as the borough received an honoree award from the PSAB.

Paving of Inwood Road & Mary Street
A motion "to approve the borough engineer to seek proposals for the repaving of Inwood Road and Mary Street" was made by Councilwoman Peters and seconded by Councilman Cole.

Manager Stack stated this project was submitted as a CDBG project which we were awarded for $138,000.00.

The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Reconstruction and Repaving of Viaduct Way, Fourth Street, and Adrian Avenue
A motion "to approve the borough engineer to seek proposals for the reconstruction and repaving of the intersection at Viaduct Way, Fourth Street, and Adrian Avenue" was made by Councilman Perovich and seconded by Councilman Shoub.

Councilman Perovich questioned if the proposal will include the portion of the road where the busses currently layover and the removal of the streetcar tracks. Manager Stack stated yes, the rails would be removed, and all of Viaduct Way will be reconstructed and repaved. At that point, Port Authority will no longer be able to occupy this section of the roadway.

The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Approve the Quality of Life Ordinance
A motion "to approve the Quality of Life Ordinance" was made by Councilman Deabner and seconded by Councilman Shoub.

Adam Hlad stated the ordinance would cover items that are already included in the code. This ordinance will allow the code enforcement officer the eligibility to issue tickets and streamline enforcement. Our current system is a warning letter, a second warning letter, and then a trip to the magistrate. This gives the borough the opportunity to collect a fee ranging from $25.00 to $100.00 and have movement on violations more quickly. After the third repeat violation, we can then move to the magistrate's office. Solicitor Alexander added the fee would stay within the borough as opposed to going to the county.
The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Approve advertisement decreasing Rec Board Members

A motion "to approve the borough manager to advertise an amendment of Ordinance 721, Chapter 43, Section 2, Composition, of the Trafford Borough Code, decreasing the number of Recreation Board Members from seven to five" was made by Councilwoman Peters and seconded by Councilman Perovich.

Councilwoman Peters stated it is hard to get volunteers. Currently, the board has four members, and when one is absent, we do not have a quorum and cannot conduct business. The board is actively seeking members. We are requesting a reduction in members to conduct business and activities.

The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Approve Memorial Plaque

A motion "to approve the placement of a memorial plaque, to be installed by Weldon Acres Trophy, at BY Park near the swing" was made by Councilman Shoub and seconded by Councilman Cole.

Manager Stack stated she received a request from Georgann Knorr to install a memorial plaque at BY Park in memory of her partner to be installed by Weldon Acres along with public works.

Councilwoman Peters stated she would like to be a part of items that regard recreation spaces. Councilman Perovich suggested having memorials mounted to things versus something that could cause a tripping hazard.

Manager Stack suggested a policy for future memorials.

The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

New Business

Mayor Llewellyn reported the seniors league would be permitted to use the ball fields on Monday evenings. Councilman Perovich stated to please remind the senior league to watch their speed when exiting the fields.

Councilman Perovich mentioned an entity named Crespo for geese control. Councilman Perovich stated Penn Township and Manor Borough both use this service. Councilwoman Peters stated Manager Stack has already looked into the organization, and it was too costly with a non-guarantee of results.

Manager Stack stated she would be interested in scheduling a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Game Commission to see what our options are as we have followed the recommended steps with no resolve.

Councilman Deabner questioned if there was any update on Port Authority. Manager Stack stated she had not heard anything since November. Once we accept bids for the reconstruction project at Viaduct Way, we can reach out and let them know that they will need to make other arrangements once construction starts.

Adjournment

Councilman Cardiff announced a discussion meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting for Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.; the location for both meetings will be determined at a later date.

A motion "to adjourn" was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Councilman Perovich. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.