

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Of BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
BOROUGH OFFICE  
MINUTES**

Council President John VanVolkenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendance was as follows:

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Present**

John J. VanVolkenburgh, President  
Janis Ashman  
Thomas Fitzsimmons  
Neal E. Abrams  
Tammy Lytle

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.**

Ronald J. Harris, Mayor  
  
David A. Hazlett, Borough Manager  
Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary  
David Baker, Zoning Officer  
Richard L. Hileman, II; Chief of Police  
Sam Wiser, Borough Solicitor

**Absent**

N. Kenneth Lundberg  
Dan Patton

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

\*\*\* T. Fitzsimmons moved, N. Abrams seconded, that the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Following Citizens addressed Council at this time:

- Mr. Charlie Suhr, Attorney for Eluma, regarding Ordinance #2-2013 - Zoning Change Regarding Cluster Developments. Mr. Suhr requested that Council take action to re-advertise the ordinance for public hearing and consideration at next meeting.
- Councilman N. Abrams, regarding answers to questions of sewage, infrastructure and control of phase growth
- Tom Wolf, 33 Spring Trail regarding Ordinance #2-2013 - Zoning Change Regarding Cluster Developments
- Richard Matthews, 21 Helen Trail thanked the staff for posting the information on internet and social media. regarding opposition to Joint Recreation Commission
- Mary Walter, 36 Hilltop Trail in opposition to Joint Recreation Commission

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution #4-2014 – Class One Commendation of a Borough Police Officer. Mayor Harris read the commendation for Officer Dustin Miller honoring his receipt of a State Award of “DUI Top Gun” in recognition of his efforts to identify and arrest drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or other substances. Following brief discussion:

\*\*\* N. Abrams moved; J. Ashman seconded that Resolution #4-2014 awarding a Class One Commendation to Officer Miller be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hileman presented Officer Miller with his award and thanked him for his service; Mayor Harris presented Officer Miller with his Resolution and also commended his work. Officer Miller accepted congratulations from the Members and public.

Ordinance #3-2014 – Fairfield Area Recreation Commission. Mr. Hazlett provided brief description and background for the Commission and confirmed that the required advertising had been completed. Following brief discussion including public comment from:

- Mary Walter, 36 Hilltop Trail expressing opposition to the Borough's participation in the Joint Recreation Commission.

When Mr. VanVolkenburgh asked for a motion to bring Ordinance #3-2014 up for a vote there was none; therefore, the issue was tabled until next month.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT – R. HARRIS**

Mayor Harris provided updates or follow-ups for the following:

- Resolution #5-2014 – Supporting the Use of Electronic Devices (Commonly Referred to as Electronic Speed Meters or RADAR) by any Police Officer. Mayor Harris explained that this resolution would be sent to our State Representatives in order to allow municipal police officers like ours to use RADAR guns. Following brief discussion including public comment regarding the cost of a RADAR gun, questioning where the officer would have to sit to utilize the equipment and the calibration of said equipment:  
\*\*\*N. Abrams moved; T. Fitzsimmons seconded that Council approve and adopt Resolution #5-2014 in support of the Use of Electronic Devices (Commonly Referred to as Electronic Speed Meters or RADAR) by any Police Officer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Police Report
- Snow Emergency rules
- PA Yellow Dot Program
- Shared a list of the upcoming meetings and events

## **FIRE/EMS/EMA REPORTS**

Updates, Statistics and Information were supplied for the following:

- Mr. Neal Abrams, Fairfield Fire/EMS
  - Reminder about the dangers of Chimney Fires
  - Future of Advanced Life Support to the Community
  - Slip/Trips and Falls due to Icy Conditions
  - Heroin Overdoses
  - 2013 Awards Banquet invitation

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS – BOROUGH MANAGER**

**Treasurer's Report for January 2014.** Following brief discussion:

\*\*\*T. Lytle moved, N. Abrams seconded, that Council accept the January 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Liberty Mountain Development Project.** Borough Solicitor, Sam Wiser provided an update stating that a Developer's Agreement is currently being prepared to include the issue of relocating Sanders Road and the vacating of a portion of that roadway. Mr. Wiser asked that Members authorized his completion of the Agreement, creation of an Ordinance to handle the vacating of roadway and its subsequent advertisement. Following brief discussion:

\*\*\*T. Fitzsimmons moved; N. Abrams seconded that Council authorize Borough Solicitor to complete the Developer's Agreement, Create an Ordinance addressing the Vacating of Borough Roadway and prepare the necessary advertisement as outlined. Motion passed unanimously.

**Snow Removal Efforts.** Mr. Hazlett shared his compliments of the Staff's efforts to keep the roads safe throughout the very snowy season and informed the Council that although considerably depleted; the borough has not yet gone over budget in the snow removal categories and does has sufficient supply at this time. He further cautioned that the winter season is not over yet.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Municipal Building.** Mayor Harris reported that the Committee is preparing a briefing for the March 2014 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Lytle offered a public thank you and commended the Municipal Services Department on the excellent service the Borough has received in every storm. This sentiment was met with a round of applause from the public in attendance and several additional commendations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

The Attendance Register is attached, numbered Page 4 and made a part of the Official Minutes.

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Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary