

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Trotter, Jr., Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman, Ms. Gifford and Mr. Grotenhuis. Also in attendance were: Mayor Ned Fink; Mr. Rick Prill, Administrator, Mr. Timothy Stephens, Chief of Police.

Mr. Rapp called for the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Rapp reviewed items to be placed on the February 2, 2009 meeting Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the 1/5/09 Council Meeting have been prepared for review. Mr. Rapp noted that anyone with corrections to the Draft Minutes of 1/5/09 should provide them in writing. Mr. Prill.
2. A draft copy of the Brighton Street Traffic Study has been presented by Hanover Engineering for Council review and comment.
3. Brad Youst, Borough Engineer, has presented a draft report of his review of the City of Bethlehem's 537 Plan Update. Included in the report are five bullet points on pages 3-4 which Mr. Youst is recommending Council approve as the Borough's response/comments to the 537 Plan Update. Mr. Rapp identified in the report that at this time, Bethlehem's 537 Plan Update is showing the Borough's share of the proposed costs for the upgrades and improvements to sewer lines and to the treatment plant are \$2,775,252. Ms. Halleman expressed concern about just having received this report and not having time to read it thoroughly. Some discussion ensued about the recommended comments in the report. Mr. Prill indicated that the public comment period deadline is the end of the week, therefore Council needs to authorize Mr. Youst to submit the comments on behalf of the Borough in order to have them included in the Plan Update to be submitted to DEP. Council approved the submission of the comments included in the report.
4. Solicitor Lipson has presented a proposed Right-To-Know ordinance which Council needs to adopt in order to be fully compliant with the new Right-To-Know legislation.
5. Resolution 2009-04 has been prepared appointing Rick Prill as the Borough Secretary and Borough Treasurer and rescinding the temporary appointments of Barbara Merkle as the Acting Secretary and Sook Choi as the Acting Treasurer.
6. Resolution 2005-05 has been prepared appointing Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, and Mr. Prill as signatories to the Borough's financial accounts.
7. The Borough has received the 2009 PSAB Annual Conference registration form so if anyone on Council is interested in attending, they need to submit their

registration forms. Mr. Blatt noted that this year PSAB is combining their Spring Conference and Annual Conference into one meeting, which is scheduled for March 22 – 25, in Hershey.

8. Council has received a copy of a letter from Ms. Chiara Clauss, of Person Directed Supports, Inc., who own and operate the residence at 1225 Moravia Street, outlining actions that they have already taken to mitigate the noise complaint which was received by Council at the 1/5/09 meeting. Ms. Clauss indicates that she will also be meeting with the residents to talk with them about the actions they have taken.

9. Mr. Rapp advised that due to the old base radio in the Front Office not working properly any longer, a price quote for a new base radio has been received from TuWay Communications in the amount of \$1,570 for the purchase and installation of a new base radio. Although funding for this purchase was not included in the 2009 Budget, funds are available in the Capital Reserve Account. The Finance and Public Works Committees reviewed this and feel that it is important for the Front Office to have the ability to communicate with the Police and Public Works, therefore are in favor of the purchase of the new base radio.

Mr. Rapp moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blatt. The time was 7:22 p.m.

Minutes approved on March 4, 2009.

Motion to Approve
Minutes:

	Motion	2nd	Unanimous Yes	No	Abstain
Tavis Grotenhuis			X		
Carolee Gifford			Absent		
Norman Blatt			X		
Fred Capuano		X	X		
Larry Rapp			X		
Doug Trotter	X		X		
Helen Halleman			X		

Lawrence E. Rapp, Council President

Rick Prill, Borough Secretary