

MEETING MINUTES
FOLCROFT BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

PRESIDENT – Council President Papaleo was absent. Council Vice President Kyle Willis called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01PM

Mayor Frey was absent. Councilman Willis lead the pledge of allegiance and then took a moment of silence for all those who have died as a result of COVID.

Roll Call (Council President Papaleo was absent, Councilman Kyle Willis, Councilwoman Leigh Daly, Councilman Nick Waters, Councilwoman Malinda Isaac, Councilman Jason McGuigan was absent, Councilman Robert Ruskowski, Mayor Bob Frey was absent, Solicitor Alex Baumler, Secretary/Manager Andrew Hayman) were present.

Audience Participation

There was no audience participation

Councilman Willis read the following resolution into the record, verbatim:

” RESOLUTION 2021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOLCROFT BOROUGH COUNCIL, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
HONORING DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER EISERMAN FOR BRAVERY IN RESPONSE TO A CALL ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Whereas, throughout his career Deputy Police Chief Christopher Eiserman has worked tirelessly to protect and serve the residents of Folcroft Borough, including putting his life on the line; and

Whereas, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Eiserman has served with distinction as a Police Officer in the Borough of Folcroft since February of 1999; and

Whereas, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Eiserman’s kindness, energy and bravery has enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him; and

Whereas, a fire broke out at a business in Glenolden Borough on Thursday, February 25th at approximately 5:30pm; and

Whereas, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Eiserman was one of the first responders to arrive on scene; and

Whereas, with quick thinking, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Eiserman climbed a ladder and extricated the residents who live in the apartment above the business and had he not acted, the outcome could have been very different

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Folcroft Borough Council, hereby congratulates Deputy Chief Christopher Eiserman for his heroic act of service to the community.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Folcroft Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, this 2nd day of March, 2021.”

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Ruskowski and seconded by Councilwoman Isaac. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Lisa Catania said that members have a copy of her report, however she had several things to bring to Council’s attention.

The Popeyes plan has been approved. She has spoken with Joe D’Amico and he will be sending over the agreement for confirmation this afternoon. She said they had discussed the developers agreement for phase one, which notes that changes to phase 2 have to be rerecorded. She said she believes that a resolution must be passed by Council so the plan can be recorded. She said this would have to be put together and that this may be accomplished prior to the next meeting. She said she had not gotten contact from Bohler today to see a copy of the municipal improvements cost estimate. There are also still problems with the rain garden and this cost estimate must be approved.

Engineer Lisa Catania said that bids for the road program had come back. She said that her firm was told that asphalt would be significantly more expensive but it is about \$20/ton less than last year. She said the lowest bid is AF Damon (of six bids) and the total cost was \$564,000 and the initial estimate was \$800,000. She said this would mean the Borough could retain some of the money from PECO. She said she sent over a recommendation letter this afternoon and that the award must be contingent upon receipt of the \$400,000 from PECO. Councilman Willis asked if there was any risk in delaying this until the next meeting. Engineer Lisa Catania said that it should not hurt, so it’s just a matter of getting bonds and insurance before moving forward and that the asphalt plants will open in April. Councilman Willis said that waiting for the regular meeting would be preferential.

Public Finance & Administration - Mr. Willis

- Councilman Willis said that all members received a document laying out phone plans from T-Mobile and that they are offering a phone plans.

Manager Hayman said that there was a concern as the Police Department have higher internet quality for their Police cruisers and that this plan may not have the same quality. He agreed that this discussion should be delayed for a few weeks to confirm this. Manager Hayman said that it would be advisable to take the plan without that option if needed as it would save money. Manager Hayman said there was

not a delay as the new company would buy out the old company. Councilman Willis said it would be good to get a cheaper plan.

Public Works Committee - *Mr. Willis*

- Councilman Willis had no new business.

Public Safety Committee - *Mr. Ruskowski*

- Councilman Ruskowski discussed a traffic study on Elmwood Avenue between Ashland Ave and the creek. Councilman Willis said he spoke with a resident in this neighborhood who was concerned with vehicles driving quickly during rush hour. Chief Bair said that a study has not recently been done on Ashland Avenue. Councilman Willis said that the most effective place to set this up would be best, reiterating that the problem area is from Ashland Avenue and the creek. . Chief Bair said he could do something in conjunction with Glenolden and would review both ways. Chief Bair said he would contact Kevin Smith from Nether Providence to review the traffic.

Chief Weber asked if Council would discuss the new fire truck. Councilman Willis said that this would not be discussed right away. Chief Bair said that the actual quote was lower priced than expected. Councilman Willis said that Council can't act on anything tonight and asked to have Chief Weber send the information to Manager Hayman.

Public Health and Literacy - *Ms. Isaac*

- Councilwoman Isaac had no new business but said that people should keep registering for the vaccine. She said some people are better off registering at pharmacies than at the site as it takes a while. She said that the library is doing curbside service.

Municipal Planning and Zoning – *Mr. Waters*

- Councilman Waters mentioned that neighbors have asked if shots can be distributed in the Folcroft gym. Councilman Willis said that this cannot be done outside of a regular provider.

Public Parks and Recreation – *Ms. Daly*

- Councilwoman Daly said that flyers went out for three upcoming events.

Municipal Legislation – *Mr. Waters*

- Councilman Waters had no new business to discuss.

New Construction Committee – *Mr. Willis*

- Councilman Willis said that the Borough is in the middle of plans to get a meeting together with contractors. He said there is an email that went out with price increases in different categories that accounts for most price differences. He said most differences fall within the category of materials. He said that this change order must be approved for the contract. Solicitor Alex Baumler said no details

must be included. A motion to approve the new cost estimates must be accepted and then a contract with the new cost estimates must be accepted at a later date.

A motion to approve the price increases for the new building process was made by Councilman Ruskowski and seconded by Councilman Waters. The motion passed unanimously.

Parking Permit and Paving Committee – Mr. Willis

- Councilman Willis said that his committee is ready to have public meetings on the 17th from 4:00pm and the 18th from 7:00pm to. He said these would be advertised as a public meeting regarding the parking program. He said that the first step would be to entertain a motion to advertise a motion to advertise the public meetings from March 17th from 4pm to 5pm and again on March 18th from 7pm to 8pm. Councilwoman Daly made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Isaac. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to authorize the solicitor to draft and advertise a parking permit ordinance was made by Councilwoman Daly and seconded by Councilman Waters. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Bair said anti crime had two arrests last week. He said parking tickets and violations are up significantly. He asked residents to check their inspections and insurance as his officers are not ticketing vehicles. He commended Deputy Chief Eiserman and all others who helped out on the fire incident on Chester Pike. He said that the Department is on pace to have a corporal's test on March 10th for a written and oral test. Councilman Ruskowski confirmed that he would be in attendance for this meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Alex Baumler had no report.

Finance Director's Report

Councilman Willis said that the new finance director started on the first and that they did not have a report yet. Manager Hayman said that Brinker Simpson staff was in the office yesterday and working. Councilman Willis urged Manager Hayman to thank e-Collect for assisting in the transition – manager Hayman said that have been fantastic.

Borough Manager's Report

Manager Hayman said that he believes Council should get rid of the Borough Manager's vehicle and that Cerinos Auto had agreed to purchase it for \$1,500. He said that maintenance costs and insurance were greater than this number. He said that Council could compensate him for the use of his vehicle but that \$1,500 was excessive. Alternatively, Manager Hayman said that the Borough is still seeking candidates for a code officer position. Manager Hayman said that the Highway Department did a fantastic job plowing snow this year and that he has received many comments from residents complementing them on their work. Councilwoman Isaac said that she believed that they have done a fantastic job this winter.

Manager Hayman

There was no old or new business.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:29pm by Councilwoman Isaac and seconded by Councilman Ruskowski. The motion passed unanimously.