

**Borough Council Meeting
Minutes – December 20, 2023**

Call to Order – Mr. Gillette called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, and Mrs. Dekar offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Jessie Dekar, Gabriel Felt, Jessica Meyer, Irene Slocum, James Daly, and Patrick Gillette. Excused: Cori Belles. *Also present*; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Solicitor; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky; Fire Chief; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens To Be Heard – Dana Twigg and Deb Landy attended the meeting on behalf of the Friends of Sayre Public Art to address questions about the group's fifth mural planned for the Buck Building on the corner of West Lockhart Street and South Elmer Avenue. Mr. Twigg explained that the design of the mural was developed by four local artists and that the panels of the mural will be painted during the winter months by members of the public in space provided in the Enterprise Center. Mr. Twigg further stated that QR codes will be incorporated into the mural to provide visitors with an interactive experience that will feature historical information about each panel.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the November Borough Council meeting held on November 29, 2023 and the December Borough Council Workshop meeting held on December 13, 2023 were approved as presented and filed.

Approval of Bills List & Supplemental Bills List – A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Daly to approve the bills list and supplemental bills list. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Felt, Miss Meyer, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Daly, and Mr. Gillette; YES.**

Correspondence Summary – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – November 30, 2023 – There were no questions or comments.

Elected Officials Questions & Comments - Mayor Farley thanked Mr. Gillette for his six years of service on the Borough Council and explained he appreciated the fact that Mr. Gillette always made the effort to be involved in Borough Council activities which was not always easy with having four young children and his work responsibilities. Mayor Farley also thanked Mrs. Slocum for her eight years of service on the Borough Council and stated that he always appreciated her point of view on the various issues that the Borough Council dealt with.

Mr. Gillette asked about the status of the sales agreement with Camco, and Attorney Foster explained that the sales agreement has been signed and he anticipates the transaction being completed in January 2024.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gillette explained that items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote and that there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by a Council Member, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- A. Resolution 2023–10 Waiving 5% Employee Contribution - Police Pension
- B. Resolution 2023-11 2024 Per Diem Employee Hourly Rates
- C. Resolution 2023–12 2024 Equipment Hourly Rates
- D. Approve Resolution 2023-13 2024 Bradford County EIT Commission Appointees
- E. Approve Resolution 2023-14 Appointment of Liason w/ Berkheimer Associates
- F. Approve Downtown Mural Project Request – Buck Building Mural
- G. Authorize Council President, Council Vice President, President Pro Tem and Borough Treasurer to sign checks through the end of the year.
- H. Approve proposal to furnish and install up-fitting equipment for new police vehicle
- I. Approve Police Retirees Cost of Living Allowance Increase

A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Felt to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. **Under the question:** Mrs. Dekar asked for clarification on what checks may need to be signed before the end of the year, and Mr. Jarrett stated that the most likely checks that will need to be signed will be utility bills. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Felt, Miss Meyer, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Daly, and Mr. Gillette; YES.**

Acceptance of Resignation - A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to accept the resignation of Nathan Ross effective immediate. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Felt, Miss Meyer, Mrs. Slocum, Mr. Daly, and Mr. Gillette; YES.**

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm.