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Borough of New Bethlehem

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Visitors: Pursuant to Section 710.1 of the Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. Sec. 710.1), Borough residents and taxpayers shall be permitted to participate in the public comment period to address matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Borough Council. Public comment by other visitors may be permitted at the discretion of Borough Council. Unless specifically listed on the agenda, Borough residents, Borough taxpayers and visitors are asked to keep their comments to no more than 3 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. Public participation may also be permitted at the end of the meeting, but there shall be no public comment during the course of the meeting so that Council can complete its agenda. Borough residents, taxpayers and other visitors that wish to appear on the agenda may submit a request with any pertinent information by the Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday meeting so that it can be included on the agenda and in the Council's meeting packet which is distributed on Friday. By law, Council cannot take action on items not on the agenda or to do list which is part of the agenda.)

Agenda - Regular Meeting (7:00 pm) December 19, 2023

Visitors

Minutes

- Council intends to take action on approving the November 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Roadway Weight Limits

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on the weight limit ordinance posting of sections of roadway in the borough. Steps are outlined below.
 1. Engineering and Traffic Study.
 2. Developing an Ordinance.
 3. Notification of known users of the intent to post roadways.
 4. Installation of Signage.

Planning Commission/Lot Line Revision

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on a lot line revision for the Barry and Constance Snyder property.

2024 Budget/Tax Ordinance #948/Appointments

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on adopting the 2024 General, Solid Waste, Light, and Liquid Fuels Budgets.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on adopting Ordinance #948, setting tax rates within the borough for 2024.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on appointing Gannett Fleming as the borough's engineering firm and Andrew Menchyk as the borough's solicitor for 2024.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on reappointing Lucky Kline to the New Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board. The term would run 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2027.
- Note: Council already moved in 2022 to appoint Troese & Associate's as the borough's audit firm for 2023, 2024 & 2025.
- Note: There are no expiring terms on the RVMA Board of Directors. Barrows serves through 12/31/2024 and Kerle through 12/31/2027. There are also no expiring terms on the Planning Commission.

2024 Reorganization Meeting

- **Council intends to discuss and set a time for the Reorganization meeting on January 2, 2024. (Note: The Affidavit of Residency must be completed prior to being sworn in.)**

Employee Pension Plan Contribution Rate

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on increasing the employee pension plan contribution rate for employees Richard McGarrity and Roger Hilliard.**

2023 Retention Bonuses

- **Council intends to discuss and take action on employee retention bonuses. 2023 budgeted amounts are Roger \$500, Chris \$400, Rich \$300. 2022 amounts paid were Roger \$400, Chris \$400, Rich \$400, Josh \$100, Julie \$100.**

Committees

- **Street, Building & Equipment Committee**
 - **Council intends to discuss and take action on purchase traffic cones.**
- **Solid Waste Committee**
- **Cemetery Committee**
- **Finance & Personnel Committee**
- **Long Range Planning**

Reports

- **Building Code Violations**
- **Police Report**
- **RVMA – Lisa Kerle**
- **Police Association – Don Heeter**
- **SCCRPD – Don Heeter/Bryan Ruth**
- **Fire Company – Scott Barrett/Brian Fox/Mayor Barrows**
- **Mayor's Report**
- **Engineer's Report**
 - **Council intends to discuss and may take action regarding repair/replacement of the bridge at Penn Street and the bridge stream banks at Broad Street/Route 28.**
 - **Council intends to discuss/review all of the reports and vote to approve the reports as presented.**

Other Business

Zoning Board

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on appointing a resident to fill a vacancy on the New Bethlehem Borough Zoning Board.**

Bills

Visitors' comments

Executive Session for personnel, legal or contract matters.

(Adjournment)