

## FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**Date: August 8, 2022 – In-person meeting, held in Café  
Council meeting is recorded and posted on website after meeting**

### **Roll Call:**

Suzanne Pittella Touch - virtual  
 Pete Merkel  
 Jim Meals  
 Mark Watkins  
 Ralph Touch - virtual  
 Colin Boyer  
 John Rothenberger

Tammy Gore, Mayor  
 Chris Young, Borough Manager  
 Doreen O'Neil, Recording Secretary  
 Andrew George, Esq.  
 Mike Quinn, Police Officer  
 Craig Conrad, Public Works Director  
 Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner

### **Also Present:**

John Manmiller, Fleetwood Fire Company Chief  
 Ryan Kern, Barry Isett & Associates

The borough council meeting was held at 110 West Arch Street, in the cafeteria. Vice-president Pete Merkel called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Vacate Bird Alley**

Andy George, Esq. reviewed the multiple exhibit items that were part of the public hearing. Stenographer was present. The public hearing was in regards to vacating a portion of Bird Alley. In 1993 the other portion of Bird Alley was vacated; it is unknown why only a portion of the alley was vacated then. The portion of Bird Alley being requested to be vacated is not being used. There are no objections by residents that may be affected with the alley being vacated. Andy George, Esq. closed the hearing and the ordinance will be voted on later during the borough council meeting.

### **Recording of Borough Meeting**

A public notice sign was posted at the cafeteria entrance to notify attendees that the Fleetwood Borough Council meeting was being recorded. The borough council meeting recording was started following the public hearing.

### **Police Department**

Officer Quinn provided an overview of the July 2022 police report.

Officer Quinn provided additional information:

- Officer Arndt has finished taser instructor training and will be taking over as the taser officer for the department
- Officer Quinn will be attending use of force investigation school later this month
- Firearm qualifications has been completed by all officers
- All officers were issued new weapon holsters with lights that go on handgun
- Civil Service testing for sergeant and corporal positions are scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - There are 5 officers interested and were provided study material

### **Barry Isett & Associates (BIA)**

#### **BIA Report**

BIA report was provided to Council prior to meeting.

### **Arro**

#### **Arro Report**

Arro report was provided to Council prior to meeting.

**Guests:** See attached list.

**Legal - Andrew George, Esq.**

**Banning People from Borough Properties Ordinance**

Andy George, Esq. reviewed the ordinance which amends current ordinance and addresses conduct in the parks, and adjustments made to the ‘Do Not Do’ section. The ordinance was advertised for tonight’s meeting.

Motion to accept the amended ordinance for banning people from borough properties as presented.

**Ordinance: #649**

**Made by: Ralph Touch**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Pete Merkel**

**Motion Failed**

**Vacate Bird Alley Ordinance**

Andy George, Esq. stated that the earlier public hearing for vacating Bird Alley is a step in the process. The next step is the ordinance to vacate Bird Alley. Andy mentioned that resident Richard Shane would talk with his lawyer to then file a quiet title action which would give him clear title to his portion of vacated property to the center line. Andy stated that Officer Quinn and other 3 residents may want to contact Richard Shane’s lawyer and have one action filed.

Motion to accept the ordinance to vacate portion of Bird Alley and file with Clerk of Courts.

**Ordinance: #650**

**Made by: John Rothenberger**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

**Motion Failed**

**Fleetwood Pool**

Pete Merkel mentioned that the pool is looking to hire Ben Schucker. Pete vouched for Ben stating he is a good worker and very personable.

Motion to hire Ben Schucker for employment at the Fleetwood Pool.

**Made by: Ralph Touch**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Pete Merkel**

**Motion Failed**

**Water/Sewer – Pete Merkel**

**Anrich Payment Application**

Pete Merkel mentioned that the final payment of \$492,815.55 is due for the all the water projects. Craig Conrad stated that all the items on the punch list were completed.

Motion to pay the final Anrich Payment Application bill of \$492,815.55.

**Made by: John Rothenberger**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

**Motion Failed**

**Borough Managers Report – Chris Young**

**Tribute Park Grant**

Chris Young reviewed the plan for the Tribute Park at Beech Street and Fleetwood Avenue. The Tribute Park would honor military and first responders. Plan is to have an assembly in the center of the park with five flag poles representing each military branch (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard), lighting, brick wall, etc. Estimated cost is \$229,356 and plan is to apply for an LSA (Local Share Assessment) grant. Only a few counties will qualify and there is no match with this grant. Colin Boyer mentioned there is a sixth military branch, Space Force.

Motion to approve resolution for submitting grant, increase cost by \$35,000 for additional flag pole/foundation, and update drawings to reflect sixth flag before submitting application for the grant.

**Resolution: 2022-08-08-01**

**Made by: Ralph Touch**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Colin Boyer**

**Motion Failed**

**Sub-Address for 18 West Poplar Street**

Chris reviewed there is a tenant behind 18 West Poplar Street who would like their own separate address designated as 18A West Poplar Street. The Fleetwood Post Office requires the borough to give approval to add additional address. Chris stated if Council approves, he will draft letter to post office.

Motion to authorize new address of 18A West Poplar Street and allow Chris Young to submit approval letter to the Fleetwood Post Office.

**Made by: John Rothenberger**

**Motion Carried**

**Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

**Motion Failed**



## **General**

### **Recycling**

Mayor Gore stated that she had request from borough resident regarding borough-wide recycling; is this something for the borough to consider? It was mentioned that trash haulers provide reports to the borough which are submitted for Act 902. Suzanne Touch asked if there was someone to contact to see what other municipalities do. Andy George, Esq. suggested contacting Jane Meeks. Mayor Gore will contact Jane.

### **Charging Stations**

Suzanne Touch inquired about opportunities of charging stations within the borough. Mayor Gore stated she had requested information from APPI, but has not received yet. Mayor Gore will reach out to them to see if any grant opportunities exist.

### **Fleetwood Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2023)**

Mayor Gore asked Council to consider a float for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade and possibly the borough sponsoring a food truck event. Suzanne Touch inquired if Mayor Gore had a status update regarding tiger statues. Mayor Gore has found a company that offers tiger statues in more than one pose. Considering some options for placing tiger statues throughout the borough.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:27pm.

**Made by: John Rothenberger**

**Seconded by: Ralph Touch**

**X   Motion Carried**

**Motion Failed**

### **Executive Session**

Executive session took place following the regular borough council meeting for Andy George, Esq. to provide update to Council.

**Submitted by:**

**Doreen O'Neil, Borough Recording Secretary**