

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN met in regular session in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time with President William Welsh presiding.

ROLL CALL:	Falce	Present	Olasz	Absent
	Jabbour	Present	Popovich	Present
	Munsie	Absent	Stephenson	Absent
		Welsh	Present	

Four members present, absent three (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Mayor Andzelik present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Diane Stanesic of 2803 Glenny Lane Extension commented on Agenda Item A. Mrs. Stanesic said that her research indicates that there is only one area that has a Deputy Chief and an Assistant Chief and that is the City of Pittsburgh and they employ 921 Police Officers. She stated that she is opposed to any additional money being spent on these positions because it was not budgeted. She said that the Mayor is also opposed and that he should veto the ordinance. She also accused Council of changing the date of the regular meeting in order to secure the votes. Mr. Welsh explained that he has every right to change the date of the meeting and that the Mayor is entitled to his opinion and it is his choice if he wishes to veto the ordinance. After considerable discussion, Mrs. Stanesic was ordered to leave due to making several objectionable comments.

James Jasinski of 4100 Home Street questioned whether CAT 5 lines would be run to the Borough Building under Agenda Item B. Mr. Welsh replied that the system would video and audio tape the meetings. He also commented under Agenda Item A. He questioned what the additional cost would be to the tax payers. Mr. Welsh explained that under the proposed ordinance the salaries would total \$176,092 per year and that a secondary plan Council had reviewed would be to promote officers to a Captain's position and 4 Lieutenants which would cost approximately \$315,754 per year.

Robert Macey of 409 Juniper Street commented on Agenda Item C. He stated that as President of the West Mifflin Community Foundation he would like to thank Council, Senator Costa, and everyone involved in working together to put this project together for the Webster Avenue landslide and how cooperation can do a lot for a community. Mr. Welsh also thanked Mr. Macey for what he and his foundation have done to make this possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Popovich, seconded by Jabbour that the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 Council Meeting be approved. Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Jabbour, seconded by Popovich that all bills properly approved by the Finance Committee be paid. Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE A CHIEF OF POLICE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE WITH SPECIFIC ENUMERATED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EACH OFFICER WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, AMENDING OTHER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS TO REFLECT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION POSITIONS, AND EXCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF THE POSITIONS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION BY BOROUGH COUNCIL FROM CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**
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Motion by Jabbour, seconded by Falce the ordinance be read. Virginia Finnegan read the ordinance. **Motion** by Falce, seconded by Jabbour the ordinance be enacted. Under remarks, Mayor Andzelik read a statement saying that he feels the new plan will be top heavy in management and also that it is politically motivated and will benefit only a handful of people. Mr. Welsh stated that the Mayor's statement was very demeaning to him and also hypocritical since prior to being the Mayor he was the Chief of Police and benefited from a past Council. Mr. Falce remarked that a statement was made this evening that the only other area Police Department that has assistant chiefs is the City of Pittsburgh. He said that he has information showing that Mt. Lebanon, South Park and Whitehall Borough also have assistant chiefs. Chief Popovich added that Monroeville and the City of McKeesport also have assistants. Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried. Ordinance given No.1159.

Mayor Andzelik questioned the veto process. Mr. Shimko explained that if he chooses to veto Ordinance 1159 it would be at the next regular scheduled Council Meeting.

- B. Motion** by Popovich, seconded by Falce authorizing the purchase of the necessary equipment, installation and testing of an audio/visual system for the Borough Council chambers from Guardian Protection Services at a cost of \$3,990.00 with

payment from the Capital Projects Fund. Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried.

C. Motion by Popovich, seconded by Jabbour awarding the contract for the Webster Avenue Retaining Wall Project (Contract No. 2008-01) to Tedesco Construction Company, the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$134,000.00. Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried.

D. Motion by Falce, seconded by Jabbour authorizing the hiring of one (1) patrol officer and to offer employment to Ryan Sabol, contingent upon the successful completion and passing of a background check, polygraph examination, medical and psychological examinations. Under remarks, Mayor Andzelik stated that the cost to the Borough would be around \$50,000 with benefits for another officer and he recommended at this time that Council Table the Motion until the Finance Officer can review the projected costs. Hearing no motion to table, Mr. Welsh requested a Roll Call: Four ayes, no nays, three absent (Munsie, Olasz, Stephenson). Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building Inspection..... Walter Anthony

Mr. Anthony read the Building Inspector’s Report for the month of May 2008.

Finance..... Virginia Finnegan

Ms. Finnegan read the Finance Report for the month of May 2008.

Police..... Joseph Popovich

Chief Popovich read the Police Department Report for the month of May 2008.

Chief Popovich reported that Officer Bandik is now trained in installing Child Safety Seats and appointments can be made by calling the Police Station.

Public Works..... Richard Marecic

Mr. Marecic read the Public Works Department Report for the month of May 2008.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Andzelik read a letter from Ronda Russell thanking the Police Department for keeping the Borough streets safe by going above and beyond their call of duty.

Mayor Andzelik reported that the Annual Crime Watch and Community Day would take place on September 6, 2008.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR:

No report.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER:

Mr. Balewski reported that the Webster Avenue project should be able to begin by late July, with completion expected, weather permitting, by the end of August.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Popovich, seconded by Falce that the Meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. prevailing time.