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The Council Meeting of the Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Alviene who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Reflection.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Robert W. Alviene, Council President Edwin Vath, Councilman Robert Fox, Councilman Raymond Verdonik, Councilman Robert Meier and Councilwoman Judith Woop.
ABSENT: Councilman Stephen Regis

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator; R. Oostdyk, from the Office of the Borough Attorney; and M. O'Keefe, Borough Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 1, 2011 and February 15

Moved: Fox

Second: Vath

All in favor.

MEETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Michael Leibruder, 84 Summit Avenue, appeared before the Mayor and Council to ask what steps were being taken regarding the discoloration of his water, as the problem seems to have escalated. According to Mr. Leibruder, flushing seems to help but it is not consistent and filters are expensive. Mr. Lampmann stated that the pipes were scheduled to be flushed again on April 20, 2011; additionally a polymer is being added at the treatment plant and that takes approximately one and a half to two months to bond with the pipes. Mayor Alviene reiterated that steps are being taken to alleviate the problem. Councilman Verdonik noted that the liquid feed of chemicals would take time to bond with the pipes. Mr. Leibruder asked if he could be updated on the on the progress with the polymer. Mr. Lampmann explained that testing would be done to ensure the proper chemical compound is used to deal with this issue.

Deborah Sammon, 80 Summit Avenue, has not experienced the same issues as Mr. Leibruder; however, she uses less water. She wanted to clarification that the flushing will be done exclusively on Monday through Friday.

Seeing no one else come forward to speak this Public Portion of the Meeting was closed.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Tax Collectors Report – March 2011 – \$316, 138.21

Power & Light/Water & Sewer Department – March 2011 - \$2,990,883.21

Council President Vath reported on the following:

Budget to be introduced this evening will increase taxes \$97.31, on the average home, which is assessed at \$252,702. The increase is minimal while staying within the 2% CAP. The Board of Health appointed the Borough Clerk to the position of Borough Registrar. John Theese is no longer the Health Officer for Madison, Mr. Lampmann will check to see who is replacing Mr. Theese. The Health Department conducted a Safe Serve program for the Little League

Mayor Alviene thanked the Council and Administration for all the hard work that was done to keep the budget under the CAP.

Councilman Fox reported on the following:

The Kakeout Road Improvements Bid opening was earlier today, Mike Fitzpatrick and Son being the low bidder; the bid is on the agenda for award later on this evening. These improvements are using grant monies the Borough has received. Construction is scheduled for approximately one month from now, with paving being done right after July 4.

Councilman Verdonik reported on the following:

Water and Wastewater flushing is being done; locations and dates are posted on the Borough Website. To reiterate the polymer is being added to alleviate the water discoloration issue on Summit Avenue. Maintenance is performed on a routine basis.

Councilman Meier reported on the following:

The electric utility has completed tree trimming for the year with Cutlass and Woodland Road. Merberry Lane changes were done in conjunction with Verizon raising lines. Equipment upgrades to primary fault indicators making it easier to locate faults. A fault wizard was purchased to minimize the area disturbed when locating underground cables. Additionally, work was performed on Carey Avenue and Decker Avenue in Butler. A tree was removed in Bloomingdale, meters were read and a pole was replaced in Riverdale.

Councilwoman Woop reported on the following:

Clean communities will do a cleanup prior to the commencement of the Market on Main Street, various neighborhood groups are being contacted to plant flowers. Anyone interested please get in touch via the Butler Business Association Website.

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS

R 2011-42 AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Moved: Vath Second: Verdonik

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik, Meier and Woop

Voted Aye with abstention on fire department bills by Vath and Meier

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

R 2011-42 approved

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS

Nothing to present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

2011-3 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS WATER
SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Supplemental Debt Statement is on file as of this date.

Moved: Vath Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

Public hearing scheduled for May 17, 2011.

2011-4 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$22,000 FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL
CAPITAL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Moved: Verdonik Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Fox, Verdonik and Woop

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

Abstain: Meier

Council President Vath recused himself, as he is a member of the Fire Department.

Public Hearing Scheduled for May 17, 2011

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2011-5 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$20,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Moved: Vath Second: Meier

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik, Meier and Woop

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

Public hearing scheduled for May 17, 2011.

2011-6 CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

Moved: Vath Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: Woop

Absent: Regis

Public hearing scheduled for May 17, 2011.

Mr. Kozimor gave a brief explanation regarding this ordinance that any funds that remain unused may be banked for future use.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

No ordinances for adoption at this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

R 2011-38 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE TONNAGE GRANT

Moved: Fox Second: Woop

Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

R 2011-39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Moved: Verdonik Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik, Meier and Woop

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

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2011-40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR
CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

Moved: Fox Second: Vath

Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

R 2011-41 INTRODUCTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Moved: Vath Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik and Meier

Voted Nay: Woop

Absent: Regis

R 2011-43 SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

Moved: Verdonik Second: Meier

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik and Meier

Voted Nay: Woop

Absent: Regis

R 2011-44 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF
REFURBISHED DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

Moved: Fox Second: Verdonik

Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

Mr. Lampmann explained the savings realized and the superior warranty for the refurbished transformers.

R2011-45 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF VARIOUS
ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

Moved: Fox Second: Verdonik

Voted Aye: Vath, Fox, Verdonik, Meier, Woop

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

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R2011-46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF KAKEOUT ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT

Moved: Fox Second: Vath

Voted Aye: Woop, Meier, Verdonik, Fox and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: Regis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC

No comments

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Fox

Second: Vath

Yes all.

Adjournment: 7:36 p.m.

Adopted: June 21, 2011



MAYOR ROBERT W. ALVIENE

Attest:


Mary A. O'Keefe, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 21, 2011