



# TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

10 Community Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

## MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Township Commissioners December 7, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Frisoli called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and asked that the group stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found Commissioners Fredrick, Frisoli and Pellegrino present. Also present were Manager Nina Belcastro, Engineer Glenn Jonnet and Solicitor Tom McDermott.

Chief Bill Ruffner from Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Board. Chief Ruffner expressed the need for help and public involvement. The Chief discussed his plan to retire as Chief and stated that his son, Bill Ruffner, Jr. will be taking his place. Chief Ruffner will still be involved and will ensure a smooth transition.

Engineer Glenn Jonnet asked Chief Ruffner for clarification regarding the Klein Place/Pinkston fire hydrant. Chief Ruffner stated that it is adequate.

### **Remarks from audience:**

None.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Administration & Finance – Ms. Frisoli, Chairperson;** Ms. Frisoli reported that she looked over everything falls into place. The 2022 Budget is on display in the office, on the website and has been advertised in the Post-Gazette.
2. **Public Safety – Mr. Downey, Chairperson;** Mr. Pellegrino read the report.
3. **Public Works – Mr. Pellegrino, Chairperson;** Mr. Pellegrino read the report
4. **Sanitary Sewers & Storm Water Management/MS4 – Mr. Taylor, Chairperson –** Ms. Frisoli deferred to Mr. Jonnet. Mr. Jonnet reported that he is working on the annual wasteload report, which consists of Consent Order Progress, O&M, etc. He also reported that there is a 3RWW on December 9.
5. **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Frisoli & Mr. Taylor –** Ms. Frisoli reported that the winter newsletter was mailed to residents and encouraged everyone to use it as a reference guide. Ms. Frisoli thanked Commissioner Fredrick for organizing the Play it Forward Toy Drive.
6. **Lights & Transportation – Mr. Downey Chairperson –** Ms. Frisoli: Nothing to report.
7. **SHACOG – Ms. Fredrick & Ms. Frisoli, co-Chairs –** Ms. Frisoli reported that the last meeting took place in November and there is nothing further to report.

8. **Fire Company – Ms. Fredrick, Chairperson** – Ms. Fredrick reported Tuesday night bingo is still happening. Light-up-night was a huge success. The 12 days of Christmas gun raffle starts on November 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available online. Lastly, Santa will be in the Township on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and should be here between 12 and 1:00 pm/
9. **MRTSA – Mr. Downey & Mr. Pellegrino, Chairperson;** Mr. Pellegrino reported that the new executive director is making a lot of progress. He has met with the various committees throughout the month. The new trucks have been delayed again due to a recall and need to be fixed before they are released. The deficit budget was passed. Lastly, there will be no meeting in December.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Nothing to report

**Engineer’s Report:**

Engineer reported that he is working with El Grande to finish up project.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor requested to add to the agenda a Motion regarding the Heart & Lung claim, which would require a special master.

Upon Motion by Pellegrino and second by Frisoli

Resolved to add to the agenda a Motion regarding the Heart & Lung claim, which would require a special master.

Upon Motion by Frisoli and second by Pellegrino

Resolved to appoint Greg Fischer as special counsel on the Heart & Lung case at a rate of \$200/hour.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Upon Motion by Pellegrino and second by Fredrick  
Resolved to accept the resignation of Thomas Taylor, effective immediately.
2. Upon Motion by Frisoli and second by Pellegrino  
Resolved to approve the November bill vouchers 25549 through 25590, payroll requirements and EFT’s both inclusive for \$112785.26.
3. Upon Motion by Pellegrino and second by Frisoli  
Resolved to approve the Summary Sheet of the November 2021 Secretary’s Report.
4. Upon Motion by Frisoli and second by Pellegrino  
Resolved to approve the November 3, 2021 Board Minutes.
5. Upon Motion by Frisoli and second by Pellegrino  
Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

***End of minutes***

***Nina Belcastro***

***Secretary/Manager***