

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017**

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilpersons Canale, Bialkowski, Viele, Briggs, Pacino, Christian and Tabelski. Councilperson McGinnis was absent.

### **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order immediately following the business meeting at 7:12 PM.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

None.

### **Communications**

Great Tabernacle Campaign/EFF Church submitted an Event Application for a Music Festival, to be held in Austin Park on August 25-26, 2017 – Council Approved

Care-A-Van submitted and Event Application for Picnics, Every Thursday (14 Cookouts) to be held in Austin Park from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31, 2017 – Council Approved

### **Council President Report**

Council President Jankowski announced that the next regular City Council Business meeting would be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

Council President Jankowski announced that the Proclamation recognizing January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week in Batavia. City Manager, Jason Molino, said that he would forward the Proclamation to the school, as a representative was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Budget Resolutions that require Public Hearings**

City Manager, Jason Molino, said that three resolutions required public hearings prior to consideration. He noted that the three resolutions were the introduction of the proposed Budget Ordinance, Water Rate changes and Business Improvement District (BID) Plan amendments. He recommended that the three resolutions be introduced at the February 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting and the public hearings be conducted at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He indicated that the resolution for the BID plan amendment would decrease the BID assessment for 2017/2018, and that the proposed amended BID Plan would be filed

no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> with the City Clerk. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting

### **Dehumidification Unit Replacement at the Ice Rink**

Director of Public Works, Matt Worth, said that the dehumidification units at the City's ice rink have become un-reliable, as they were original to construction of the rink in the 70's. He noted that in collaboration with the City's ice rink operator several options for long term dehumidification at the facility had been discussed. He indicated that dehumidification was critical to the operation of the facility, especially when the outside temperatures are significantly warmer than the ice temperatures, in late summer and early spring, resulting in extreme condensation and fogging. He noted that the bids had been prepared and advertised, with the bid opening of February 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that once the bids had been evaluated recommendations would come to Council for award at the next business meeting.

Council President Jankowski asked for an approximate cost for the unit. Matt Worth said that he anticipated between \$75,000 - \$100,000. Jason Molino indicated that the Reserve fund had funds available, as the project was proposed in the current budget. Councilperson Viele said that the locker rooms are disgusting. Councilperson Viele held photos up as Council President Jankowski pointed out several issues at the rink. Councilperson Canale noted the size and condition of the locker room for women and girls who play at the rink. Matt Worth indicated that maintenance of the rooms falls under the contract with Firland Management and that previous inspections had revealed that general housekeeping was not up to par. Councilperson Viele noted that the Zamboni had broken on Saturday, and a new one had been borrowed from another rink. Jason Molino said that repairs to the Zamboni were the responsibility of rink operators. Jason Molino said that he had not heard of any complaints, but welcomed public input so that the City could set up meetings with the rink operators.

### **Pump Station Electric and Control Upgrades**

Matt Worth said that the project consists of upgrading several pump stations in the City's sanitary and storm system. He noted that three of the sanitary pump stations (River St., West Main St., and Naramore) were rebuilt in the 80's and were in need of modern controls. He noted that the sanitary pump station on Industrial Drive was built in the early 70's and would have new controls and electric service installed. He also said that new electric service at the Lehigh storm water pump station would be installed. He noted that the project would be advertised for bids within the next two weeks, with the bid opening in mid to late February. He indicated that recommendations for bid awards would be presented to Council at the March meeting. Council President Jankowski indicated that the City might encumber the funds, as the project was proposed in the current budget.

### **Gate Replacement and Rail Repairs at Central Pump Station Wet Well**

Matt Worth said that the Central Pump Station is the final collection point of all wastewater before being pumped up to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He noted that

the City constructed the facility in the late 80's and had been operational 24 hours/day since going on-line in July of 1990. He gave a brief overview of the normal operation of the well's rail system, and noted that one of the rail systems had had a failure which would require one chamber to be isolated for repairs. He said that the bid documents had been prepared and would be opened in February with recommendations going to Council in February and March. He noted that Wastewater Reserve fund would be used for the project. Jason Molino said the encumbrance of the funds would allow the work to go to the next budget. Council President Jankowski said that all three resolutions would move forward to the next business meeting.

### **2017 STOP-DWI Award**

Chief of Police, Shawn Heubusch, said the City Police had been awarded \$24,681 from the Genesee County STOP-DWI program, which provides for specialized patrols targeting drug and alcohol impaired driving. He noted that the funds received included \$20,000 for enforcement overtime, \$481.00 for cell service, \$1500 for equipment purchased and \$2,700 for training DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) certified Officer. Council President Jankowski noted that the item would move forward to the next business meeting.

### **NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant**

Shawn Heubusch said that the City Police had been awarded \$2,945.00 from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Operating Safeguard – Red Team Exercise CTZ10. He indicated that he was sorry the information had not come before Council prior to the exercise but noted the sensitive nature of the exercise. He noted this multi- jurisdictional exercise tested twenty-five locations to evaluate the effectiveness of New York State's suspicious activity reporting program. He said that a majority of the locations notified the Police of the situation and other locations that had failures were being addressed by the State Police. Council President Jankowski noted that the item would move forward to the next business meeting.

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Council President Jankowski said that he was looking for Council's input with regard to the Memorial Day Parade. He noted that without any rejections that Councilperson Bialkowski would continue to be the contact person for the parade. He also acknowledged that Councilpersons Viele, Tabelski, and Pacino had expressed their interest in helping with the parade preparations.

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Aimslee M. Cassidy  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

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