

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Town Treasurer Tinelli, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor James asked that at the conclusion of the opening prayer that a moment of silence could be held for the number of recent mass shootings for the victims, families, and friends of the victims. Mayor James asked Council Member McBryde to say the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James asked Council Member McBryde to lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

Senator Malcolm Augustine was in attendance and made a presentation of a check for \$800,000 to be used for the establishment of a new municipal center. Delegate Fennell was also in attendance and spoke regarding the funding for a new municipal center. Gratitude was also expressed for state funding in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for historic preservation at the Bostwick House.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read 1 public comment into the record from Town resident, Susan McCutchen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Discretionary Funds for FY22

The Mayor and Council each expressed an organization they would like to use \$500.00 to help:

Council Member McBryde: SHINE Community Organization

Council Member Brown: Taekwondo Ramblers

Council Member Blount: End Harvest Ministries

Council Member Route: No Opportunity Wasted Foundation

Mayor James: Bladensburg high school football team

A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde, to approve the discretionary funding spending. The motion passed 5-0. Council Member Route abstained from approval of the Bladensburg football team organization because her son is on the team.

Dump Truck purchase for Public Works Department

Mr. Charnovich explained the process that staff has undertaken for the purchase of a new dump truck. Mayor James called for the following motion:

Motion to purchase a 2023 International Truck equipped with stainless steel dump body from Beltway International, LLC, who holds a Navistar/International contract through Sourcewell/NJPA (Contract #060920-NVS) at a total cost of \$99,947.00. This will include a transfer of \$9,947.00 from budget line item 6979 to the Dump Truck line item 6970 to cover the overage for the budgeted amount of \$90,000.

Council Member Brown made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 02-2022: To Adopt FY23 Budget and Set Real Property Tax: Second Reading

Mr. Charnovich read the proposed FY23 Budget Ordinance into the record (second reading).

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the FY23 Budget Ordinance, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety; Town Clerk; Public Works

Treasurer Tinelli did not have a formal report this month. Mr. Tinelli introduced the new Accounting Assistant, Christina Daves, who recently started with the Town.

Chief Collington provided the public safety report.

Mr. Charnovich presented the Public Works, Town Clerk, and Town Administrator reports.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Blount – Ward II: Council Member Blount did not provide a report.

Council Member Route – Ward I: Council Member Route provided her report.

Council Member Brown – Ward I: Council Member Brown provided her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward II: Council Member McBryde provided her report.

Mayor James: Mayor James provided her report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

