

A meeting of Bradford City Council was called to order by Mayor Riel at 6:00 P.M. The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Was taken.

COUNCIL: Mayor Riel, Councilman Proper, Councilman Pecora, Councilman Lopus, Councilwoman Pecht

ABSENT:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Chip Comilla, Sara Andrews, Capt. Scrivo Sgt. Douglass was present for Chief Ward

ABSENT: Chief Ward was excused

MINUTES: Minutes from Jan 23rd were approved by Councilors Proper and Pecora

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Riel – OECD, Police
- Councilor Pecora – Accounts & Finance, DPMI/Code Enforcement
- Councilor Proper – Fire/Ambulance
- Councilor Lopus – Public Works
- Councilor Pecht – Parks

CORRESPONDENCE: Karen Costello-Pecht addressed Council, Dept. Heads, and members of the press. She stated she is resigning from City Council and the Zoning Board to take on the position of Deputy Director at the OECD. She expressed her gratitude to Council, the City Administrator, the Department heads, the City Solicitor, city employees as well as the press. She said it was a privilege and rewarding serving on Council and the residents of the City of Bradford. She believes she will better serve the community working at the OECD.

VISITORS: Bob Miller of 105 Rt 219, Custer City, PA wanted to address the council regarding his rental properties in the city and cannot understand why each of his units is being charged \$10 each for the Spring Clean Up. He feels he is being penalized for these charges. Mayor Riel said they would look into it and get back to him.

Brian Berlin of East Main Street said there are a lot of empty businesses on Main Street and over the last six months he has not seen a lot of progress. He was questioning who the Main Street manager was.

Mayor Riel said that he disagreed with him, there have been numerous businesses going in.

Sara Andrews addressed Mr. Berlin stating that there have been five or six new businesses that went in over the past year and she wasn't sure where he was looking. OECD is always looking for new people to move in. Currently, the Main Street manager's position is open but they are restructuring at the OECD.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BILL #2, ORDINANCE GENERAL FILE NO. 2954 “Amend Excavation and Openings”

A motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper to remove Bill #2 from the calendar and place it on the floor for the first reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent. The City Administrator Eric Taylor read the bill, by title only with a motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht for passage on the first reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent

B. BILL #3, ORDINANCE GENERAL FILE NO. 3294, “Vacating and Discontinuance of a portion of Buelah Place.”

A motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper to remove Bill #3 from the calendar and place it on the floor for the first reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent. The City Administrator Eric Taylor read the bill, by title only with a motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht for passage on the first reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent

C. BILL #4, ORDINANCE GENERAL FILE NO. 3295, “Vacating and Discontinuance of City Alley”

A motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper to remove Bill #4 from the calendar and place it on the floor for the second reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent. The City Administrator Eric Taylor read the bill, by title only with a motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht for passage on the first reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent

37510 AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby authorize the transfer of monies from the General Fund Account to the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$162,721.27.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper
5 Yea 0 Absent

37511 AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BRADFORD TO SUBMIT A SALT CONTRACT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES COSTARS PROGRAM: DPW/LIQUID FUELS

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby authorize the submission of a Participation Agreement with the Department of General Services Costars Program for inclusion in Contract #6810-02, Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) for the August 2024 – July 2025 season.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht
5 Yea 0 Absent

37512 RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 37506 DATED JANUARY 23, 2024: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers of the City of Bradford hereby rescind Resolution No. 37506 dated January 23, 2024, authorizing the exoneration of certain 2024 City Property Taxes.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper
5 Yea 0 Absent

37513 EXONERATE THE CITY TREASURER FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN 2024 CITY PROPERTY TAXES: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that according to a written request from the City Treasurer, dated January 18, 2024, together with attached documentation from the County Assessment Office, the proper officers hereby exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting \$4,566.48 for 2024 City Property Taxes. An additional assessment of \$3,394.90 will be added to the tax roll.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Pecht
5 Yea 0 Absent

37514 APPROVE PAYMENT TO ACE HARDWARE & LUMBER OF BRADFORD: OECD

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve payment to Ace Hardware & Lumber of Bradford in the amount of \$3,922.22 from the Rental Property account for cabinets for 10 State Street.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Councilor Lopus
5 Yea 0 Absent

37515 ACCEPT QUOTE AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO EMERGENCY NETWORKING: FIRE

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford that the proper officers hereby accept a quote and approve payment of \$3,795.00 from the General Fund Account (411.318) to Emergency Networking for Fire Department Software.

Motion by Councilors Proper and Proper
5 Yea 0 Absent

37516 ACCEPT QUOTE AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO LANDPRO EQUIPMENT LLC.: PARKS

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford that the proper officers hereby accept a quote and approve payment of \$6,146.84 from the General Fund Account to LandPro Equipment LLC for one John Deere Z930M ZTrak tractor.

Motion by Councilors Pecht and Lopus
5 Yea 0 Absent

37517 APPROVE PAYMENT TO GORMAN ENTERPRISES: FIRE

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve payment of \$2,602.50 from the General Fund Account (411.375) to Gorman Enterprises for Squad 1 repair.

Motion by Councilors Proper and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Absent

37518 AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby authorize the transfer of monies from the General Fund Account to the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper
5 Yea 0 Absent

37519 APPOINT MIKE BODAMER TO THE CITY OF BRADFORD PLANNING COMMISSION: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby appoint Mike Bodamer to the City of Bradford Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this appointment fills a vacancy left by Bob Douglas of a 5-year unexpired term.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Pecht
5 Yea 0 Absent

37520 EXONERATE THE CITY TREASURER FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN 2024 CITY PROPERTY TAXES: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that according to a written request from the City Treasurer, dated January 23, and February 1, 2024, together with attached documentation from the County Assessment Office, the proper officers hereby exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting \$590.23 for 2024 City Property Taxes. An additional assessment of \$530.60 will be added to the tax roll.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Lopus
5 Yea 0 Absent

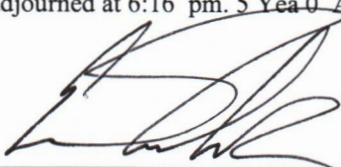
37521 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZEFFY AND THE CITY OF BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9: POLICE

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers authorize and execute an agreement along with the terms and conditions between Zeffy and the City of Bradford Police Department.

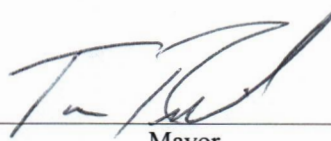
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Zeffy is a fundraising campaign website for the public to make future donations to the City K-9 fund.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Councilor Pecht
5 Yea 0 Absent

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilors Pecora and Proper. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm. 5 Yea 0 Absent



City Administrator



Mayor