

**TOWANDA BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 2018**

A **SPECIAL** meeting of the Towanda Borough Council was held on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM, by Council President Paul Sweitzer, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and recorded as follows:

PRESENT: Mr. Klinger, Mr. Kovalcin, Mrs. Lacek, Mr. Long, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Roof, Mr. Sweitzer and Mr. Taylor

ABSENT: Mr. Christini

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

PAYMENT OF 2018 YEAR-END BILLS

Mr. Klinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Kovalcin to approve payment of bills for the Towanda Borough General Fund and Special Borough funds as presented in the "List of Bills." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-5

ADOPTION OF THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET & SPECIAL FUNDS

President Sweitzer asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed 2019 Borough and Special Funds Budgets.

Mrs. Lacek made a motion seconded by Mrs. Miller to adopt, by resolution, the 2019 Borough and Special Funds Budget as presented and advertised.

The roll was called and recorded as follows:

AYE/YES: Mr. Klinger, Mr. Kovalcin, Mrs. Lacek, Mr. Long, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Roof, Mr. Sweitzer, and Mr. Taylor

NAY/NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Mr. Christini

Resolution 2018-5 carried unanimously by those present.

ORDINANCE 2018-2

ADOPTION OF 2019 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY

Mr. Long made a motion seconded by Mr. Klinger to adopt, by resolution, the 2019 Real Estate Tax Levy Ordinance as presented.

The roll was called and recorded as follows:

AYE/YES: Mr. Klinger, Mr. Kovalcin, Mrs. Lacek, Mr. Long, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Roof, Mr. Sweitzer, and Mr. Taylor

NAY/NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Mr. Christini

Ordinance 2018-2 carried unanimously by those present.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the borough council is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7 PM.

Mr. Patrick Taylor presented a letter of resignation to Council President Paul Sweitzer effective December 31, 2018. He is moving out of Towanda to Dushore in the near future. He stated that he was grateful for having the opportunity to serve as Councilman for the Second Ward and as a member of the Shade Tree Commission and Chairman of the Police Committee. President Sweitzer and the rest of the board stated that Mr. Taylor was a good all-around Councilman, and he thanked Mr. Taylor for all his time and service to the Borough.

President Sweitzer talked about an item that was not on the agenda that he wanted to discuss. On Pine Street next door to the Main Link, there is a loading area where there is no longer a business. President Sweitzer asked to have the loading zone sign taken down and one parking spot added due to this being such a busy area. When Marlene's closed, that loading zone sign was taken down at that location on Main Street. Council agreed, and Manager Lane stated that he will have the sign taken down and a parking spot will be placed there.

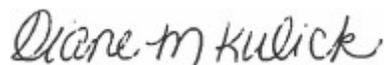
Also, Mr. Klinger started a discussion about Poplar and State streets possibly being made into one-way streets due to the difficulty for cars traveling both ways and competing with the parked cars on these streets. Manager Lane stated that he would like to wait until the parking garage is complete, as parking on the south side of State street will then be eliminated, and 4 to 6 spaces on the north side of the street will be gone also. It was agreed that vision is impaired when pulling out of these streets to travel either way.

President Sweitzer also stated that if anyone wants his seat as President of Council, he would make it available to them. Also, he thanked everyone on the board for their dedication to Council and any who are also on TMA (Towanda Municipal Authority).

In addition, Council also asked the reporter present from the local paper to mention that due to Mr. Taylor's resignation, there is a need to fill behind him in the 2nd Ward. Any resident in this ward who is interested may contact Manager Lane. Mr. Taylor also stated that he would like to see the Police Committee continue to meet, as this has been good for communication between the Police and Council. Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Lacek. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.



Diane M. Kulick
Borough Secretary