

BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Council President James Collins II called the June 8, 2015 Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Collins II, Matt Hockley, Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Lois Stoner, Pam Still, Ed Kendall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl D. Smith, Solicitor Mike Scherer and Mayor P. Scott Boise

MEMBERS ABSENT Leroy "Cork" Shildt

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Matt Hockley. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES-MAY 11, 2015

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Matt Hockley. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC OPINON SESSION No one present

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mike Scherer reported last month Council talked about the General Liability Insurance Policy and the fact that sexual abuse and molestation coverage is now removed from the policy unless the Borough puts it back in and pays for it. In order to qualify for it, the seven questions have to be answered in the affirmative. Jim Collins stated everything else has been covered and it's just a matter of whether or not they accept the Borough's rendition of doing background checks on volunteers. Mr. Scherer indicated he spoke to the insurance company agent and they stated that they are not necessarily going to ask for copies of all the items.

Matt Hockley made a motion to purchase the insurance. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Ed Kendall asked if Mr. Scherer needed to do any checking. Mr. Scherer stated there is a list of seven questions and he had understood that all questions were covered except for #1 and in turned out all were covered except for #3, is there a written policy requiring background checks on all volunteers. Jim Collins stated they would say yes, but it would be qualified as the background checks are done on those volunteers who are in direct contact with youth on a one to one basis of which the Borough does not have any. It would be up to the insurance company if they want to review it and whether or not they accept it. Motion passed unanimously.

*****COMMITTEE REPORTS*****

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELARE

Trash Contract-Pam Still reported she spoke with Ron Carlson from Advance Disposal about a yard waste pick-up. They would do one free in the spring and the fall with the condition the Borough sign a 3 year contract with them. Ms. Still indicated the contract is negotiable. The Borough has been negotiating every single year with the contract. They could not go higher than 3% increase. Mr. Carlson indicated by going with a 3 or 5 year contract there would be a lot more negotiating power.

Pam Still reported the present contract expires 12-31 and it has to be negotiated 120 prior. Ms. Still was informed by Mr. Carlson South Middleton Township has totters and that could be negotiated a well. Council agreed to have Deb and her committee meet with Mr. Carlson to see what the Borough could get out of a 3 year extension.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Boise presented the monthly stats for the Police Department. Mayor Boise also congratulated Chief Day in completing his MCSAP training. The Department completed a DOT safety check this past weekend.

PUBLIC OPINION

Mr. Eby was invited by the Mayor to discuss a Community Building Program. Mr. Eby and Ron Stinson, owner of the car wash suggested having a fishing derby once a year. Mr. Eby stated the parking lot behind Penn Dutch could be used. Another suggestion was having a mountain bike ride or run starting at the Deer Lodge and go up Ridge Road. Pam Still invited Mr. Eby to the revitalization meeting on June 15th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the ideas. The meeting would be held at The New Life Community Church. The next Community Meeting would be held July 26th.

COG Report-Joe Andreatti introduced Pam Still as the new Vice President of the WCOG.

Pam Still reported Laura left the position of Dickinson Township supervisor and she is one who suggested Pam replaces her as Vice President of the COG.

Pam Still reported she met the new Dickinson Township manager whose name is Mark and no experience running a township but is ex-military and very capable. He has a concern of people dumping on Ridge Road also and would like to work with the Borough on the matter.

Pam Still reported the Rescue Mission in Gettysburg is not taking any more TV's but Staples and Best Buy still takes TV's.

Pam Still reported the Solicitor's for the COG would like to be kept informed on how contracts are being served with the salt situation.

Pam Still reported the trucking industry has been lobbying allow the maximum length of a trailer to go from 28' to 33' and a combined length of 66' rather than 56'. The longer trucks would carry 18% more freight by volume. Chief Day also indicated they want to increase the weight from 80,000 to 130,000 per truck.

Pam Still reported Carlisle was named a top 100 best small town in 2015 by livability.com.

Pam Still reported they are going to have a community opiate overdose prevention group meeting which will be held in Shippensburg.

Pam Still reported Cumberland County Commissioner recognized 25 area emergency medical providers and have been credited with 29 clinical saves within the last year.

PLANNING & ZONING

Pam Still reported next month the Board would review Article 16 which is enforcement and administration. Joe has reviewed it and put his comments on it and gave it back to County.

Pam Still reported at the admin meeting, she passed out the Zoning map. County is cleaning up the boundary lines and would be forthcoming for review. The new map would show the new proposed Village District. Village I and Village II would merge together allowing no drive through.

Gotthard Hearing-Matt Hockey reported they more or less shot him down. He stated he never got a permit to put the apartments in the back of the house nor did he get a permit to put an apartment in where the tanning salon was. Mr. Hockley stated the only reason he was trying to get a variance was because he got caught in the middle of doing it. Mr. Hockley questioned if they should let it go. Mr. Scherer asked how long ago it happened. Mr. Hockley stated the tanning salon has been gone about 8 months. The other one is close to 10 years. If it is let go, it would not be fair to other residents. Mike Scherer stated there is a thing in the law called a vested right that says after you invested in something that has existed for a period of time, you become entitled to it. Mr. Scherer stated the 10 years situation he would not advise trying to correct that, but maybe something less than a year.

Mike Scherer asked when Jennifer Hipp's decision on Gotthard would be issued. Mr. Andreatti stated she said it would be issued in time to comply with the 45 day limit and should be within the next three weeks. Mike Scherer indicated he would like to read her decision.

Matt Hockley asked if there was ever an ordinance drafted to help Joe enforce the PA Code. Mr. Scherer indicated adopting a property maintenance code which would control all the properties in the Borough. Mr. Hockley asked if the Borough could do an ordinance so Joe could enforce the PA Code until the property maintenance code is done. Chief Day stated there was an incident at Fred Gelsinger property where steps from the second story apartment collapsed with his tenants on it. Mike Scherer stated he would study it and see what could be done. Jim Collins asked to have Mr. Scherer give any information before the committee meeting on June 25th.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE & BUDGET

Deb Brophy reported she would be working on the trash contract.

Jim Collins stated Council member should start thinking about next year's budget.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ed Kendall stated it was the contract price for anti-skid. Jim Hoerner stated to him he could get the same price within \$1 at Union Quarries.

PARK & RECREATION

Lois Stoner invited everyone to the bluegrass concert on June 20th from 4p.m.-7 p.m. Food would be available at 3:30. Mrs. Stoner stated Park & Rec members have donated all the food for this event.

Lois Stoner reported she received a call from Jim Hoerner asking about the trees on North Baltimore Avenue. Mrs. Stoner stated her and her husband removed suckers from the trees on two blocks of N. Baltimore Avenue. Some people that were scheduled to remove them have had surgery or are ill. Laura & Harry Stoner are going to take of two blocks which lets one block. Jim Hoerner informed her if they cannot get anyone until next week he would have the prisoners remove the suckers. Mrs. Stoner stated the problem is they need trimmed every two weeks. The scouts would be coming after the 20th to do the whole street. The work camp from the church would be trimming the sucker again in July.

Lois Stoner indicated she had a complaint about the roots pushing up the sidewalks on N. Baltimore Ave.

Pam Still reported she and Joe went to a grant class and Joe is working on a tree vitalized grant and is not through County. Joe Andreatti reported the maximum grant amount is \$10,000 and is a match of money or in-kind-services. One of the requirements is you have to have two people attend a tree tenders course. Jim Hoerner would like to attend and one other person is needed to attend. Joe stated they prefer one of the people to be an elected official but it is not mandatory and nor is mandatory to complete the class prior to the grant application. They do require it be scheduled and paid for prior to submitting the grant. Joe stated the grant application cycle is July 31st and the next cycle is January 31, 2016. Pam Still stated the class would be held in Philly or Pittsburg. A receipt would be needed showing the classes are paid for. Pam Still indicated the form does not indicate the cost of the classes but the cost is reimbursable.

Matt Hockley made a motion to send Cork Shildt to the class. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

Revitalization

Pam Still reported they applied for a \$2500 no match grant to be used for banners and the hardware for the telephone poles.

Pam Still reported Al sent a letter to Giant Foods for free benches. The benches are made from recycled bags and actually look like concrete. They should hear in 3 or 4 weeks and they asked for 4.

Pam Still reported Al is checking on Walmart, Target, Lowes, Home Depot etc. for small grants.

Pam Still reported Kraig wanted to know what name they wanted for the project but never told them who the winner was. Kraig stated he would announce the winner on the walk about on 15th and explain why it has been kept such a secret.

Pam Still reported the next community meeting is July 26th at the fire hall from 1p.m.-3 p.m. September 20th would be the ending date for the unveiling of the master plan.

Pam Still reported June 15th at 6:00 p.m. they would meet at the New Life Community Church for a walk about town. Kraig would have chalk for the bump-outs and the rain garden.

Jim Collins reported he had presented Bob Otto with a plaque in recognition of this service as Mayor and Councilman.

Jim Collins reported the free inspection for termites was done and there are termites around the Borough building. The suggestion from Terminix was to install little tubs with bate and then they are monitored. There would be an initial charge of \$2400 and a renewal charge annually of \$349.

Jim Collins indicated he got on the do-it-yourself pest control website and found exactly what Terminix was going to do for \$400. There would be more discussion at the next committee meeting on the matter.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR COUNCIL

Pam Still stated Max Fahnestock would like to attend the next committee meeting concerning Dennis Gotthard.

Matt Hockley asked Joe Andreatti how the inspection sheet was coming concerning all the inspection that was not done. Mr. Andreatti replied it was almost half way completed. Originally there were 60 that were not done and now it is down to 30. The second round of letter have gone out and he received at least 10 calls.

Matt Hockley stated he received a call from Jim Slyder and he was not happy. Mr. Andreatti indicated he installed a pool and failed the final inspection because he does not have a fence around the pool. State Building Code and the Borough Ordinance states he must have a minimum of a 48" high fence around the pool and he has no fence at all. He has a tiny decorative fence around his property.

THE REMAINDER OF THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED.

ADJOURN

Deb Brophy made a motion to adjourn the June 8, 2015 Borough Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by:

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