

BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Council President James Collins II called the November 10, 2014 Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Collins asked that those persons who served in the military to remain standing and conveyed gratitude and thanks for their service to our Country.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Collins II, Matt Hockley, Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Lois Stoner, Pam Still, Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Ed Kendall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl D. Smith and Mayor P. Scott Boise

MEMBERS ABSENT Solicitor Mike Scherer

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES-OCTOBER 13, 2014

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve the Borough Council meeting minutes of October 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC OPINION SESSION

Cynthia Thompson, 201 East Pine Street indicated she was the director of the Amelia Givin Library and also a resident of Mt. Holly Springs and has been on the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Thompson introduced Merle Barclay who will be President of the Board next year. The reason for her visit was to make the Library more visible in the community. Ms. Thompson also presented a fact sheet. Ms. Thompson reported for 2013, 129,661 people have visited the library; 143,131 items were checked out; 431 programs were held for all ages and attended by 10,840 people; there are 1,066 library cardholders and 24,103 items were borrowed in 2013. Ms. Thompson also indicated the Library has free access to computers with high-speed internet, Word, Excel and PowerPoint, online databases, books, DVD's, Books-on-CD, music CD's, newspapers and magazines, copier/fax service, community meeting room and programs for all ages. Ms. Thompson stated the library is on the National Historic Registry.

Merle Barclay stated if the library could be of service to the Borough and the Council to let them know. Mr. Barclay and Ms. Thompson thanked Council for their time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE

Chief Day had Pietro (Pete) Picciurro stand and introduce himself to Council and presented a little information on himself. Chief Day also had Ronald Hoover introduce himself and present some background information on him also.

Deb Brophy made a motion to hire Pietro (Pete) Renato Picciurro as a part-time police officer with a hire date of November 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to hire Ronald Eugene Hoover as a part-time police officer with a hire date of November 10, 20014. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Day indicated Rachel is going to offered a full-time position with Middlesex Township and tentatively would start at the beginning the year. She would work full-time for them and part-time for the Borough. Chief Day also indicated Officer Ritchie has been accepted at York Regional part-time for now and then goes full-time at the beginning of the year.

Deb Brophy made a motion to sign the 2015 Agreement with the Humane Society at a cost of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Pam Still. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report-Scott Boise presented the monthly stats for the police department from October 8 – November 9, 2014. 64 citations have gone to two different courts. The Police Department continues to do an excellent job.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE & BUDGET

2015 Budget-Deb Brophy thanked everyone for their help on the budget. Mrs. Brophy stated last year on a \$100,000 the rate was 1.857 for 2015 it would be 1.925 which is another \$6.80 added to a resident's tax bill. The fire tax would remain at .216 and the street lights would remain at .239.

Deb Brophy made a motion to advertise the 2015 General Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner. Mayor Boise stated when the budget is advertised, it would be put on the budget where the line items have been changed and be referenced where they went to. Matt Hockley stated he thought they asked for a higher fire tax. Jim Collins stated that was correct and it would remain the same. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to advertise the mileage rate at 1.925. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to advertise mileage rate for the street lights at .239. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to advertise the mileage rate for the fire tax at .216. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cork Shildt reported leaf pick-up would begin November 4th through December 19th Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Bags should be placed where the trash is picked up.

Ed Kendal reported the walls for the salt shed are almost completed, the paving is done and the new doors are in and working properly. Jim has a few more boards to install for the center partition and plywood the inner side of it to tie it together better. Jim called today for salt and would receive a confirmation back and should be 3-5 days to get the salt.

Cork Shildt reported Jim is going to install no trespassing signs around the dirt pile at the triangle on Mill Street.

Jim Collins reported he and the Chief met with a representative from HRG and walked the Borough's portion of West Pine Street. It was the representative's feeling that the portion of West Pine Street could be posted with a three ton weight limit. He also stated there should be a sign for except for local deliveries.

Cork Shildt made a motion to advertise an ordinance to the weight limit on West Pine Street. The motion was seconded by Matt Hockley. Ed Kendall asked if Cheryl had found anything in the records. Mr. Collins stated yes, 20 years ago a study was done. HRG recommendation is not based on whether the road could take the weight so much as the road surface cannot take the weight. There are some areas on the surface that have deteriorating. The surface at Chapel and Pine has actually dipped. Motion passed unanimously.

WCOG Report-Pam Still reported the dues for the COG were discussed today and the criteria for the price are based on the Borough's population in the 2010 census. The dues for the Borough would be \$431.20 but they approved everybody in the COG would only have to pay half dues again because of capital from the warehouses. Pam Still made a motion to pay the 2015 WCOG dues in the amount of \$215.60. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Still reported Cumberland Area Economic Development Corp. is working with Newville to market them as a rail trail town. They are working to attract businesses that cater to trail users.

Pam Still reported Steve Bloom and Will Tallman staff person, Jared Catrell were in attendance and indicated they would be in touch concerning the streetscape master plan.

Pam Still stated she reported the salt containment area would be completed Wednesday and thanked Laura and Dickinson Township on behalf of Mt. Holly Spring for the use of their facilities over the past years.

Pam Still reported the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corp is having a holiday open house on December 10th from 4-6 at 53 W. South Street, Carlisle.

Pam Still reported Cumberland County Planning Commission is seeking a new member to serve on their 9 member Planning Commission.

PLANNING & ZONING

Pam Still reported the Board reviewed the parking lot plan of Tim Wimer for 242 N. Baltimore Avenue for 6 parking spaces behind the former gun shop. The back lot had already been macadam by a prior owner. Planning & Zoning required he install lighting in the back of the building and delineate the parking spaces.

Pam Still made a motion to approve the parking lot plan at 242 N. Baltimore Avenue for Mr. Wimer. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Still reported she nominated a house to the Pennsylvania at Risk. The house is located at 215 and 217 N. Baltimore Avenue. They would help market it to a perspective buyer that would try to preserve it. If it is purchased as a rental property, they would work with people on tax credits, etc.

Pam Still reported on November 19th the Revitalization Committee would be reviewing the firms that submitted applications and they are going to narrow the list down from two to four firms from the list. The week of December 8th the team would be interviewing the chosen firms and then choose one. At the January 12th Council meeting the team would seek Council approval to proceed with the selected contractor.

Ed Kendall indicated he knows there was an offer on 215 N. Baltimore Avenue.

PARK & RECREATION

Lois Stoner reported Chief Day indicated there were about 25 trees at Trine Park at need to come down. There are a lot of trees that are hindering new growth. Mrs. Stoner contacted Roy Brubaker of DCNR and was told to call in early spring and they would suggest which trees should come down.

Lois Stoner reported next week the Committee would be putting together details of a Christmas decorating contest.

Lois Stoner reported the final payment of \$3000 has been received from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for the grant.

ADJOURN

Deb Brophy made a motion to adjourn the November 10, 2014 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Smith
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Transcribed by:

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Utility Billing Clerk