

## **Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, July 11, 2019**

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mrs. Gutosky, Mayor Stetar, and Junior councilmember Ms. Mock

**ABSENCE:** Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, and Mr. Mariscotti

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

President Alfano added Recreation Authority – Ashley Roth & Michelle Kinsey

President Alfano added new member for the Recreation Authority – James Scaccia

President Alfano stated the agenda stands as printed and amended.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2019**

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2019 carried with all members present stating aye.

#### **CONTINUED MEETING OF JULY 1, 2019**

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Continued meeting of July 1, 2019 carried with all members present stating aye.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and bank balances as of June 30, 2019.

Motion by Bittner/Gutosky to accept the Treasurer’s report carried with all members present stating aye.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT – MR. ALFANO**

#### **RECREATION AUTHORITY – ASHELY ROTH & MICHELLE KINSEY**

Mrs. Roth & Mrs. Kinsey address council and announced that the Riverfest this year will be held on August. 24th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm & the 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It will begin with a fireman’s parade on Saturday at 12:30 and fireworks will be Saturday evening. They asked if council could once again donate \$2,500.00 for fireworks.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to donate \$2,500 from the Gaming Revenue Fund to the Recreation authority for Riverfest fireworks duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **NEW MEMBER FOR THE RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD**

Mr. Alfano stated we have a vacancy on the Recreation Authority and Mr. Nate Scaccia has submitted a letter of interest to sit on that board replacing George Crane ‘s seat.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to appoint Nate Scaccia to the Recreation Authority Board duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – DR. MARTIN**

### **SWEARING IN OF JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON AND ALTERNATE JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON**

Mayor Stetar administered the oath of office to Ms. Claire Mock and Mr. Jeremy Beckinger.

#### **45' LENGTH RESTRICTION ON WOOD STREET**

Dr. Martin stated he sent council a copy of a string of emails between himself and Penndot concerning their recommendation that we put a 45' length restriction on Wood Street. If you want it they'll do it, but they put it back in our court to decide if we want it or not. Mr. Alfano stated as a point of information 45' will exclude most buses and small delivery trucks from the restriction because Wood Street is not built to take that kind of weight. Mrs. Gutosky asked Chief Sheehan what his thoughts are. He stated they'll enforce it if council puts the sign up there. He stated it is for the safety of the community. Mayor Stetar stated we are in the processing of finding the one citation that was thrown out and talk to the judge to see what the problem was with that one and he'll bring that information back to council.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to place a 45' length restriction on Wood Street duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB**

Nothing to report

#### **PUBLIC WORKS – MR MARISCOTTI**

Mr. Tудay thanked the crew for coming out and cleaning up after that last thunderstorm we had they did a great job.

#### **WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE # 21905205- \$330.00 4<sup>th</sup> ST. CURB SPECS.**

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to pay Widmer Invoice #21905205 in the amount of \$330.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER**

Nothing to report

#### **FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

##### **MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to pay the monthly bills as presented duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO**

##### **WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE #21905185- \$4,125.00- HIGHLAND DRIVE**

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to pay Widmer's invoice #21905185 in the amount of \$4,125.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Bittner who voted no.

#### **PERSONNEL – MR. MARISCOTTI & MR. ENCAPERA**

Nothing to report

#### **JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER MS. MOCK**

The high school girls' tennis team is currently looking for a volunteer coach so they can have a team this season.

The principals are currently preparing the student and teacher's schedules

Classrooms in the elementary school are being painted and having new flooring installed as well as updating the air conditioning to reduce humidity and likelihood of mold.

Current preparations are currently underway for band and football camp both of which will be held on school campus.

New textbooks and supplies are starting to come in for this year.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT – DR. FRANK STETAR**

He congratulated Clair and Jeremy on being sworn in tonight.

Mayor Stetar thanked the Street crew and the Fire Dept. for responding to the damage caused by the latest storm.

He congratulated the Recreation Authority for the reopening of the Hickory Street playground and apologized for not being there.

Reminded everyone that Kennywood Day is July 24<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be on sale at the Fire Dept. the week of.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – STEVE EBY TRANSFER SWITCH**

Mr. Eby stated he would like council to getting the transfer switch moved. He and Ron went up and looked at it and he thinks its better if we go ahead and get it moved before the new generator comes in. He said that way when the generator shows up they can just drop it in and wire it up. He stated he has a quote from an electrician will come in and unwire everything and wire up the transfer switch and hook the generator up to the new transfer switch for \$4,040.00. He asked council for a motion to do this. He stated he ordered the generator on the 14<sup>th</sup> and they estimated 10 weeks for delivery. Mr. Alfano asked who the contractor is. Mr. Eby stated PFB electric in Grindstone. Mr. Eby stated then once the generator comes in they will requote and come back out to hook up the permanent generator. Council requested Mr. Eby get a second quote. And bring it back to August's meeting. Mr. Eby stated he'd like to go ahead and get the gas unhooked so that is done also.

### **HIGHLAND DRIVE**

Mr. Difilippo asked Mr. Eby if we are all done up there yet. Mr. Eby stated he went up and put some seed in that one yard and raked some stone around. He said we'll just wait and see if anything grows. Mr. Alfano stated you went and put seed down. Mr. Eby stated he did it on his own time. Mr. Alfano asked why he is doing it. Mr. Eby stated they do him favors here and there so he does them for them also. He said they dropped him off some seed yesterday so he went up and did it. He doesn't know why the grass isn't growing. The homeowner actually told him he put some seed down up there also. He stated he and Jeff were up there yesterday and again today when the rain came in to see where that water drains across the road and found nothing. He stated one of the neighbors stopped there who use to work on in the street department and said there has never been a pipe there.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS TAX IN LIEU – THE OAKS**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated the Oaks had contacted him concerning a Tax in Lieu agreement. He reviewed the agreement and is okay with Council adopting it at tonight's meeting if they want. It is a five-year agreement and they would pay the borough \$5,000.00 for five years.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to authorize the President of council and the Secretary to sign the tax in lieu pilot agreement with the Oaks duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **MOU- INSURANCE BUY BACK**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he had sent council prior to the last meeting a memorandum of understanding and put some revisions in there. It now has that Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is the opt in date. Council will have to decide if they want to pay any eligible employees who opt out of our insurance, and who prove they have insurance elsewhere. If there is a qualifying event; divorce, death, birth, etc. they can choose to opt in earlier. He said once council approves it he will forward it to the Teamsters for their approval. He said originally Chip had said something around \$556.00. Ms. Evans stated the borough pays \$1,400.00 per month for each employee's health care, which covers your health care, sick & accident, sick and accident and cannot be divided out it is all or nothing. Mr. Difilippo stated we are actually kicking in \$1,400.00 per month for each employee. Ms. Evans stated it is actually \$1,395.26 per employee. Mr. Bittner asked Ms. Evans what her input was on this. Ms. Evans stated it doesn't matter to her what the number is but keep in mind that the borough must match \$7.65% of that amount. So as long as you are staying under your \$1,400.00 you should be good. You could go up to \$1,290.00 and would still be covered. Mrs. Gutosky stated she thinks we should do half- \$700.00. Mr. Agrafiotis stated that will be minus standard payroll withholdings and he'll send it to Mr. Bedillion for their approval.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the MOU for insurance buy back at an amount of \$700.00 less payroll withholdings contingent on approval of Teamsters local 585 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he sent a rough draft of the burning ordinance for council's review and comments.

Mr. Agrafiotis thanked Dr. Martin and Shirley for their comments on the sewer ordinance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business at this time.

Ms. Evans stated we are still holding a check for Mackin Engineering until maps were revised. Not sure if that has happened yet. Mr. Petro stated yes it has go ahead and release the check.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LABORER – SEWER DEPT.**

Motion by Difilippo to advertise for laborer in the sewer dept. once a job description has been approved by council duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **LICENSED OPERATOR – SEWER DEPT.**

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to advertise for a Licensed Sewer Dept. Operator contingent on a job description approved duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **VERIZON POSSIBLE CABLE**

Mr. Bittner asked the Borough Administrator to contact Verizon and ask them if they have any idea if they are going to provide cable services here anytime soon. Dr. Martin stated he will make that call tomorrow.

#### **LIBERTY STREET ANGLED PARKING**

Mr. Bittner asked the Street Dept. to straighten up the concrete bumpers and angled parking along Liberty Street. Mr. Tудay asked if he wants the bumpers removed. Mr. Bittner stated just straighten them up and paint the lines.

### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

#### **JIM MADDIEX**

Mr. Maddiex welcomed the new junior council members. He added that the Planning Commission still has three vacancies.

#### **DON ROBERTS**

Mr. Roberts stated he lives along Meadow Way off Pennsylvania and he thanked council for paving that alley. However, he stated folks are using it as a short cut and coming through at a high rate of speed. He stated his porch is only 15' from the road and if he would estimate their speed it is 40 possibly 50 mile an hour through there. It is a hidden area and they rip through there. He asked council if there was some way they could slow people down driving through there. Mr. Alfano asked Chief Sheehan to take a look at that and see what can be done.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to adjourn carried with all members present stating aye.