

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, February 8, 2018, 6:30 pm

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

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, Mayor Stetar, Mr. Goroncy (Junior Counsel Member)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab – Planning Commission per Mr. Maddiex.

DR. NOWAK – CONCERNS ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION – CALIFORNIA DRIVE

Dr. Nowak stated his concerns regarding bridge construction on California Drive.

MARI BOYLE – BIG EVENT

Mari Boyle from California University spoke about the Big Event. It will be held on April 14, 2018. It is a Cal U day of community service. Students do acts of community service. She will leave flyers and job request forms at the Borough for anyone interested in participating.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Alfano stated the agenda will stand adopted as printed & amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

MINUTES:

On a Gutosky/Difilippo motion the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2018 duly carried with all members stating aye.

On a Difilippo/Gutosky motion the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018 duly carried with all members stating aye.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – MRS. CLANCY

Mrs. Clancy read the account balances & accounts payable ending January 31, 2018.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Alfano stated that the executive session on January 11, 2018 was on litigation cases that are outstanding.

TRI COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

The Tri County Borough Association will be held on February 15, 2018 at Stockdale-Allenport Volunteer Fire Hall It is hosted by Dunlevy, Long Branch and Stockdale Boroughs.

RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING

The Recreation Authority meeting that was to be held this Tuesday was postponed and will be held this Tuesday February 15, 2018.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN UPDATES

For updates Dr. Martin referred counsel to the weekly updates and periodical reports that he sends by email. He has nothing to add to what he sent.

KEY BANK- PARKING STALLS

Dr. Martin was seeking approval for the four parking stalls requested for Key Bank. These are low volume use spaces that do not generate much income for the Borough. They are going to rent them for \$30.00 per month per space for one year. The bank will provide the signs. The borough will have to bag the meters or remove the meter heads. The bank will pay for a full year for all four spaces up front. Difilippo/Mariscotti motion

to approve 4 parking spaces on Liberty Street to Key Bank. On a roll call vote motion carried with Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mrs. Gutosky and Mr. Mariscotti voting yes and Mr. Bittner and Mr. Glab voting no.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

SEDONA/WESTROCK – 400 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE

Mr. Glab stated that the Sedona Land Development, now owned by Westrock, submitted site plans to borough counsel on July 12, 2018 to construct an addition to their existing building. A motion was made and motion granting approval of the site plan contingent upon the borough engineer's review of the stormwater plan.

Since there appear to be no follow up, after their view of the stormwater management plan was done, the present owner, Westrock, is seeking approval of the plan and to enter into the Operation and Maintenance (O &M) Agreement with the borough as required by the stormwater management ordinance.

The borough engineer reviewed the site plans dated June 18, 2012, which were revised on January 31, 2013, and December 27, 2017 and the stormwater management plan dated July 19, 2012 and recommends approval, after the stormwater facility is inspected, according to the site plans submitted, to his satisfaction. Glab/Mariscotti to approve the stormwater management plan as submitted and reviewed by the borough engineer with the following conditions: 1. Westrock pay the borough engineer for the costs to review the stormwater management plans and site plans resubmitted. 2. Westrock have the borough engineer inspect the stormwater facility on the premises to insure that it was built according to the plans submitted and pay the cost for the inspection. 3. Westrock enter into the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the borough and have it duly recorded in the recorder of Deeds, Washington County. Westrock is located at 400 Technology Drive. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEMS

Mr. Eby inspected Washington Health Systems. Glab/Mariscotti motion to release Washington Health System's escrow. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

QUALITY OF LIFE APPEALS BOARD.

Also with the borough's Quality of Life Ordinance there is a need for a quality of life appeals board. Mr. Glab has 2 people willing to serve on that board. Glab/Encapera motion to appoint Casey Durdines to the Quality Of Life Appeals Board. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

Glab/Encapera motion to appoint Pam Brown to the Quality of Live Appeals Board. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

A third person is still needed for the appeals board.

Mr. Glab reminded that within 24 hours after a snow storm occurs the property owner is responsible to have the sidewalks in front of their residence or business cleaned or receive a Quality of Life Ticket per the ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Glab announced that the Planning Commission reorganized and chairperson is James Maddiex , co-chairperson is Mrs. Mariscotti, treasurer is Mr. Capanna, secretary is Mr. Baxter and Mr. Sears is the chairman pro temp.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI STREET DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Mariscotti stated the street department has been out salting, maintenance.

CAP FOR TRACTOR

Dr. Martin stated Mr. Tудay located a cap for the small tractor. Since the borough doesn't have a credit card, he has been trying to accept a purchase order but a check might have to be cut and do it that way. Dr. Martin and Mr. Tудay have been working on this issue; this should be rectified shortly and have a cap for the little tractor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

STREET ON LOWER EDWARDS ST.

Bittner/Difilippo motion to put a street sign at the corner of Ellsworth and Edward Streets. Mr. Encapera stated that the stop signs on the corner of Union and Third and Ash and Third are missing as well. Mr. Bittner amended his motion to include any other signs needing replaced. Mr. Difilippo amended his second. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

Mr. Bittner stated that coming into town by Rotary Park on rt. 88 there is a tree ready to come down onto the road. Dr. Martin stated he would take care of that tomorrow.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner motion to pay the monthly bills. On a roll call vote motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Mr. Difilippo had nothing to report this evening.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & Mr. Mariscotti

There was nothing to report at this time.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – MR. GORONCY

SCHOOL UPDATES

Mr. Goroncy presented school updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. STETAR

OFFICE HOURS/FURNITURE

Mayor Stetar announced his office hours remain on Mondays and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and by appointment. His office furniture is in and he thanked council for buying new chairs for his office.

TRAINING

Mayor Stetar attended the newly elected official at the Washington Double Tree.

TRI COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION MEETING

Mayor Stetar also attended the Tri County Borough Association meeting.

CAMERAS

Mayor Stetar followed up with the camera company and his understanding is the camera company, Crystalline, has been here the last couple days and will continue working on the camera system to get the full operation done. They want to wait until the weather is warm to install the other two cameras. The borough will have to obtain pole permits for the other two poles and that should take care of everything with the cameras so far.

HIRE PART TIME OFFICERS ACCORDING TO THE BARGAINING UNIT AND PENDING BACKGROUND CHECK

Mayor Stetar informed that interviews were held with three officers for part time positions. The Mayor recommended two of those three. The officers will be hired pending background check, hiring packet and physical.

JOHN COLUMBIA

Mariscotti/Difilippo motion to hire John Columbia as a part time officer pending background check, hiring packet and physical. Under discussion Mr. Alfano questioned if he has prior experience. Mayor Stetar stated he is currently working part for Centerville, part time for RESA and part time for Donora. He will quit Donora if he comes here. On a roll call vote motion carried with Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky and Mr. Mariscotti voting yes and Mr. Encapera voting no.

NICK IRELAND

Mariscotti/Bittner to hire Nick Ireland as a part time officer pending background check, hiring packet and physical. Under discussion the Mayor stated he works part time for Mt. Pleasant Borough, he comes with high recommendations from Mike Hummel of the police academy as well as Josh Kanilis. On a roll call vote motion carried with Mr.

Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky and Mr. Mariscotti voting yes and Mr. Encapera voting no.

Mr. Glab wanted everyone to know that the third person not being recommended is not because of his qualifications it is because he came forward and told that he does not have the time to work as a part time officer. He is looking for full time and works full time for the County.

CENTER IN THE WOODS – CAHS JAZZ BANK

The Mayor announced there is an event at the Center in the Wood for March 24, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 am featuring the California High School jazz band. Proceeds benefit California Area band association, band camp, scholarship as well as the Center in the Woods. There will be spaghetti dinner and desert. That will be posted on the borough website.

SEVENTH PARKING ISSUE

Mayor Stetar received a complaint from a borough resident that people are parking on both sides of Seventh Street between Wood St. and Liberty St. It only happen when the weather is bad. He told the Mayor that it wasn't posted, however Mr. Tудay went up and took pictures of it and it is posted that you cannot park on both sides of the road. Mayor Stetar drove through there and with cars parked on both sides of the road it would be impossible for the bus, plow truck and fire truck to get through there. Dr. Martin and Mr. Hixon went up there and ticketed the cars parked on the wrong side of the street.

ALERT SYSTEM

Since the borough does not have the app anymore as the company went under, the Mayor was asked to look into a system similar to school district's alert system which he and that system will not work for the borough because it is based on the number of people that log on a register to it. However, they have a government division. He has a packet but was unable to make copies. The cost is \$2,650.00/year plus a onetime set up fee of \$200.00.

FLAGS FOR BOROUGH PROPERTIES

The Mayor called Representative Cook because Dr. Martin told him of the number of tattered flags in the borough. Representative Cook's will provide the flags to the borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

The Mayor requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY UPDATES

Mr. Eby reported Lilly Run is straightened out with MS4. Surveyor has been mapping for the GIS which in turn will be used for the MS4 Plan.

Mr. Eby received a check for \$12,050.00 for the NPDES renewal fee to be sent in tomorrow.

Bittner/Difilippo motion to approve to have Chapter 94 signed by Mr. Alfano before the next meeting. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

He is waiting on two letters of support from Senator Bartolotto and Representative Cook for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for Highland Drive and Blaine Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS ADOPT ORDINANCE 560 – JOINING THE MON VALLEY COG

Mr. Agrafiotis stated that last year council passed Resolution 17-0002 which was the form resolution provided by the Mon Valley Alliance to join the Mon Valley Council of Governments (COG). They came back to us on January 10th, stating that an ordinance was required to join COG, not just a resolution per the municipal cooperative agreement. Ordinance 560 – Joining the Mon Valley COG was advertised in last Thursday's paper. Encapera/Mariscotti motion to adopt Ordinance 560 Joining the Mon Valley Cog. On a roll call vote motion carried with Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera voting yes and Mr. Glab voting no.

According to this ordinance one delegate and one alternate is required. Bittner/Difilippo motion to name Mr. Encaperra as delegate for COG.

On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes and Mr. Encaperra abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Agrafiotis requested an executive session regarding litigation after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. MADDIEX

There was not old business to come before council at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ANTHONY DEAGASTINO

Mr. Dagastino asked if a sensor light could be put on the traffic light so the turn light doesn't go off if no one is turning lane. Mr. Tудay would contact PennDot regarding this issue.

MR. MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex announced that the Planning Commission's next meeting would be on February 27, 2018.

Mr. Maddiex stated that on the black and white street signs some of the black is fading. He felt that the police should make a list of any signs that need to be replaced.

MR. CLANCY

Mr. Clancy discussed meeting with Mr. Tудay regarding the monument to be placed at the circle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bittner/Encapera motion to adjourn and enter into executive session at 7:20 pm .