

## **Special Meeting of California Borough Council, May 25, 2017**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, and Mrs. Gutosky

**ABSENCE:** Mr. Mariscotti and Mayor Weld

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

No additions or changes made

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Maddiex stated on the item retain special labor counsel if council would state two or three reasons why. Mr. Alfano stated we are going into executive session immediately and coming back out and will elaborate on this subject.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to go into executive session at 6:35 pm passed with all members present stating aye.

Council reconvened at 7:55 pm

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

Nothing to report

### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB**

Mr. Glab announced that the zoning hearing board will meet at 6:00 pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Bethany Tobias/Russian Church issue.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI**

Nothing to report

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER**

Nothing to report

### **FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

Nothing to report

### **PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO**

Nothing to report

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

Mr. Encapera stated he attended the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority's meeting prior to this meeting and they extended an invitation to council for their grand opening for their new center located in Donora on June 6, 3017 at 10:00 am. He is unavailable to go but they requested that someone from the borough attend.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY**

Nothing to report

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS**

#### **RETAIN SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated executive session was on a police personnel matter and at this time he is asking council for a motion to hire Christopher P. Gerber, attorney whose law firm is Siana Bellwoar as special labor counsel for police personnel as discussed with an hour rate of \$225.00 and if another attorney from his office handles any particular matter their fees range from \$155.00 to \$265.00. He stated this is a professional service so there is no need to bid it.

Motion by Encapera/Difilippo to hire Christopher P. Gerber with Siana Bellwoar to handle this police personnel issue and to approve their May 25, 2017 engagement letter duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Maddiex asked if the borough has a copy of the comprehensive plan that he may have. Dr. Martin stated he'll arrange for that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm carried with all members present stating aye.