

Continued Meeting of California Borough Council, February 18, 5:30 pm

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, and Mayor Weld.

ABSENT: Mr. Encapera, Mrs. Gutosky, and Mr. Mariscotti

ADDITIONS /CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No additions or changes

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- MR. ALFANO

Nothing to report

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

Nothing to report at this time

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

RESOLUTION 14-002

Mr. Alfano stated Mr. Mariscotti is on his way but we do have resolution 14-002 which is the resolution of California Borough authorizing execution of the Cable Franchise agreement between the Borough and Armstrong Utilities, Inc. and this has been coming for several years now. Mr. Alfano stated he will entertain a motion to adopt this resolution 14-002 which authorizes the President to sign the agreement. Mr. Alfano asked the solicitor if he has seen the contract. Mr. Agrafiotis stated you hired outside council who specializes in this to handle this so he trusts that it is accurate since this is what they do. However, you will need to approve the agreement also.

Motion by Bittner/ Glab to table this duly carried with all members present stating aye.

STREET PROJECT FOR 2014

Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Taday if he has the street projects for 2014. Mr. Taday stated he gave Tony his paving list. He stated he put together some figures and we have roughly \$193,000.00 just in liquid fuels so he suggests we do Skyline Drive and Ellsworth Street to the cal-de-sac, which is the loop in the Harris Plan and then Ellsworth St. from Wood Street to Meadow Way. A rough figure would be \$219,348.80 that is if we mill it and use 1 ½" overlay. If we get any more money then we can add some more roads. Mr. Alfano asked what would they do about the curbing in that case. Mr. Taday stated they would mill it and put it back in. Mr. Taday stated we have one problem to fix that water issue first. Mr. Glab asked when was the last time these streets were paved. Mr. Taday stated he asked Betty and she can't remember but he can find out. Mr. Glab asked if we have any streets that have been longer than 20 years. Mr. Taday stated he can look we have some other streets that need paved like Second St., First St. Mr. Agrafiotis asked Mr. Taday if he has a list for everybody. Mr. Taday stated yes he has a list and gave it to Ms. Evans to copy for council. Mr. Alfano asked if this is his cost estimate or if went through the consultant at Penndot. Mr. Taday stated Mr. Johnson gave him a program to install on his computer that figures it out per square foot. He stated it is \$16.50 per sq. yard and that is milled with 1 ½" overlay. Mr. Glab suggested that we keep the millings. Mr. Glab asked about the project we're doing downtown and tearing up Liberty Street and some other streets could we get any more bang and distance going in on a partnership with those people. Mr. Taday stated he doesn't know how that would work with Liquid fuels money being used. He's not sure if we'd be allowed to do that. Mr. Bittner asked if we still have money left in the Street Improvement fund from tax millage. Ms. Evans stated yes we have \$74,000.00 sitting in there from last year. Mr. Agrafiotis stated council will have to vote on which roads they want to pave. Mr. Difilippo asked if anyone looked into the heavy hauling escrow monies that he asked about because Third Street is getting pretty beat up from the light to the college and are those heavy trucks going out Second Street too. Mr. Taday stated he thinks they were or they may be coming from East Alley to Green Street and then up. Mr. Difilippo stated before we release that money we should look

into that. Mr. Agrafiotis stated before we release their bonds we would have to identify what needs repaired but we should be a little more proactive on it. Mr. Mariscotti and Mrs. Gutosky entered the meeting at 5:50.

The agreements say that we can have them fix it when the project is ongoing. Mr. Difilippo stated there are a couple of them probably already done with the projects. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we have a provision where they bond every road for \$30,000.00. Mr. Tудay stated that the gas company will be coming in here this summer and they are going to start on Hillcrest coming out making a left and come down the hill and then make a right and go to the top of the hill where the fire hall is. They're going to try and stay in the right of way if they can. Coming down the hill they'll stay in the sidewalks coming down Wood St. Mr. Glab asked if they are only tearing up one side at a time. Mr. Tудay stated that is correct. Council reviewed the list and Mr. Difilippo stated there are a whole bunch of streets on here so which ones are you suggesting. Mr. Tудay stated Skyline Drive to Ellsworth St. at the cal-de-sac and North Ellsworth St. and then Ellsworth St. to Meadow Way. There was more discussion on the gas company's project but details will be defined closer to the start date. Mr. Agrafiotis stated that maybe some council members or the mayor would like to meet with you and go over some of these roads personally before they vote on them. Mr. Tудay stated if we see we have more money we might be able to do some more roads. Mr. Alfano stated you are not proposing all the roads on this list just Skyline and Ellsworth. Mr. Tудay stated that is correct. Mr. Alfano stated no tar and chip and no alleys. Mr. Tудay stated that is correct. Mr. Glab stated he's not a fan of seal coating but after this winter we're going to have issues. Mr. Tудay stated we can look at that and there are a lot of roads that have some cracks more now than they did in the fall. Mr. Tудay stated there are some roads on that list that you may be able to sealcoat. Mr. Bittner asked if we evaluated the criteria according the Street Rating Classes that Bill Johnson gave to the Street Department. Mr. Tудay stated not all of them no. A lot of them have sidewalks, mostly downtown, and if we do those we have to replace the handicap ramps so if you do one block you will have at least 4 handicap ramps per block. Mr. Glab stated if you include the alley's there will be 10. Mr. Alfano stated so what are we going to do with the street project because we are running out of time here because we're not going to be able to get the specs. drawn up and bid on time. Mr. Tудay stated he's pretty sure that Stephanie thought we have until the middle of March. Mr. Tудay stated they don't even open the plants up until April. Mr. Alfano stated they have to prepare all these specs. and get it bid out. Mr. Bittner stated he knows there are other communities with jobs awarded last year that will get done first this year and we'll be lucky to get it done by early fall. Mr. Agrafiotis stated Fallowfield's paving project from last year will be getting paved this year. Mr. Agrafiotis asked what the cost was again. Mr. Tудay stated \$219,348.80. Mr. Glab stated we committed 20% of that \$128,000.00 to purchase those trucks and equipment. Mr. Tудay stated he figured about \$25,000.00 for trucks and \$10,000.00 for salt. Mr. Glab stated we bought \$10,000.00 in salt just last month. Mr. Alfano stated so we're still short between \$35,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Mr. Alfano asked council if they want to table it. Mr. Buchanan stated what he would like to do is get with Mr. Mariscotti and Mr. Tудay and we'll lay out a plan that isn't just for this year but a three year plan. We'll get a very large map and take recommendations from council based on what they know and the input from their constituents and we'll lay out the loops and we'll use three different colors and each color will be a year. We'll take into account the increase in the funding of liquid fuels coming from Industrial Road and we'll get it all laid out with the specs. and everything from the engineer and we'll come back next month and present it to you with an overlay map to pass out to everybody with the routes on it and such. Mr. Bittner stated to Mr. Buchanan that they were given a road class by Fayette Engineering to go around and rate the roads without council members requesting certain roads but instead the roads would be evaluated and given a numeric order and then we would look at the criteria and then the worst would be done the first year and the rest over a five year plan. Mr. Bittner stated if you do it like that it removes decision factors that should not be in there. Mr. Buchanan stated so you are looking for a five year plan? Mr. Bittner stated he doesn't care how many year plan but we need more than a one year plan. Mr. Buchanan stated absolutely that he concurs. Mr. Bittner stated once this snow melts you might need a fifty year plan. Mr. Glab stated that is his concern he doesn't want to commit a %100 of what we have available because we don't know... we're going to have a lot of fires to put out with the roads in the next couple of weeks once this thaw comes out of the ground. Mr. Bittner stated we might have \$100,000.00 worth of potholes to patch. Mr. Glab stated exactly and if we've already committed to a couple of streets then we're stuck. Mr. Bittner stated you are right. Mr. Alfano stated alright let's just get a better plan together and bring it back to the March meeting. Mr. Difilippo stated in the meantime we should all go take a ride around and look at our roads. Mr. Tудay stated they are on the list from worst

to best with the worst being on the top and that's how I did that. Mr. Alfano asked if we could pave First Street with some of that sewer project money that is leftover, can we get that whole thing rebuilt. Mr. Glab stated he thinks the problem with First Street is the subsurface. We're going to have to do a lot of excavation and sub base. Mr. Alfano stated there are cobblestones and brick underneath there. Mr. Glab stated that brick has to be pretty far down Pat because every time that patch it the subsurface is so soft that it just keeps collapsing. Sometimes he wonders if we'd move the parking to the other side and run down where they've paved a couple of years ago we'd have a better street. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if any of the gas haulers are traveling the roads on Mr. Taday's list. Mr. Taday responded no.

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

Mr. Bittner stated we need to put the word out that we need someone who is interested in serving on the civil service commission. Ms. Evans talked to the individual whose term is up and she indicated that she is no longer interested in serving. Mr. Bittner asked Mr. Buchanan to put it on his social media outlets and see if we get any responses and if we don't then we will advertise it. Mr. Buchanan stated there may be some University students in the criminal justice program who would be very interested in taking the civil service exam. Mr. Bittner stated but this is just to hold a position on the civil service commission we need a member on the commission. Mr. Buchanan stated a number of the seniors are certified so they may be interested. Ms. Evans asked council what the deadline for submitting applications to take the civil service test should be. Mr. Bittner suggested March 14, 2014 and council agreed. Mr. Glab stated and we are putting a blurb in the papers redirecting them to the website. Mr. Agrafiotis stated Tim said he can put it on Twitter and Facebook. Mr. Buchanan stated he knows there is legislation in the State house where there will be a specific site for all of these advertisements rather than publishing in a newspaper they will actually be done through a .gov/state site and that resolution should be passed sometime in the next two months.

PUBLIC WORKS -MR. MARISCOTTI

Mr. Mariscotti stated it sounds like council already covered his agenda items.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR .DIFILIPPO

Mr. Difilippo stated Shirley had emailed me a couple of weeks ago about a problem with a customer being overbilled and over paid for a few years. He dropped the ball on this one but feels that we need to look into it and see what we need to do with it. Mr. Difilippo asked Mr. Sepesky, who was in the audience, how was it let go that long. Mr. Sepesky stated he only found out about when they started researching what they would be paying for sewerage on the new project seeing how much it cost for each unit and this property stuck out as to why it was way higher than their other buildings. We were listed at 12 units instead of 7 buildings. Mr. Alfano stated so you've been paying for 5 extra units for 6 years. Mr. Difilippo asked Ms. Evans to forward the email explaining the situation to all of council.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing at this time

MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. WELD

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. JOHNSON

Mr. Alfano stated we are going to meet with Bill Johnson after we meet with Ken Kulak tonight.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Alfano announced that there is a meeting with Dennis Martinak here Friday morning at 8:30 to get some information on upgrading our comprehensive plan.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

JIM MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex suggested to council when they do the streets to add that information into the GIS program that the engineers are currently working on.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to adjourn at 6:15 pm duly carried with all members present stating aye.