

Continued Meeting of California Borough Council, July 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Vice President Difilippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, and Mayor Stetar

ABSENCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Glab Junior council member Mr. Goroncy

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT ALFANO TO SIGN CAL U ROADMAN PARK SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE

Motion by Gutosky/Mariscotti to authorize President of Council to sign the sewage module for the Cal U Roadman park bathroom installation duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – MR. MARTIN

APPROVAL OF LIGHTING COSTS AT THE WHARF

Dr. Martin stated at council’s request he got a quote for some lighting to light up the wharf. This is good lighting and the best price from Scott Electric. We are going to use the existing pole and our people will install it. There will be one arm out over the parking area and another one out over the dock itself. The cost is \$1,722.96 for the armatures, fixtures, and led bulbs. Mr. Mariscotti stated we got some lighting down at Rotary Park installed by Allied Lighting and he’s sure they have LED lights with camera’s in them. Dr. Martin stated he would have to look to see if they are compatible with our current camera’s. Mr. Mariscotti stated he doesn’t want to hold up the motion so let’s just do it at a cost not to exceed and if Allied Lighting won’t work go ahead with Scott Electric. Mayor Stetar stated he will work with Dr. Martin and make sure everything is compatible.

Motion by Gutosky/Mariscotti to approve purchasing lighting for the wharf at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing to report

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to dedicate \$100,000.00 from the Act 13 fund to repair alleys to be determined by Mr. Tудay and Dr. Martin duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

Nothing to report

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Nothing to report

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & MR. MARISCOTTI

DISCUSS HIRING 8TH FULL TIME OFFICER

Mr. Mariscotti stated Mayor Stetar is exploring a couple of other options so we are going to skip this discussion for now.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER – MR. GORONCY

Nothing to report

MAYOR’S REPORT – MAYOR STETAR

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Mr. Eby stated he needs authorization to advertise for bids for 1. Union Street Sanitary line replacement from First St. to Second St., 2. Liberty Street storm water line replacement from First to Second and 3. Route 88 manhole replacement in addition to two alternatives to get bids for 1. To replace manhole at Second St. and replace the Sanitary up to Third Street and 2. Extend sewer line to three houses along Highland Drive. Mr. Difilippo asked if these have to be separate motions and Mr. Agrafiotis stated no it is being bid as one project.

Motion by Mariscotti/Bittner to authorize the engineer to advertise for bids for the above project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Eby stated he will be holding a pre bid meeting to review the contract and specifications prior to the bid opening on the 12th.

STORM LINE UNDER THE RAILROAD

Mr. Eby stated a sink hole on Peach alley and Water Street from a storm line that goes under the railroad tracks. He is having someone come out and camera that line to come up with a way to repair it without disturbing the railroad. Once we camera the line we can select the best alternative for repairing it.

PA SMALL WATER GRANT

Mr. Eby stated he forwarded an email he received from the PA Small Water Grant folks that they have received so many application they are not going to announce awards in July but will do it in September instead.

President Alfano has entered the meeting, 6:30 pm

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Attorney Agrafiotis stated there were some submissions at the public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance and asked council if they have had a chance to look through them and make any adjustments if they feel they the need.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated there was a definition he had for a protected structure that didn't make it into the final draft but the definition is a dwelling being used a residence or intended for human occupancy and also any commercial business, school, religious institution, or any public building or facility located in a minimum setback for the different uses as indicated herein this ordinance. That was the definition for the protected structure and he asked council if they want to tweak that but if we make any substantive changes to the ordinance we'd have to have a second public hearing. He asked council if they had a chance to review what the individuals provided as exhibits at the public hearing for discussion tonight or do we need some more time. Mr. Alfano stated let's make sure we get this thing right and not rush it there were some valid points brought to us at the public hearing. Dr. Martin asked if including the definition of a protective structure as you outlined it be considered as a substantive change. Mr. Agrafiotis stated no.

Mr. Alfano asked if they need to set another work session for this and Mr. Agrafiotis stated we can discuss it further at the July public work session meeting. Mr. Petro stated for some reasons the sign section in the institutional zoning district guideline was omitted in the sign section of the ordinance so we'll have to add those two zones to section 515.5 including C1,C2,MU zones. Dr. Martin asked if that would be a substantial change. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it could be. Mr. Agrafiotis stated there was a lot of stuff that was left out and Mr. Petro stated he's still going through it. Mr. Agrafiotis stated yes so we'll probably have to have a second public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bittner stated the rocks or stones down at the wharf. How can we remediate that situation? Dr. Martin stated he knows that Mr. Tудay would like to remove those stones and blacktop that patch down there. Mr. Bittner stated he understands that somehow a boat was damaged from one

of those already. Dr. Martin stated he's not aware of that. Mr. Bittner stated he thinks it is time we get that fixed down there. Dr. Martin agreed with him and said it is his understanding those stones were put in as landscaping stones because we couldn't plant grass there and they wanted something green there. Mr. Alfano stated no that is something they started before anyone knew they were doing that because they were going to do that whole side like that, so we stopped them but that part was already torn out with rocks placed there. Mr. Alfano asked if anyone knows when they are starting our paving project. Mr. Bittner stated that area isn't that big we could do something ourselves, we've patched bigger places. Mr. Mariscotti stated he thinks it would be better to cement it than black top it. Mr. Vitchoff stated historically when the water comes it gets underneath the asphalt it pops up and a continuous maintenance problem at the end of the cobblestones that the wharf was built up originally and the river rises and then by spring you've lost a couple of feet and you continually patch it. Mr. Mariscotti still thinks cement is better than black top. Mr. Vitchoff stated it is time sensitive and has to be done when the water is low you can't just say we'll get to it next week if we have time you have to do it when the water is down and you can communicate through Charleroi, the Army Corp. of Engineers local office and they'll determine your best shots at doing while the river is low. Dr. Martin stated he will get some numbers and bring them back to council.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

JIM MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex stated it was previously announced that the lighting on the lower end of Wood Street will be completed by late August and the River fest is the 26th and 27th of August. The question he has is where there be any kind of conflict. Dr. Martin stated based on his conversation with the Redevelopment Authority he does not believe those new lights will be in place for the River fest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mariscotti/Glab to adjourn the meeting carried with all members present stating aye.