

## **Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, August 10, 2017**

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

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

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CYPHER & CYPHER-** Mr. Steven Cypher summarized the 2016 audit report

### **KEN DONAHUE – ROSE PLASTICS**

Mr. Alfano stated Ken Donahue is here from Rose Plastics and asked him to come up and address council. Mr. Donahue presented a drawing of their planned future expansion project and explained its use.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JULY 13, 2017**

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2017 carried with all members present stating aye.

### **SECRETARY’S REPORT –MS. EVANS**

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances for July 31, 2017.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the Secretary/Treasurers report carried with all members present stating aye.

Mr. Alfano stated that Mr. Cypher was alluding to the fact that we don't have to have these separate escrow accounts any longer. Ms. Evans stated he would like for us to combine them, and I did combine the heavy hauling escrows, but the other escrows all earn interest according to the ordinances governing them and I'm not sure how to calculate interest on each if they are all combined.

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

#### **EP & D INVOICE**

Mr. Alfano asked council to approve payment of EP & D's invoice for June in the amount of \$629.19 from the Matching funds wharf project fund.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to approve payment of EP & D's invoice for June in the amount of \$629.19 from the Matching funds Wharf project fund duly carried with all members present voting yes.

### **TRI COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Mr. Alfano announced that California and Coal Center Borough's will host the Tri county meeting on Sept. 21, 2017 at the United Christian Church.

### **CENTRAL WESTMORELAND COG**

Mr. Alfano stated we have an invoice to renew our membership with them but it is his understanding that we have not used this COG to purchase anything in the last several years. He stated we've been using CoStar's vendors for our vehicle purchases.

### **WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE**

Mr. Alfano stated invoice # 21707312 has been submitted by Widmer Engineering for Technology Drive road description in the amount of \$667.50.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Widmer Engineering's invoice #21707312 in the amount of \$667.50 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

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

### **SPEAKER**

Dr. Martin stated we were supposed to have a speaker this evening , Chief Encapera and he had made arrangements with Casandra Smith from the Dept. of Homeland Security to have Joe Gilloti from the Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agency here this evening to just give council some general information concerning the program of which we are all aware. He stated he received a call from Ms. Smith this morning indicating that neither homeland security nor immigration and custom enforcement would be making any public appearances on this matter and that if we have any questions we should refer them to the community information specialist in their office.

### **UNION STREET – PORTION PAVED BY WATER COMPANY**

Dr. Martin stated you may be aware that Union Street over here across from Third Street has been resurfaced for about half a block. The water company did that as a result of finalizing some work they had done that they tore up the street to repair one of their lines. Dr. Martin stated he went and looked at it and they did a good job.

### **K9 EQUIPMENT**

Dr. Martin stated he presented to Chief Encapera this morning a pretty good sized box full of equipment from the Pennsylvania K9 Systems Foundation. He had written, on the dog officers behalf, a grant application to get a proximity alert and a cooling system for the K9 vehicle. He stated a lot of paperwork but he knocked it out and we received the equipment this morning and presented it to the Chief. He stated we will be having that installed in the K9 vehicle in very short order.

### **DEBRIS AND CLUTTER IN THE BASEMENT**

Dr. Martin stated he is happy to report that the great mound of detritus and debris in the basement of this building has been removed and dispatched properly . Great job by our street department and Mr. Tудay in getting that hot mess cleared out of there. The old weight equipment and things have been disposed of.

### **NON UNIFORM BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Dr. Martin stated he's also pleased to announce that an hour before this meeting the negotiating team was able to come to a tentative agreement with the street department and the Teamsters union for their new contract will become effective Jan.1<sup>st</sup>. He stated Mr. Bittner and Mr. Difilippo did a wonderful job negotiating with them and we were able to tip toe through without any major obstacles and things were resolved very favorably for all sides.

### **REQUEST TO PLACE CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS**

Dr. Martin stated at the request of several citizens in the area right over here he would like to install a couple of the CAUTION KIDS AT PLAY SIGNS on this block of Union Street.

Motion by Gutosky/Glab to authorize Mr. Tудay to purchase and install two (2) Children at Play signs to be placed on Union Street at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB**

Mr. Glab stated it's rental inspection time and they have been very busy doing that.

### **SITE PLAN APPROVAL – ROSE PLASTICS**

Motion to approve Rose Plastics Site plan conditioned on the following being completed; 1. Sewage module approved by DEP and tap-in fees paid, 2. Obtain NPDES permit, 3. Storm water management approved by McMillen & paid to McMillen by applicant, 4. Site plan be recorded in Washington County, 5. Escrow account be set up for Storm water, 6. Obtain zoning permit at a cost of 1/2% of the cost of construction duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Glab commended the borough employees and the fire department on how well they handled the flood event.

**PUBLIC WORKS- MR. MARISCOTTI**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER**

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to pay Siana Bellwoar invoice #72048 in the amount of \$1,690.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO**

**\$500.00 FILING FEE FOR MS4 PERMIT**

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay \$500.00 for the MS4 filing fee to the DEP duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICES**

Motion by Difilippo /Bittner to pay Widmer Engineering’s invoice #21707315 in the amount of \$900.00 for MS 4 mapping duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to pay Widmer Engineering’s invoice #21707321 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the MS4 application preparation duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Nothing to report

**MAYOR’S REPORT – MR. WELD**

Nothing to report

**ENGINEER’S REPORT – MR. EBY**

Nothing to report

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS**

**SRO AGREEMENT – 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the 2017-2018 School Resource Officer contract duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Alfano who voted no.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated there was some discussion about sending the School district a letter that this may be the last year for the SRO program. Mr. Alfano stated we’ve been saying that for the last several years. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he just wants to make sure council did not want him to do it. Dr. Martin stated there was conversation along that line but no formal vote was ever taken so nothing has happened in that regard. Mr. Alfano stated if that is going to be council’s wish then he thinks we should do it sooner than later.

**ORDINANCE #558- REGISTERING ABANDONED/FORECLOSED PROPERTIES**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated Ordinance 588 was duly advertised in the Herald Standard and is ready for adoption by council. Mr. Alfano asked if Code Enforcement would administer this ordinance. Mr. Agrafiotis stated yes.

Motion by Bittner/ Gutosky to adopt Ordinance #558 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**ORDINANCE #559- ACCEPTING TECHNOLOGY DRIVE**

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to accept Technology Drive duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Glab who voted no.

Mr. Bittner stated we need to get this road added to our liquid fuels roads.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he is also working on the Street opening ordinance and the sewage ordinance and he will have those for the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bittner stated he's been told that people are trying to get a hold of council through our borough email. He stated he is guilty of not setting it up and hopes that we can be retrained on how to access it and use it. Ms. Evans stated Mr. Encapera is the only link on the website that indicates he has a borough email. No other council members have borough issued emails. Mr. Bittner stated so we'll all need one. Ms. Evans stated she will take care of that.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time

#### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Maddiex stated there is a light out along Technology Drive. The Planning Commission will meet on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm carried with all members present stating aye.