

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, November 10, 2016

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

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

ABSENCE Mayor Weld

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mrs. Gutosky added Solicitor's bills

Solicitor Agrafiotis added executive session, Gaskill, Ruffolo, Contract for extension of Waste contract, authorize him and Widmer if necessary to finalize deed for Hays property, Civil Service resolution and Vulcan Development LLC Tax assessment appeal.

Dr. Martin added informational updates under his report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Maddiex suggested uses for the CDBG funding

MINUTES - Regular meeting of October 13, 2016

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to approve the October 13, 2016 minutes duly carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –MS. EVANS

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances as of October 31, 2016

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the secretary/treasurer's report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

CDBG FUNDING PROJECT

Mr. Alfano stated we need to name a project for our 2017 CDBG funding. We should have a project to vote on at our continued meeting.

LENNON, SMITH, SOULERET INVOICE

Mr. Alfano stated he would entertain a motion to pay Lennon, Smith, Souleret invoice # 201604778 in the amount of \$300.00.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to pay Lennon, Smith, Souleret invoice # 201604778 in the amount of \$300.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

WIDMER ENGINEERING – GHOORAY EASEMENT

Mr. Alfano asked for a motion to pay Widmer Engineering invoice #21601362- \$455.00 for surveying for the Ghooray easement.

Motion by Glab/Gutosky to pay Widmer Engineering invoice # 21610362 in the amount of \$455.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

MMVTA Representative

Mr. Alfano stated the term is up for our Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Representative , who was Mr. Bittner. Mr. Bittner stated we can have any citizen of the borough serve as a representative. Mr. Alfano stated we can put that on next month's agenda for a vote.

JIM MADDIEX – PLANNING COMMISSION TERM EXPIRES

Mr. Alfano stated he has submitted a letter of interest to be reappointed. Mr. Alfano stated any other citizens that may want to serve please get a letter of interest soon so we can act on this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIKE RUN CREEK PROJECT

Mr. Alfano stated we had our final walk around today at Rotary Park along Pike Run Creek project and we were all shocked at what a beautiful facility that is now. It's clean, it's accessible, the water is crystal clear and it has been a great project to improve aquatic life there and provide a recreational space.

HOLLY DAY

The Recreation Authority has set Holly Day for December 4, 2016 at Natali Student Center starting at 4:00 pm.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR- DR. MARTIN

Dr. Martin stated with council's permission he's asked the secretary/treasurer to adjust the budget projections to include the cost of both excavator and a trailer for the sewer fund. He stated additionally we received information increasing the cost of the Code Enforcement database that we were considering for purchase but the original cost we were given did not include the rental licensing and agreement section. He stated in your packets is an additional sheet of paper that shows the cost of the whole module that we need from this company. He stated he's asked the secretary/treasurer to adjust that number in the projected budget. Mr. Alfano asked what the bottom line figure is. Dr. Martin stated it's about \$3,600.00. Mrs. Gutosky asked if is a good program and is necessary. Dr. Martin stated he thinks that the code enforcement folks told him it would certainly facilitate them being able to get their work done in a more timely way and he's deferred to their expertise.

OUTSIDE SNOW REMOVAL COMPANIES

Dr. Martin stated letters were sent out to several snow removal contractors to provide us with emergency snow removal services fees and they have until the first of December to get those in and we'll move on from there once we have their data.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dr. Martin stated we received a nice note for council from a resident on Chestnut Street thanking the borough for the storm water work we did on Chestnut Street to help with the drainage problem out there.

COMPLAINT ON BLAINE ROAD

Dr. Martin stated we received a complaint from a property owner on Blaine Road concerning storm water runoff. A copy of the complaint has been given to Council President and copy of the map from the individual has been put in your packets and he will wait for further instructions on this matter. Mr. Alfano stated he thinks we need to get Steve involved and check out these maps.

INSTALLING LIGHT ON VENTURA LANE

Dr. Martin stated council had explored the possibility of putting a West Penn Street light out on Ventura Lane at the request of some citizens. He got the cost and it is \$538.30 to purchase the light and to have it installed. He stated he will need a motion to authorize that expense and to authorize Council President to sign the contract for that light.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to approve the cost of \$538.30 to install light on Ventura lane and authorize the Council President to sign the contract for that light duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING –MR. GLAB

ZONING PERMIT FEES

Mr. Glab stated Mr. Petro has asked that we create a minimum charge for a zoning permit. He suggested the cost is ½ of 1% with a minimum fee of \$25.00.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to authorize the solicitor to draw up a resolution making the cost of a zoning permit ½ of 1% with a minimum fee of \$25.00 and other updates as needed duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

GRASSCUTTER ORDINANCE

Mr. Mariscotti stated we would like to bring Jim Mitchell in as need for snow removal through the winter months.

Motion by Mariscotti/Encapera to bring Jim Mitchell in as needed during the winter months with prior approval from the union duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PURCHASE CHAIN SAW CHAPS - \$99.99 EACH

Motion by Mariscotti/Bittner to purchase two sets of chain saw chaps at a cost of \$99.99 each duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

AGILITY PROGRAM BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND PENNDOT

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to renew the Agility program with Penndot duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

EVANS GRAPHIC INVOICE

Mr. Bittner stated we have an invoice from Evans Graphics for lettering and striping of our new police vehicle in the amount of \$575.00.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to pay Evans Graphics invoice in the amount of \$575.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

DONATE USE BULLETPROOF VESTS

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to donate our out of date ballistic vests to the Connellsville area Career and Technology Center upon the proper execution of a donation agreement duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PROCESSING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AT THE BOROGUH BUILDING

Mr. Bittner stated he was here earlier in the day and bank people were here and in your packets is a Merchant Processing program and it is pretty self- explanatory so he'd like council to look that over.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

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

SOLICITOR'S BILL

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to pay the Solicitor's bill in the amount of \$5,180.00 broke down as Sewer fund - \$860.00, Zoning is \$1,735.00, and Administration is \$2,585.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

WIDMER ENGINEERING BILLS

Motion by Difilippo/ Mariscotti to pay Widmer Engineering invoice # 21610366(A & B) at a cost of \$517.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ODYSSY COMMUNICATION INVOICE – KNO ROAD BORE

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to pay Odyssey Communication invoice #CB0001 in the amount of \$3,500.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

SECOND HAND WATER BUFFALO

Dr. Martin explained that we had among our equipment inventory down at the Borough Garage an old water buffalo that we bought second hand many years ago. He stated he understands from Doug that it hasn't been used in 5 years and is sitting there rusting away and have no use for it. He stated we received an offer of \$100.00 and Doug has recommended that we take the offer since we no longer need it. Mr. Alfano stated lets sell it. Mr. Agrafiotis stated as long as it is

under \$1,000.00 and the fair market value is under a \$1,000,000 you just go to the President and get the authority to sell it. He stated you can do a motion or if the President gives you his blessing you can sell it.

PERSONNEL – MR. MARISCOTTI AND MR. ENCAPERA

Mr. Encapera stated he just wanted to remind the people that election signs need to come down per the Ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY

537 PLAN REVIEW PERIOD

Mr. Eby stated the 537 Plan 30 Day review period ends on November 18, 2016 so we'll proceed with the paperwork to get that approved for LSA applications.

SEWER PLANT UPDATE

The Scada system we put in for the plant is running fine but heavy rains the alarm goes off. The pump station can handle it but it still sets the alarm off. Then Doug and Ron get a high level alarm call and they have no way to check it other than to drive here to look and see what the problem is so what we're looking to do with Council's approval is have that Scada system hooked up to an Ipad or Iphone to where they can actually look from where they are at the computer in the office to know if the pumps are running and know what is actually happening instead of driving over and seeing what is happening. Doug stated he has an ipad and Ron has an Iphone. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Eby to get a price on that and bring it back to council. Mr. Glab asked when the alarm goes off does it ring for 3 or 4 minutes and go off or does someone have to manually shut it off. Mr. Eby stated our Scada system is hooked to Barrier protection who monitors the alarm system and they call Doug and or Ron and let them know that something is happening but there is not physical alarm outside the pump station that goes off.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Bittner/Glab to go into a brief executive session for litigation and pending litigation carried with all members present stating aye. Council went into executive session at 7:15 pm. Council reconvened at 7:50 pm. Solicitor Agrafiotis stated we discussed the Ruffolo matter and the Gaskill matter.

HAYES PROPERTY

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to authorize the Solicitor and with the assistant of possibly Widmer Engineering to prepare a deed to give a small piece of property to the Hayes's.

EXTEND WASTE CONTRACT ONE YEAR

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to authorize the solicitor to do a one year contract extension with Advanced Disposal duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

LONG BRANCH BOROUGH POLICE SERVICES

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to authorize the Solicitor to advertise and prepare ordinance to give the President of Council the authority to sign a contract with Long Branch Borough for a police contract duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution that effectively ratifies the decision to create those civil service rules and revokes our prior civil service commission rules.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON NOV. 29TH.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he will be attending the planning commission meeting on November 29th to try and get a new zoning ordinance together and he's providing them with some documentation for consideration and Brandi provided him with some documentation for his review. Mr. Petro stated that we won't be meeting on the 29th with Brandi. Mr. Agrafiotis stated her email said the

29th. Mr. Petro stated he met with her on Tuesday and Mr. Bittner and Mrs. Gutosky were in attendance and what they are doing is going to have another meeting between him and Brandi sometime in December and he's going to take information to the Planning Commission on Nov. 29th and he'll update them on the progress that he and Brandi made and he'll meet with her in December and Mr. Agrafiotis can attend that meeting to update some of the uses and definitions, and supplemental regulations. She will not be attending any more planning commission meeting this year. She won't be in attendance until the end of January at which time they should be providing something for the planning commission to review. He thinks it works out better with just Brandi and himself meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Jim Maddiex stated the regularly scheduled planning commission meeting is November 29th and for the December meeting the planning commission will have submitted their 2017 meeting dates. He stated it is a surprise to him that Brandi will not attend the November planning commission meeting.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to continue this meeting until Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm carried with all members present stating aye.