

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, November 9, 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, Mayor Weld, and Mr. Goroncy

ABSENCE: Mr. Bittner

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab removed revised zoning maps from the agenda

Mrs. Gutosky added the Solicitor's bill - \$3,295.00

Solicitor added SAI appeal of assessment

President Alfano stated the agenda stands as printed and amended

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Maddiex congratulated the newly elected officials

Mr. Maddiex asked about the Borough meeting resolution

KERRY KREIGER WITH HMT

Mr. Krieger introduced himself and showed a small video of a drone overview of the Perryman site plan and answered some questions for council about the site plan.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of Oct. 5, 2017 carried with all members present stating aye.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of Oct. 12, 2017 carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –MS. EVANS

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Alfano stated we had an executive session on Nov. 2, 2017 following our continued meeting concerning litigation.

SRO CONTRACT

Mr. Alfano stated we tabled this subject at our Oct. 12th meeting and have been unsuccessful in setting up a meeting with the school district. He asked council what their pleasure is.

Motion by Bittner/Encapera to table the SRO Contract duly carried with all members present voting yes.

EP & D INVOICES

Mr. Alfano stated Environmental Planning & Design invoice for September is \$3,880.51 for the design implementation of the wharf project.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to pay EP & D Invoice in the amount of \$3,880.51 duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Alfano stated EP & D's next invoice is for October is \$3,797.96.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay EP & D invoice for October in the amount of \$3,797.96 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Bittner stated some of the previous members have resigned so we are starting with all new people. The commission will be made up of three members with a 6, 4, & 2 year term and when that initial term is up their term will renew with six years. We will also have two alternates with six year terms.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to appoint Sandra Willet to the Civil Service Commission with a six year term duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to appoint Tram Folmer to the Civil Service Commission with a four year term duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to appoint Kathy Bittner to the Civil Service Commission with a two year term duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to appoint Joe Grodz to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate with a six year term duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Bittner/Glab to appoint Mr. Bittner to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate serving a 6 year term duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

VERDIN CLOCK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Alfano stated we have a proposal from Verdin to renew our maintenance contract with them for 2018 at a cost of \$638.00.

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner to approve the Verdin maintenance agreement at a cost of \$630.00 duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mr. Alfano stated Elek Buday has been doing his Eagle Scout project behind our public library and he passed some pictures around of the completed project with exception to the bike which will be installed later. He needs to approval of his project to get his eagle scout paperwork in.

HOLLY DAYS

Mr. Alfano stated HOLLY DAY will be held Sunday, December 3rd at the Natali student center and is a joint project between the student union and the California Borough recreation authority. Kickoff is at 4:00 pm with elf performance and Santa Clause will arrive at 4:30. There will be carolers, crafts, cookies and activities for the kids to do.

WHARF PROJECT

Mr. Alfano suggested going by the project and see what is happening there. He stated Marion Hill is currently driving the pilings. He stated it is really shaping up nicely. He stated that AJ Swartz called him this afternoon who said they had divers in the water the current concrete pad that is there is in excellent shape so not replacing that will save us \$32,000.00. He said they are suggesting that we forego putting the mat in at a savings of about \$30,000.00 because we had two change orders; was for additional demo that was about \$11,000.00 and the other is for safety reason we want to install a pipe about 12" up around the dock area to avoid anyone going over and into the water and that will be \$5,000.00 and we'd like to put some sturdy bollards in front just so no one gets the idea to take scoot down the street and launch themselves off the dock so that will be about another \$5,000.00. That is what we'd like to do if council is okay with it.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DR. MARTIN

PLAQUES & SIGNS THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Dr. Martin stated there are twenty doors that need to be labeled in order to bring the building into Labor & Industry compliance the cost of obtaining and installing those is \$12.00 per sign so he's asking for a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for that and we will install the signs.

Motion by Glab/Encapera to purchase and install 20 door signs for the interior of the municipal building at a cost not to exceed \$250.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Dr. Martin stated he's also asking for a motion for a bracketed sign to place in the lobby which would indicate the Zoning/Code Enforcement office being around the corner. He stated the cost of this would be \$165.00 so he's asking for a motion for the amount not to exceed \$175.00.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to purchase a bracketed directional sign for the Code/Enforcement office at a cost not to exceed \$175.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Dr. Martin he is asking for a motion to obtain at a cost of \$16.00 a piece twelve new desk plates for the council table so we can replace these paper covered ones. The new ones would be sliding ones so as offices change we can simply slide in the new person's name.

Motion by Encapera/Difilippo to purchase desk plates for council chambers at a cost of \$16.00 a piece duly carried with all members present voting yes.

LIGHTING AT THE SEWER/STREET FACILITY

Dr. Martin stated at previous meetings he has asked council to address a problem down the sewer/street facility concerning lighting circuit that keeps tripping a breaker and has been problematical. He asked Mr. Tудay to get in touch with the lighting contractor that we've been dealing with and get us some quotes for not only addressing that issue but for converting that facility to led lighting as per council's request. He stated he has those quotes in front of him. To do everything but the pole light, just the interior lighting and exterior lighting and at this point is over \$10,000.00. He stated he and Jeff have talked about this to some extent and they believe it would be in council's best interest to have the system evaluated to see why that breaker keeps tripping and to correct any infrastructure problem we may have down there before we proceed with converting to led. He's recommending at this time, even though he has the estimates in front of him, that we not act on them until such time we have had an evaluation of what causes that breaker and that whole section to keep kicking out down there. He is asking council's permission to permit him to keep working with A1 Electric to try to ascertain the cause of that problem but he doesn't have a cost estimate on that because they have to get in there so they can find the problem before they can provide an estimate. With council's permission he will continue having A1 down there to try and find the root of the problem.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVER

Dr. Martin stated council has already voted to replace the server on the police side and the quote that we received for that also had a quote for replacing the administrative server too. The servers are older and while they are not obsolete they are old enough to begin to give us problems. So he's asking council for a motion to replace the administrative server as well at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion by Glab/Gutosky to have Response computer replace the administrative server at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

REQUEST FROM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Martin stated in the old old cemetery which is now the memorial park at the beginning of town and if you look in your packets he put pictures from down there and in the middle of that park there is an upright stone with the names of those that are recorded to have been interred there when that was a cemetery. There are some flat flagstone types of things around that center stone which you can see in the pictures. Some years ago when Marine Corp., Joe Hopkins passed away the Historical society sought and received council's permission to engrave one of those flat stones down there with his military record. The historical society is now requesting permission to also allow them to engrave the next flat stone with the military record of Charles Keller who is also a long established attorney and a well-regarded former resident of the community. They would like to honor him and Mr. Keller has agreed to cover the cost of the engraving and as you can see in the letter I asked them to send you the borough is not going to be held responsible for any maintenance on anything they do down there. There is no cost to the

borough whatsoever on this. They are simply asking permission to scratch some facts into a stone that is already down there.

Motion by Bittner/Gutosky to allow the Historical society to engrave a stone to honor Mr. Keller at the cemetery at the beginning of Third Street carried with all members present stating aye.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF EVALUATIONS

Dr. Martin stated just an update that administrative staff evaluations have concluded and were distributed today and he'll be getting those signed and getting them back and they will become part of the personnel files.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

PERRYMAN SITE PLAN

Mr. Glab stated he has the Perryman Site plan approval which is 200' x 80' addition to one and a 100' x 80' addition to the other side of building one, construct a 100' x 80' addition to building two, and construct a 100' x 80' addition to building three. Approvals have been obtained by the zoning hearing board and the planning commission recommends approval.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the site plan for Perryman Company located at 625 Technology Drive with the following conditions; The sewage facilities planning module be reviewed and approved by the DeP and the borough engineer with appropriate taps be obtained by the borough for the additional sewage that may be produced on at the facility, they obtain the NPDES permits from the Wash. Cty. Conservation District for site work for the development of the property if required, and the applicant obtain a zoning permit from the zoning office in the amount of ½ of 1% of the cost of the project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing to report

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

CALIFORNIA DRIVE – LETTER TO PENNDOT

Mr. Bittner stated he has been driving California Drive quite frequently lately and he said that road and the berms on that road have been deteriorating and the side of the road and the rip rap are coming out and he would like a letter sent to Penndot expressing our concerns over the condition of that road.

Motion by Bittner/Glab to send a letter to Penndot, District 12 expressing our concerns for the condition of California Drive carried with all members present stating aye.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner 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/Bittner to pay the Solicitor's bill in the amount of \$3,292.00 which breaks down to administration - \$2,117.00, zoning – \$643.00, and sewer fund - \$532.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Gutosky stated we will need one final budget workshop to finalize our budget and she's hoping for Monday, Nov. 13th at 5:00 pm. Based upon a successful budget meeting can we have a continued meeting on Nov. 20th at 6:00 to adopt the tentative budgets.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

WIDMER INVOICES

Motion by Difilippo /Glab to pay Widmer Engineering invoice # 21710463 in the amount of \$150.00 for meeting with gas company duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to pay Widmer Engineering invoice #21710464 in the amount of \$915.00 for coal center pump station duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Widmer Engineering invoice #21710443 in the amount of \$14,000.00 for Highland Dr./Blaine Road project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA/MR. MARISCOTTI

Motion by Encapera/Glab to have the Solicitor edit and revise the Borough meeting resolution duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER – MR. GORONCY

Mr. Goroncy stated it has been pretty quiet at the school recently. A few things happening, a college application session is Tuesday with California University, tomorrow the Trojans play Jefferson Morgan in playoffs.

MAYOR’S REPORT – MR. WELD

Nothing to report

ENGINEER’S REPORT – MR. EBY

COAL CENTER PUMP STATION UPDATE

Mr. Eby stated we met with West Penn about getting two properties for relocation of the Coal Center Pump Station and he’s still working with Penndot and the Turnpike to hopefully get it on the other side of the road.

HIGHLAND DRIVE PROJECT

Mr. Eby stated he like to meet with Doug and Ron next week and show them what we have laid out see if it looks okay then submit that in. He stated we will need motions for checks for the following:

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to authorize payment to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund in the amount of \$400.00 for E& S plan duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo t authorize payment to Washington County Conservation Clean Water fund in the amount of \$500.00 for the E & S plan duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

LSA APPLICATION

Mr. Eby stated he does not have an update but generally they have a presentation which should be coming up.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to authorize the Solicitor to participate in the property assessment appeal with Student Association regarding the Harris farm duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Maddiex stated the planning commission meets Dec. 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President announced this meeting will be continued until Nov. 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm to adopt the tentative budgets and anything else that comes before the board.