

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, September 8, 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 Mayor Weld

ABSENCE: Mr. Mariscotti

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Solicitor added Ordinance #556

Mrs. Gutosky added the Solicitor's bill - \$5,183.50

Mr. Alfano stated the agenda stands as printed and amended

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Maddiex wanted to know about the CDBG under the President's report and asked if that includes or excludes the three extra lights on Wood Street. Mr. Alfano stated no council will pay for those lights from the general fund. Mr. Maddiex asked if hearings are required to decide what the money will be used as. Mr. Alfano stated we still have to meet with Kerry Fox yet so we will ask him. Mr. Maddiex stated we could continue the bike trail or maybe tie it into the wharf project.

Audrey Knight stated she has a couple of questions on the street naming and a couple of comments. Mrs. Knight asked what emergency service made this request or brought this to council's attention. Ms. Evans stated she believes it was 911. Mrs. Knight stated she is going by what was in the newspaper article. Ms. Evans stated someone else came in today and stated the article said that council was renaming Dawson Street to Riverview Drive. Mr. Alfano stated that is news to council. Ms. Evans stated at the committee meeting Dr. Martin indicated that council should formally name Riverview Drive because there is one house on that street and we're not sure where that street address came from. So to avoid issues in the event of an emergency we are just formally going to name that street and inform all the appropriate agencies but council is not doing anything with Dawson Street. Mr. Alfano told Jeff he'll have to get a street sign there if council approves this. Mr. Bittner stated he thinks the newspaper reporter got confused because in that conversation someone had mentioned that when they googled it Dawson Street goes all the way through Riverview Dr. but that is how Dawson came up in the conversation. Mrs. Knight asked if they are going to take formal action on this tonight. Mr. Alfano stated we will take action on this later and formally adopt Riverview Drive as a street and inform all the appropriate authorities.

MINUTES – Regular meeting of August 11, 2016

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to approve the August 11, 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 August 30, 2016

Motion by Bittner/Glab to approve the Treasurer's report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – August 11th and Sept. 1st

Mr. Alfano stated the executive session held on August 11, 2016 that dealt with personnel matters and we had an executive session on Sept. 1, 2016 that dealt with personnel matters and litigation matters.

BOND REFINANCING

Mr. Alfano stated we had bond refinancing presentations prior to the committee meeting on Sept. 1, 2016 from RBC, Royal Bank of Canada, and PNC, Pittsburgh National Corp., and they had varying opinions of how lucrative it would be for the borough to refinance our bond debt right now they were from \$200,000.00 to \$350,000.00 as a benefit to the borough. We had our bond counsel looking into this a little further and we'll have a telephone conference call and get his input before we make any decisions.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Alfano stated a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan was scheduled prior to this meeting but unfortunately it got goofed up somehow so we'll have to re-advertise it and hold it at a future date.

MACKIN ENGINEERING INVOICE - #43784 - \$720.09

Mr. Alfano stated this is for work being done on the zoning ordinance. Mr. Alfano asked for a motion to pay Mackin Engineering.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to pay Mackin Engineering invoice #43784 in the amount of \$720.09 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Bittner who voted no.

CROSSWALK LIGHTING AT VULCAN VILLAGE

Mr. Alfano stated we surprisingly found out that the cross walk and the caution lighting at Vulcan Village is the responsibility of the Borough. That came about through an agreement that was signed with PennDOT by former council. Some maintenance needs done on these so Jeff will have to ensure that reflective paint is applied to the crosswalks and the blinking light is fixed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. Alfano stated he had a brief conversation with Kerry Fox of the Redevelopment Authority and our 2017 CDBG funding has been approved and the amount is \$81,400.00 and he's asking borough council to get some plans on what they want to do with it. Mr. Fox will be in for a meeting in the next couple of weeks to review our project.

RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING

Mr. Alfano stated at the Recreation Authority meeting this week they approved to install new LED lighting at Mechanic Street basketball court. We purchased the lights about two months ago and they've finally come in. They also approved the bid they got on installation by A1 Electric.

ROTARY PARK PROJECT

Mr. Alfano stated there is a project going on at Rotary Park that Jose Taracido in conjunction with California University and PennDOT and other agencies is doing so if any of you have driven by the park and didn't notice what is going on please pull in the parking lot and look down at the stream bed. He's doing a huge project there; clearing brush, putting in a walking trail, making fishing accessible all along the stream from the underpass of Route 88 just about all the way to the river. They are putting a safe path to come from Mechanic Street to the park without walking along Route 88.

FIREWORKS

The fireworks that were rained out at the Riverfest will be rescheduled for September 17th at dusk.

ALLIED LIGHTING

A presentation was given to council by Al Lagnemma of Allied Lighting concerning replacing lighting owned by the borough with led lighting.

Mrs. Gutosky stepped out of the meeting

STORMWATER LINE REPAIR INVOICES

BRITTON & SONS

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Britton's invoice #234 in the amount of \$9,335.00 from the sewer fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mrs. Gutosky who stepped out of the meeting.

LAUREL AGGREGATES

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to pay Laure Aggregate's invoice #131732 in the amount of \$1,564.30 from the sewer fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mrs. Gutosky who stepped out of the meeting.

HANSON AGGREGATES

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to pay Hanson Aggregate's invoice #2989381 in the amount of \$376.00 from the sewer fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mrs. Gutosky who stepped out of the meeting.

WASTE CONTRACT

Mr. Alfano asked council if they would like to advertise or extend the current contract one year at the current rate. Mr. Encapera stated he thinks with the current situation advertising is the best way to go. Mr. Alfano stated there is no guarantee we will get a good rate. Mr. Encapera stated he understands that but we've had a lot of issues with the current hauler. Mr. Difilippo stated he believes Dr. Martin is working with Advanced Disposal to come to a meeting to address the current issues and possibly extend another year. Mr. Glab asked Ms. Evans if the complaints are getting mitigated or are they still there. Ms. Evans stated she doesn't receive the complaints they go to through the zoning office. Mr. Glab stated it is personnel issues on their part so he's kind of on the middle on this one. Mr. Alfano stated he's been looking at solid waste bids coming in in other towns and they are substantial. Mr. Agrafiotis stated if we are going to meet with them first and possibly extend the contract then we have to let them know by the end of the month so you may want to hold a special meeting toward. Mr. Alfano stated the problem with employees is common. Mr. Encapera stated nationally the current company is legit but our particular branch is not giving a good service. Mr. Alfano stated we'll wait until after we meet with Advanced and then make a decision.

Mrs. Gutosky came back into the meeting.

FORMALLY NAMING RIVERVIEW DRIVE

Mr. Alfano stated we need a formal motion to name Riverview as a street in California and then inform the appropriate agencies.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to formally name Riverview Drive as Riverview Drive and to inform all appropriate agencies duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

POLICE PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2017

Mr. Glab stated the 2017 MMO for the police pension is zero dollars.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension fund of zero dollars duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

NON UNIFORM PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2017

Mr. Glab stated for the non-uniform pension plan the 2017 Minimum Municipal obligation is \$55,043.70.

Motion by Glab/Bittner to approve the Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$55,043.70 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ZONING OFFICE UPDATE

Mr. Glab stated the Zoning/Code Enforcement Office is still updating and conducting their inspections and they are out every day. There are currently several citations issued to try and catch up with everything. Mr. Glab stated there was supposed to be a public hearing this

afternoon but somehow there was a miscommunication so that didn't take place. He asked John Petro if he has anything to add. Mr. Petro stated no. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if council wants to set a date for the public hearing. Mr. Glab stated we could do it in October before our regular meeting and we could contact Mackin Engineering. Mr. Glab asked if we make a motion tonight do we still have to advertise it in the paper. Ms. Evans stated yes and it has to be advertised for two consecutive weeks. Mr. Alfano stated there is no urgency so we can just wait for the Planning commission meeting to set the date. Mr. Maddiex stated the next Planning Commission meeting is October 4th. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Maddiex to remember to bring this up at the Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

TREE TRIMMING QUOTES

Mr. Tудay stated he received three quotes for tree trimming. The first is Scott's tree service at a cost of \$2,080.00 and the second is Arnold Tree service at a cost of \$2,475.00 and the third is from T4 Trees at a cost of \$2,625.00. All quotes are for 30 trees.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to hire Scotts Tree service at a cost of \$2,080.00 to trim the trees in the borough duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

OFFICER'S TRAINING

Mr. Bittner stated Chief Encapera wants to send some officers to a training course on Investigating Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence and the only cost would be straight time wages.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to send three officers to training on Investigating Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence on Sept. 28th in Canonsburg from 8:30 – 3:30 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION UPDATES

Mr. Bittner stated he received no comments on the regulations so he's assuming everyone is satisfied with them.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to adopt the Civil Service Regulation Updates duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

BILL GAMBLE INVOICE - \$1,100.00

Motion by Bittner/Glab to pay Mr. Gamble his fee of \$1,100.00 for the update of the civil service commission regulations duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CRYSTALLINE TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

Mr. Bittner stated this agreement is convoluted so we're just going to let it go. Ms. Evans asked if all the cameras have been installed. Mr. Bittner stated he has no idea it's been a long process. Ms. Evans stated all the funds have not been drawn on yet. Mr. Tудay stated they still have to install 3 or 4 to fill the original order of 20.

FINANCE –MRS. GUTOSKY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

SOLICITOR'S BILL – MELENYZER & AGRAFIOTIS INVOICE

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to pay Melenyzer & Agrafiotis invoice in the amount of \$5,183.50 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Gutosky stated Administration is \$3,422.00, Zoning is \$825.00 and Sewer fund is \$936.50. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he'd like to note that \$520.00 is reimbursement for 72 Second Street which he purchased on behalf of the borough.

MOVING BANK ACCOUNTS FROM PNC TO FNB

Mrs. Gutosky stated we had representatives from First National Bank come to us concerning money we have sitting in our accounts that is not making any money. She stated we have the bond debt service account with an average balance of 1.7 million and we're getting no interest at all on that and we have the capital reserve account and the average balance on that is 2.7 million and the interest rate on that we are getting .01% and it comes out to about \$25.00 per month. First National Bank has proposed to give us an interest rate of .45% and they are guaranteeing that for two years. These accounts would be fully collateralized and they would be totally liquid with no fees and it would increase our monthly revenue from interest from \$25.00 to \$1,625.00. Mr. Alfano stated they also offered to increase the interest rate on all of our accounts currently with them to .45% to the end of that two year period. Based on that I'll make the following motions.

BOND & DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to move the bond & debt service account from PNC to First National Bank duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CAPITAL RESERVE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner to move the Capital Reserve money market account from PNC to First National Bank duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Mr. Difilippo stated he has nothing this month since Widmer hasn't yet submitted their invoices.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA AND MR. MARISCOTTI

Mr. Encapera thanked the Recreation Authority for the great job they did with the Riverfest this year. He stated it was a great time. He also thanked the Street Dept. and the Police Dept. and everyone who came and enjoyed the event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

LONG BRANCH AGREEMENT

Mayor Weld stated he met with Long Branch Mayor and he wants to keep everything the same with a \$25.00 increase each year for the next three years. Mr. Weld stated he thought it was a \$25.00 per month increase for each year. Ms. Evans stated right now we raise it \$25.00 each year for instance 2010 was 1800.00, 2011 was 1825.00 and 2012 was 1850.00. Mr. Weld stated no he doesn't think so. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't think it is compounded. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he thinks it is \$25.00 increase for the year. Ms. Evans stated right now we bill them the same amount every month for the year. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he will contact Mr. Makyl and get that figured out.

K9 VEHICLE

Mayor Weld stated the estimate to repair it is more than the car is worth. Mr. Alfano asked what year that car is. Mayor Weld stated it is a 2010.

NEW POLICE VEHICLE

Mayor Weld stated he would like a motion to purchase from TriStar Motors a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV at the price of \$27,255.00.

Motion by Glab/Encapera to purchase a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV from TriStar Motors, who is a costar vendor duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to purchase and install all the lights, radios, and other accessory equipment at a cost of \$7,995.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to hire Evans Graphics to do the decals at a cost of \$575.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

K9 INSERT FOR TAURUS

Mayor Weld stated we will need a cage for the dog installed in the Ford Taurus. He stated he'd like Chief to purchase one not to exceed \$2,000.00

Motion by Glab/Gutosky to purchase a cage to convert the Taurus to our K9 vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

There was discussion as to what to do with the 2010 K9 Vehicle and Chief stated he may have a buyer for the dog cage. Council decided to keep the 2010 and let Ken Hixson, the parking enforcement person to use the vehicle for booting and ticketing up on the hill, going to hearings etc. Mr. Glab asked if we keep it will need to purchase an additional radio for the new SUV we are purchasing. Chief Encapera stated no Ken uses a portable radio.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY

KNOB ROAD BORE

Mr. Eby stated the bore is completed and the owner will do the water tap tomorrow.

SEWER PLANT UPDATE

Mr. Eby stated the sewer plant effluent sampler has been hooked up to the flow meter so next time the DEP inspects we will pass that.

The pump that we ordered last month was installed yesterday so that is working now.

COAL CENTER PUMP STATION - FUNDING

Mr. Eby stated he submitted the drawings at the last meeting and stated we haven't had time to sit down and go over them to make sure all the details that they want are on here but he did speak to Dr. Martin this month about how council may want to go about funding it. We talked about the LSA or the Waste Water Grant. Council discussed the LSA option and decided against it since they were already going after LSA money for the Highland Drive project.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to apply for a PA Waste Water Grant for the Coal Center pump station with the borough providing a 15% match duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

HIGHLAND DRIVE SEWER EXTENSION- LSA APPLICATION

Mr. Eby stated the borough needs to tell him how much the borough will contribute to this project so he can complete the LSA application.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to authorize a 30% contribution to the Highland Drive/Blaine Road project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Under discussion there it was noted that there are 6 grinder pumps on Blaine Road. Ms. Evans asked if the borough has to pay for the grinder pumps. Mr. Eby stated that is included in the project numbers. Mr. Glab stated we should not pay for the grinder pumps and he thinks that if they buy the grinder pump we forgo the tap in fee.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

ORDINANCE #556

Mr. Agrafiotis stated Ordinance 556 was advertised in the Herald Standard last Wednesday and it amends the parking restriction ordinance #554, allowing parking on Green Street.

Motion by Bittner/Gutosky to adopt Ordinance #556 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Bittner stated when Mrs. Gallo was here that evening they had a conversation about this and he was under the understanding that she was going to rent that stall from evening until morning because we make good revenue from it during the daytime. To his knowledge she agreed to this verbally. Mr. Alfano stated how could we enforce that. Mr. Bittner stated put a sign up there. Mr. Bittner stated he can't see taking two meters out of a high district out of service. She's walking the same distance up to those meters as she would to the library lot. So now we are talking lucrative meters out of service. Ms. Evans asked if we would get more revenue than the rental fee of \$360.00. Ms. Evans asked so we are charging her the same fee we are charging

anyone else who rents a 24 hour/ 365 year stall. Mr. Bittner stated he thought that was her and his understanding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Agrafiotis requested council take a brief executive session for legal issues.

GREEN STREET WATER ISSUE

Mr. Glab stated ever since we've paved Green Street there has been a water issue there. Mr. Baker tested it and it is not sewage. Mr. Glab stated winter is coming so we need to do something. Can we get Steve up there and see what he thinks and get some resolutions. Mr. Tудay stated Pennsylvania American is aware of and told him that when it blows they will fix it. Mr. Tудay stated he's probably 100% sure that it is their water line. Mr. Baker stated they will not do exploratory digging trying to find it because it is cost prohibitive.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bittner asked if we had the camera in our sewer line in the borough building yet. Mr. Tудay stated they are coming tomorrow morning.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Maddiex commented on scheduling of tree cutting and he saw that Long Branch is advertising for a trash hauler and maybe go in with them if it is to our advantage. He stated there are five communities that border us that may make it easier and more feasible to get trash quotes. Mr. Maddiex asked if the borough is going to try and sell the corner lot of Wood and Third Street. Mr. Maddiex reminded council that the planning commission will meet on Oct. 4th at 6:30.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to adjourn into executive session carried with all members present stating aye.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:30 pm