

Regular Meeting of Council, August 8, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky,
Mr. Mariscotti, Mayor Stetar

ABSENT: Mr. Encapera

MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
There were no additions or changes to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items
No public comment at this time. The agenda stands presented.

MINUTES
Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the minutes of the Continued Meeting of June 25, 2019, carried with all members present stating aye.
Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2019, carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – MRS. CLANCY
Mrs. Clancy read the accounts payable and account balances as of July 31, 2019.
Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to accept the Secretary/Treasurer’s report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENTS’S REPORT – MR. ALFANO
Mr. Alfano had nothing to report at this time.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN
UPDATE**
In Miss Mock’s absence, she emailed Dr. Martin a copy of her updates which he forwarded to council.

GRANVILLE LOTS
Dr. Martin stated that regarding the two lots in Granville that the Borough though was the Borough’s turns out to be that they were never recorded. The Borough can obtain these lots from Washington County Tax Claim Office. The administration fee is \$100.00 per lot to obtain the deeds. That would give the Borough title to the lots. Difilippo/Gutosky motion to authorize \$200.00 payable to the Washington County Tax Claim Office as a deed issuance fee for the two lots. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

PET WASTE STATIONS
Dr. Martin and Chief Sheehan were directed to look into pet waste stations. Dr. Martin asked for a motion to authorize the purchase of four pet waste stations at a cost of \$149.00 per station including the bags. Bittner/Difilippo motion to purchase four pet waste stations at a cost of \$149.00 per station including the bags. Under discussion Mrs. Gutosky inquired about the writing on the bags, as was discussed previously. Dr. Martin stated the bags that come with the stations do not say California Police Department but they do talk about pet waste and disposal. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

**PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB
ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**
Mr. Glab gave an update on the day to day operations of the zoning/code enforcement office.

Mr. Glab stated that the grass still needs to be maintained by the property owners. He also stated that the grass is to be blown back into your yard because when on the street it creates a danger and a hazard for motor cyclists. Also, there is proposed legislation by Senator Bartalotta to make it illegal to blow debris onto the road.

RESOLUTION No. 10-002 - FEE SCHEDULE – CELL TOWERS

Mr. Petro stated cell towers in borough right-a-ways permit fees on an annual basis was not addressed. Mr. Agrafiotis drew up Resolution 19-002 regarding the permit fees for cell towers in the borough right-of-ways. These are permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. The cell tower fee is \$750.00 per year. Mr. Petro is asking that this resolution be adopted before next month's meeting because there will be a conditional use hearing regarding these cell towers on September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The three towers are: one on Beazel St., one on East St. and one on Third and Union. Mr. Glab asked about stopping these towers. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it is a conditional use in the Zoning Ordinance for the C2 zone. Glab/Mariscotti motion to adopt Resolution 19-002 setting the fee per cell tower in the borough right-of-way at \$750.00 per year per tower. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE #21906259 – \$225.00 - FOURTH ST. CURBS BIDDING AND CONTRACTS

Mariscotti/Difilippo motion to pay Widmer Engineering Invoice #21906259 for Fourth Street curbs bidding and contracts in the amount of \$225.00. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

UPDATES

Mr. Maricotti stated the gas lines on Fourth St. are still going to be done. Mr. Agrafiotis stated the contractor knows the borough is backed up at the mercy of the gas company. He has not told the contractor that it doesn't look like the project is going to be done this year. Mr. Tудay spoke to the gas company today. Their contractor stated this is no guarantee that they will begin by the first of September. Mr. Agrafiotis will contact the two contractors regarding this.

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

SIGNS ON PA AVENUE AND SECOND ST.

Mr. Bittner asked that Mr. Tудay put no parking signs on the left side of Pennsylvania Ave. all the way down and on Second St. also.

TRUCKS TURNING AT AMBULANCE BUILDING

Mr. Bittner asked the Mayor if the police were keeping an eye on trucks turning at ambulance building. Mayor Stetar stated yes.

Dr. Martin and Mr. Tудay will take a ride to Second and Pennsylvania to identify places where the signs will be placed.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Gutosky/Difilippo motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

REQUEST FROM DOUG BAKER TO BE PAID FOR 78 UNUSED SICK DAYS

Difilippo/Bittner motion to pay Doug Baker for 78 sick days at \$35.00/day for a total of \$2,730.00, to be paid after completion of his vacation days. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE #21906238 - \$150.00 – HIGHLAND DR. INSPECTIONS

Difilippo/Glab motion to pay Widmer Engineering Invoice #21906238 in the amount of \$150.00 for the Highland Drive inspections. On a roll call vote motion carried with Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky voting yes and Mr. Bittner voting no.

WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICE #21906249 - \$626.50 – GENERATOR QUOTES, SINK HOLE

Difilippo/Glab motion to pay Widmer Engineering Invoice #21906249 in the amount of \$626.50 for generator quotes for the sink hole on Union St. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Difilippo stated there was a question about the smell at the sewer department last week. Mr. Difilippo was assured that would be taken care of. Mr. Eby stated that unless the borough wanted bi-weekly pick of the dumpsters there is nothing that can be done about that.

Mr. Difilippo requested that a no dumping sign be placed at the end of Pennsylvania Ave.

**PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & MR. MARISCOTTI
CHIEF SHEEHAN & JOE FIKE - 180 DAY PROBATION ENDS AUGUST 12, 2019**

Mr. Mariscotti stated that Chief Sheehan's 180 day probation ends on August 8, 2019. Also, Joe Fike's 180 day probation ends on August 12, 2019.

JUNIOR COUNCIL – MS. MOCK

In Ms. Mock's absence Mr. Sears gave her update on school affairs.

MAYOR'S REPORT – DR. STETAR

Mayor stated there was an event last Saturday to honor three firemen for their more than 50 years of service; Mr. Hartley, Mr. Sheets and Mr. Bittner. Mr. Bittner thanked everyone involved for the event.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. EBY

Washington County emailed Mr. Eby a capital budget report form for grants. He spoke with Dr. Martin about this. Mr. Eby in the form. They are not asking for matches at this time. They asked for a share for the pavilion. He put \$96,400.00 and asked for \$1,964,000.00. For the pump station he put \$50,000.00.

LSA GRANT APPLICATION – PUMP STATION

Difilippo/Mariscotti motion to apply for the LSA Grant for the pump station for \$50,000.00. Under discussion, Mr. Glab asked about the Malden pump station and putting one on High Point Drive. Mr. Eby stated that is somewhere down the road. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

LSA GRANT APPLICATION - PAVILION

Bittner/Glab motion to apply for the LSA Grant for the pavilion to be placed at the old Hollywood Theater property, in the amount of \$1,964,000.00. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

TRANSFER SWITCH

Mr. Eby obtained three quotes for a transfer switch for the generator for the College Farm Pump station. The bids are \$4,040.00, \$4,676.00 and \$1,600. The \$1,600.00 cost from Mike Hardison of Michael's Manufacturing includes disconnect and reconnect of the electrical wiring, installation, transfer switch and aluminum frame. Glab/Mariscotti motion to approve the purchase of a generator transfer switch from Mike Harshman, Michael's Manufacturing. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Hardison also requested to purchase the old equipment.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION #5, INDUSTRIAL PARK

Bittner/Difilippo motion to approve Substantial Completion #5, the Industrial Park for utility construction, leveling of the lot. This was completed on June 13, 2019 and signed off on. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

CONTRACT #3 - SCOTTS TREE SERVICE – INDUSTRIAL PARK

Bittner/Difilippo motion to approve Contract #3, Scotts Tree Service for tree trimming in the industrial park in the amount of \$7,900.00. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

PAVILION

Mr. Eby discussed the pavilion with Dr. Martin. Mr. Eby stated the pavilion would be 50 x 100 on a 65 x 150 lot. Anything larger would need a Stormwater Management Plan. The cost of a 50 x 100 pavilion with materials would be \$116,000.00 and \$96,000.00 with no pad. This can be done in two phases, 50 x 50 the first phase and 50 x 50 for the second phase.

GIS SYSTEM

Regarding the GIS system, Mr. Eby wants to do the stormwater and the sanitary lines at the same time. The GIS is a downloaded computer program. A license can be purchased yearly or borough can do their own updates. Mr. Santo has the old GIS system on his computer but it is not complete. Streets, street signs, hydrants anything on the street will be on the system and there will be another one just for stormwater.

INDUSTRIAL PARK STORM WATER

Mr. Eby spoke to the County. There is money left. Mr. Santo would like to camera the lines at the Industrial Park. It is not known where the sanitary lines are in the Industrial Park. Another option is to use the \$50,000.00 for the pump station for the application for the LSA money.

HIGHLAND DRIVE

Mr. Difilippo asked where everything is with Highland Drive. Mr. Eby stated he has a punch list out and \$150,000.00 is being held. It should be 100% done next month. Mr. Difilippo then inquired about lines not matching up. Mr. Eby stated that would be opened up to see why the lines are not matching.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS ORDINANCE NO. 566 – BURNING ORDINANCE.

Difilippo/Glab motion to advertise Ordinance No. 566 – Burning Ordinance for adoption. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present

OLD BUSINESS

BOROUGH TRUCK

Dr. Martin and Mr. Taday put together the posting to sell the old borough truck on Municibid. The starting bid was \$7,500.00 with an \$8,000.00 reserve and as of this afternoon, bids are over \$9,600.00. There are still 10 days to go.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. GLAB

Mr. Glab asked if the Borough would be submitting a project to the County for consideration for an LSA grant. Mr. Alfano stated the sewage project. Dr. Martin stated he would write something up to finish the pavilion project. Dr. Martin and Mr. Eby would draft something up together.

Mr. Alfano stated the Historical Society demo bid came in at \$17,000.00 through the County. Mr. Fox rejected all the bids

Mr. Bittner stated regarding the pavilion, make sure it is properly wired to handle a heavy electrical load.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. SEARS - CALIFORNIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Sear was here on behalf of the California Area School District to ask for a continuation of the SRO contract for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. He respectfully asked that Council approve that. Mr. Agrafiotis felt that the previous agreement would be sufficient just change the dates. Mr. Difilippo would first like to see if there is any increase in the borough's insurance or anything else. Mr. Agrafiotis stated the contract states that the school would cover costs. Mr. Glab would like to approve the contact for the first semester of the year and have discussions with the school district to make it more pliable for both sides. Mr. Bittner felt that the school district should have pursued another option. A letter was sent to the school over a year and a half ago regarding this issue. One officer is spread too thin up there. The school should look into grants. Mr. Agrafiotis asked Mr. Sears if the school district has looked into any other alternatives since the letter. Mr. Sears looked into private firms and the costs have escalated significantly. Mr. Glab felt that the SRO is a prime example of community-oriented policing. Mr. Difilippo agrees to a certain extent and does not want the students and teachers without an officer. He felt it was very short sighted for the school board, since the borough did send a letter in March that the borough no longer wished to continue with the contract. Mr. Mariscotti felt that the school district and the borough should work together. Mr. Alfano stated part time officers could be hired to fill that shift. Mr. Sears stated that he sees every invoice from the borough and the borough is invoicing for the hour and benefits so the school is paying more than

the hourly rate. Mr. Sears thinks it is extremely important to have a borough uniformed police officer with arrest power and the connectivity that officers has with local and state law enforcement agencies. Mrs. Gutosky asked if having an officer at the school causes the borough to have to pay overtime, for example if an officer calls off.

CONTINUE SRO CONTRACT FOR ONE SEMESTER

Glab/Difilippo motion to approve continuing the SRO contract with the California School District for one semester to expire on or before January 20, 2020 and in the next couple months meet with the school district to try to come up with something more equitable for both sides. Under discussion, Mr. Difilippo would like for this to be done in October so it could be in the budget. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

CHRISTINE KINDELL – CAL U

Ms. Kindell stated move in day for Cal U is August 23, 2019 followed by activities for the students. August 26, 2019 is the first day of classes.

RIVERFEST

Mr. Alfano stated the Riverfest will start with a Firemen's Parade Saturday morning. The fireworks are Saturday evening. The Riverfest will wrap up at 6:00 Sunday evening.

JAMES MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex gave his opinion on how the SRO program could be handled.

WESLEY SHEETS

Mr. Sheets thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition of Jon, Bittner, Chief Tom Hartley and himself for their 50 years of service. He then provided council with handouts on behalf of his mother, outlining the issues caused to his mother's property at 1265 Highland Drive by the Highland Drive sewage project. He asked council what he can expect to be done to resolve these ongoing issues. Mr. Sheets in suggested the tap in fee of \$1,500.00 be waived and they will restore the front yard, the driveway and take care of all the other issues there.

Mr. Sheets stated that with the state this country is in he hopes that council and the school can come to some kind of agreement to keep the officers in our schools.

JUDITH LYNN CRAIG

Mrs. Lynn Criag who owns the Dairy Queen was requesting to rent a 30 minute parking space for her customers since it is not possible to have a drive through.

Bittner/Difilippo motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Lori Clancy, Assist. Secretary/Treasurer