

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, October 10, 2013, 6:30 pm

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Mariscotti and Mayor Durdines
Mr. Alfano left the meeting at 6:40 pm and Mayor Durdines arrived at 6:45 pm

MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab added stop sign request on Promiseland Drive
Mr. Alfano added Orlandi subdivision
Mr. Difilippo added resolution
Mr. Bittner added report on executive session, CM Invoice
Mr. Bittner added under Mr. Mariscotti – winter bids

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Maddiex stated he is commenting on the pick-up truck under sewer department report and sated that he remembers in the past that there was some discussion about putting plows on vehicles so keep that in mind.

MINUTES

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 12, 2013 duly carried with all members present stating aye.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Continued meeting of September 18, 2013 duly carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MS. EVANS

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances for September 2013.

Motion by Gutosky/Alfano to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report duly carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. BITTNER

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bittner stated that council held an executive session last week after the committee meeting and that dealt with personnel in the Police Department.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS- CM INVOICE

Mr. Bittner stated he needs a motion to transfer \$2,828.03 from the Bond Proceeds account to the General Fund to pay CM Invoice # 13-100...

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to transfer \$2,828.03 from the Bond Proceeds account to the General Fund to pay CM Invoice # 13-100 duly carried with all members present voting yes.

CREDIT APPLICATION – DO BEST HARDWARE

Mr. Bittner stated that Do Best Hardware did away with house accounts so now we have to apply for a credit card from there and he would like a motion to approve entering into a credit card application agreement with Do Best Hardware.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to enter into credit card application agreement with Do Best Hardware duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – TRICK OR TREAT AND HALLOWEEN PARADE

Mr. Bittner stated Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm And the Halloween Parade will be Wednesday, October 31, 2013 with line up at 6:00 pm at the public library and the parade starts at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. ALFANO

Mr. Alfano apologized for having to leave this meeting following his report due to another engagement.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Alfano stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is going to be looking at properties to set up for possible demolition and we'll have a list and double check it. The total collected for the month of September is \$2,929.04 for a grand total for the year to date of \$230,588.32 in the zoning office.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Alfano stated that the planning commission report and the conditional use hearing will coincide because the planning commission heard a conditional use hearing for Sepesky subdivision for acquiring the PNC building and at council's conditional use hearing we did give them an extension for 120 days because there are some issues they need to clear up before they can have clear title. So their hearing is extended until Feb. 13, 2014 or sooner.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Alfano stated he has an ordinance for blighted properties and it is the Neighborhood Blight Ordinance, therefore we will need motions to have the solicitor draft ordinances.

Motion by Alfano/Difilippo to have the solicitor draft an ordinance as enabled by State Law Act 90-22010 known as the Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act which allows filing of judgments against property owners own personal property not just liens against the property being cited and also allows for judgments for property owners outside the state of the Pennsylvania duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Alfano/Glab to have the solicitor draft and ordinance as enabled by State Law Act 70 of 1998 known as the Municipal Housing Code Avoidance Act which makes multiple code convictions a misdemeanor criminal offense punishable by fines and jail time duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ORLANDI SUBDIVISION

Mr. Alfano stated in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 475 the California Borough subdivision and land development ordinance the solicitor has reviewed the Orlandi subdivision for compliance with the borough's requirements and is recommending approval conditioned upon both the corrections noted in Fayette Engineering's letter dated August 12, 2013 being made and the following corrections as well.

Motion by Alfano/Glab to approve the Orlandi subdivision with the three conditions first which is correction noted in Fayette Engineering's letter, the second the proof of recording section date should be updated from 2006 to 2013 and the last that Lot 1 in the Orlandi and Yankura Plan which is 2.4 acres needs to show that it will be continually served by a perpetual easement that provides access to a public road with the recorded deed, easement or other instruments showing the same and provided to the borough duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

KRATZER, CLANCY THREE PART SEMINAR SERIES

Mr. Alfano stated that we have in our efforts to continually educate and get a better skill set for our code enforcement and zoning office there is a three part series that is available regarding the blight fight in municipalities. Program 1 deals with dilapidated properties and will be held on October 15th at the Carnegie library in Homestead Program 2 deals with Reliable & Fair relationships between rental property owners and municipalities and will be held on November 13, 2013 at the Millvale Community Center and Program 3 deals with what experience has taught us and how to put together a suite of ordinances to protect neighborhood quality and it will be held on Dec. 10, 2013 from 9:00 am – 12:00 in Greentree. The cost for these as a package

is \$90.00 per person. Mr. Kratzer and Miss Clancy have expressed interest in attending all three sessions and Mr. Petro is able to attend just Program 3 and that cost would be \$35.00 so.. Motion by Alfano/Difilippo for council to consider sending these folks to these seminars for a cost of \$215.00 for classes plus wages duly carried with Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, and Mr. Glab voting yes and Mr. Encapera voting no.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

Mr. Bittner asked Mr. Tудay if he has anything to add and he responded no he does not. Mr. Bittner stated the winter bids through the Washington County Joint Purchasing Program and the lowest bid for cold patch is Russell Standard at \$93.95 delivered.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to accept the Washington County Joint Purchasing programs lowest bidder on cold patch being Russell Standard at \$93.95 per ton delivered duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Alfano left meeting at 6:40 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. GLAB & MR. ENCAPERA

STOP SIGN – PROMISELAND DRIVE

Mr. Glab stated last month we had a request from a resident who lives along Promiseland Drive for the installation of a stop sign and that was reviewed by the Chief who has made a recommendation therefore he is making a motion

Motion by Glab/Encapera to install a stop sign on Promiseland Drive per Chief's recommendations duly carried with all members present stating aye.

Mr. Encapera reminded the residents to be vigilant and lock your doors look out for neighbors and stated the police are doing a fine job and the best they can so please respect them for that.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

2014 BUDGET

Mr. Gutosky stated that the 2014 budget process has begun and Shirley has plugged in the fixed numbers and we need to set up a budget workshop to start working on it and she has received a list from the Street Dept. and the need has been expressed for a new fax/copy machine so we need to check into that.

PAY MONTHLY BILLS

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

A budget workshop will be held on October 31st at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

1994 PICK UP TRUCK

Mr. Difilippo stated the pick- up truck at the sewer department isn't being used much anymore so he wants to bid it out to see if we can sell it. He has the information to give to Shirley for the advertisement. Mr. Bittner stated he knew of someone that was interested in that plow on that truck but isn't sure if that would make the truck more valuable for resale or not.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to advertise for bids for the 1994 Chevy duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Agrafiotis asked if it will be sold as is and if the borough will have the right to reject any or all bids. Mr. Glab asked if there is a minimum bid specified and Mr. Difilippo. Mr. Difilippo stated that Doug put that the fair vehicle value is \$3,600.00. Council set the minimum bid required at \$3,600.00. Mr. Glab stated just place a small sample in the newspaper and the rest on the website.

RESOLUTION 13-003

Mr. Difilippo stated this was discussed at the committee meeting and it basically states that all charges are to be invoiced monthly, users are delinquent if any invoice is not paid by its' due date and a late payment charge of \$5.00 per EDU shall be imposed every month if and when the account is delinquent. The borough shall also have the right to collect attorney fees and process collection fees incurred collecting delinquent accounts.

Motion by Difilippo/Encapera to adopt Resolution 13-003 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Glab stated that this is not retroactive so the penalties assessed to date of the acceptance of the resolution still are in effect. Mr. Difilippo stated that is correct. Mr. Difilippo stated this will take effect for the October billing.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA &MR. GLAB

Nothing to report at this time

MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. DURDINES

HOMEcoming ROAD CLOSURES

Mr. Bittner stated there are some road closures for the Homecoming parade and they were in the paper

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. JOHNSON

TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mr. Johnson stated council was given a progress report which basically states that the bulk excavation is ongoing, slope construction is complete, both the UV System and Bar Screen have been delivered.

PAYMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Johnson stated he has the following payment requests for this project
Mele & Mele payment request #2 for \$196,157.39.

MELE & MELE & SONS

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to pay Mele & Mele & Sons \$196,157.39 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CENTRISYS CORP.

Mr. Johnson stated the next one is Centrisys Corporation invoice #10029 in the amount of \$78,285.20 and this is for the Centrifuge for the sewage treatment plant. This is the 20% payment.

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to pay Centrisys Corporation \$78,285.20 for invoice #10029 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. Johnson stated the next one is from Trojan Technologies invoice #SLS10224701 and the value is \$205,200.00. This is the highest of the percentages because we took delivery of the system so it is on site.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Trojan Technologies #205,200.00 for invoice #SLS10224701 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

DUPERON CORPORATION

Mr. Johnson stated the next one is Duperon Corporation invoice #14543 for the bar screen and the cost is \$11,200.00 and this is the 10%.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to pay Duperon Corporation \$11,200.00 for invoice #13543 duly carried with all members present voting yes.

H2O REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Johnson stated they have prepared H2O reimbursement #3 and it needs Mr. Bittner's signature for submission and the value of the reimbursement is \$640,342.39.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to permit Mr. Bittner to sign the H2O Grant submission duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Durdines arrived at the meeting at 6:45 pm

PEACH ALLEY SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Johnson stated as you all know the lowest bidder was Bella Enterprises, Inc. for \$512,490.00 and the notice of intent to award should be processed. They are compiling the contracts and he should have those to Tom for review.

VULCAN VILLAGE PUMP STATION GENERATOR

He stated in council's packet is the estimate to repair that existing generator at a cost of \$9,825.00 at this point and with past experience the cost of a new generator would be just shy of \$35,000.00. So to repair the existing is \$9,825.00 and a complete replacement would be \$35,000.00. He is meeting with the insurance adjuster tomorrow and we will be taking a look at that generator. We have already through Bridgeway and local electrician discerned what happened on our end. We contacted West Penn and they are doing some research on their end to see if they have problems with a sub-station. There is a temporary generator set there from Bridgeway. We could vote to repair or defer it to the November meeting knowing that we will be paying another month on that temporary generator. Mr. Agrafiotis stated that repair quote is under \$10,000.00 so we're not obligated to get three quotes but if we go with a new one of approximately \$35,000.00 we'd have to bid that one. If the insurance company considers paying they would be much more enthusiastic to pay \$9,825.00 instead of \$35,000.00. So you could do a contingency motion to award that for \$9,825.00, but if they get wind of this motion that may change their outcome so are we okay to wait another month. Mr. Johnson stated yes but we'll have to pay the rental. Mr. Difilippo asked if there are any warning mechanisms up there now. Mr. Baker stated they just installed an audible alarm and new strobe light up there. Mr. Bittner stated if we happen to get an answer sooner and have to go to a new generator and it looks like we're going to have several weeks of time lapse maybe we will just schedule a special meeting to approve that new generator and we won't have that rental. Mr. Johnson said both packages are ready to go. Mr. Bittner stated the other end of the generator the generator itself was it checked out to see if needed a new engine on it. Mr. Bittner stated so they think it would be a good operable generator if we do these repairs. Mr. Johnson stated that is correct but look at page 2 which gives a 6 month warranty. Mr. Glab asked how long do they estimate if we opt to repair the existing generator will it take. Mr. Johnson stated they will actually pull the generator from the site and take it to Gibsonia and the technicians tells him it should not be greater than 3 weeks.

SMOKE TESTING SEWER SYSTEM – EAST ALLEY AREA

Mr. Johnson stated that he has proposals for Smoke testing the sanitary system around East alley and he also has provided a quote for GIS engineering services to do a borough wide GIS system of storm sewers, sanitary sewers, streets and aerial photography. Mr. Bittner asked council to look at the smoke testing quote and he'd like to vote on this one at the next meeting. He asked council to take a look at the GIS quote and told Ryan in the meantime he can check from the University on any help we can receive on that one.

MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. DURDINES

Mr. Bittner went back to the Mayor's report and asked if he has anything for this evening. Mr. Durdines reminded everyone about the parking restrictions we will have on Saturday. As everyone knows the Homecoming Parade is Saturday the parking restrictions will affect everyone in the business district. Approximately 3:00 in the morning the officers will begin bagging the meters so essentially there is not parking there but if you are parked there you will not get ticketed until about 9:00 am in the morning. So by 9:00 am get your car off the street but come 10:00 am if your car is still there on the parade route you can go get it at Weld's Towing after the parade because that is where it will be. Between 10:30 and 11:00 am the streets will begin being closed and it will be a rolling road closure but at 11:30 they will all be closed. It is from Union Street; Second, Third, Wood, Green, and the alleys in between there will also be

closed. We will have officers at those intersections to aid in moving the traffic. We hope to have a safe Homecoming.

Mayor stated regarding the incident that happened last night the police have some solid suspects and some good information but it is an ongoing investigation so if anybody that thinks that they saw or heard something let the local police know. Our officers are working hard and he is confident there will be a resolution to it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Agrafiotis requested an executive session after the meeting to go over some legal issues.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

JIM MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex stated this meeting went rather quickly tonight and he feels safe walking around California and if council wants to honor Mr. Dochinez they might want to make this driveway to the borough building Dochinez Way. He told everyone to have a Happy Halloween.

CREIGHTON RABS

Mr. Rabs stated that he lives in the borough and has a couple of topics to discuss. The first regarding the shooting last night and the robbery last week and he doesn't agree with Mr. Maddiex about feeling safe walking around town. He thinks there needs to be more emphasis on patrolling the immediate neighborhoods where the majority of off campus housing is located. His second topic is with respect to Homecoming and he used to live out in West Chester which is outside of Philadelphia and like California it too is a college town. Mr. Rabs thinks that more engagement from the community but mostly by the businesses during homecoming. If it wasn't for the University some of these businesses wouldn't even be in California. He feels that the majority of the students feel that they are productive members of the community and contribute to the community either indirectly or directly and he would like to see in the coming months and years more engagement between the community, the university, and the businesses.

Mr. Bittner stated that Borough council representatives and University representatives do meet on a monthly basis to discuss the town and university relationships.

GROUP FROM CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

Mr. Bittner asked them to tell council a little bit about their group and why they are here tonight. A spokeswoman stated these are reporting students at California University and they are here to observe what a council meeting is like.

Mr. Bittner stated they will report back at the next meeting on the executive session

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to adjourn the meeting at 7:05