

## **Special Meeting of California Borough Council, September 19, 2016, 6:30 pm**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, and Mayor Weld

**ABSENCE:** Mr. Bittner and Mr. Mariscotti

### **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Encapera stated to authorize the solicitor to proceed as is required and as he sees fit on Ruffolo. Mr. Encapera stated the invoice for Lignelli.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Maddiex commented on the garbage contract whether a two year extension or a new contract is being considered. Mr. Maddiex also asked if the street lights will be LED's.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

At this time Mr. Alfano called for a motion to advertise a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan to be held on October 13, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Mrs. Gutosky asked if a stenographer was needed. It is the Solicitor's opinion that at all public hearings a stenographer is to be present. Solicitor Agrafiotis will take care of the advertising.

Motion by Encapera/Gutosky to advertise with all members voting yes

### **ADVANCED DISPOSAL CONTRACT – PAUL MCGINNIS**

Mr. Paul McGinnis from Advanced Disposal stated he received some calls from Dr. Martin that were upsetting to him and hoping for improvement and bring things to light that will be corrected. It is the desire of Advance to move forward and correct the errors in the past. New trucks have been brought into the area and they will be very responsive. Mr. Alfano stated the trucks have had leakage and on recycling days recyclables have been scattered around the town. Mrs. Gutosky stated the dumpster lids are left open on rainy days and thus Advanced is creating a lot of the leakage problems. Mr. Gutosky also stated the office has been uncooperative on occasion. Dr. Martin stated Paul has given him his cell phone number and office number and Dusty Rhoads, Route Manager, has given him his business card with all of his numbers. Now we can actually reach people without going through the customer service number. Dr. Martin stated he has been in contact with Paul with ongoing issues but you as council members when you see a problem that needs addressed please contact him as well. Mr. Encapera stated that lids from cans on streets, lids on street, garbage on streets and pick-ups missed. Mr. Glab stated they need to place the empty cans off the streets or right up against the curb. Mr. McGinnis stated they should be putting them back where they came from and upright. Mr. Gutosky inquired if a customer had a door what should they do? Mr. McGinnis stated they should be able to pick-up. Mr. Glab inquired if there is a missed pick up what happens, Mr. McGinnis stated for the customer to call and they will make an effort to pick up. Contract states trash can be put out the night before. Council thanked Mr. McGinnis for coming in and addressing the issues at hand and the improvements that have been made thus far. Dr. Martin stated the current contract expires the end of the month. Dr. Martin advised Council they should extend the contract or bid at this meeting. Dr. Martin also stated the problems he presented have been addressed.

Difilippo/Gutosky Motion to renew for one year to see how everything goes. Under discussion Mr. Encapera asked if council rebids and Advanced places a bid will it be the same or is council looking at an increase? Dr. Martin stated it is the Borough's responsibility to draft a one year contract extension for both parties to sign and refer to Attorney Agrafiotis to draw up the extension. It has to be agreed by both parties. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

### **Budget Meeting**

Mrs. Gutosky stated she would like to start the budgeting process for next year. Dr. Martin stated he implemented a stringent purchasing order process and for the most part it has helped keep track of expenditures and also helped some of the discretionary expenditures. One of the things that have to be addressed is the overtime in the police department. It never seems to come close to what is actually spent. He suggested looking back over the last five years and see what was spent and budget from there. Dr. Martin complimented Chief Encapera and Joyce for their fine work in the purchase order process. Mr. Glab asked if any information from the county received concerning the new assessments. Dr. Martin stated this could take a while nothing from the county officially. Possibly start on the expenditures for now. For the most part the departments have been very good about following the procedures in play for expenditures. Mrs. Gutosky stated Thursday October 6, at 5:30 pm.

**Lignelli Invoice**

Encapera/Glab motion to pay the Merico Lignelli invoice in the amount of \$500.00. Under discussion President Alfano stated this is for the Hayes property line adjustment . Dr. Martin stated The Hayes have agreed to reimburse the borough fees up to \$1200.00. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

**Ruffolo Injunction**

Encapera /Glab motion to authorize our solicitor to proceed with a permanent injunction against Mr. Ruffolo. Mr. Glab added to the motion for the solicitor to proceed in the manner that is most judicious. Mr. Encapera agreed. On a roll vote motion carried with all members voting yes.

**Street Lights**

Mayor Weld announced that he has a potential buyer for the old light poles at \$50.00 each. Dr. Martin stated the Borough has a resolution in play that addresses such purchases. Dr. Martin stated we have been chipping away at some of the things that are no longer serviceable to the Borough. Dr. Martin will ask Mr. Taday which is greater the scrap value or the \$50.00.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Maddiex stated that on the corner of the library closet to railroad tracks it is pretty dark back there and would like to see a light put up. He will send an email concerning the public hearing.

**INAUGURATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Gutosky thought it a good idea to do something for the inauguration as a gesture of good will. Dr. Martin stated that the Borough is working with the University as part of their Community Day of Caring. The students will be doing general clean-up in the community including graffiti removal.

Glab/Difilippo motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm carried with all members voting aye.

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Shirley Evans, Secretary/Treasurer