

Continued Meeting of California Borough Council, November 25, 2019, 6:30 pm

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Encapera, Mr. Mariscotti

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab added site plan for Perryman Corp.

Mr. Agrafiotis added Victor Paving & Morgan Excavating

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

No public comment at this time.

PRESIDENTS’S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

2020 TAX RATE

Mr. Alfano stated we will set the tax rate by resolution at the December regular meeting.

DCNR GRANT

Mr. Alfano read a letter from DCNR stating the borough was not awarded the DCNR grant applied for in April.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN

Nothing at this time

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

FIRE HYDRANT

Mr. Glab stated he had a request come in for a fire hydrant to be installed at Pennsylvania at Green Street. He stated he would like to contact the fire department for their input on whether it is needed or not. He stated the gentlemen who requested it thought it would be better to request it now since they are already working up there instead of waiting until they leave and then requesting it. He asked that the fire department assess the area up there and bring any of their recommendations back to council for December’s meeting.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL – PERRYMAN CORP.

Mr. Glab stated a site plan has been submitted from Perryman Corp. and they are constructing a 2,600 sq. ft. addition to bldg. one and a 14,500 sq. ft. addition to combine buildings two and three. According to the site plan submitted by HMT & Associates dated Nov. 12, 2019 the building will not have public water or sewage and the storm water management plan has been approved for the entire property and will not require any further reviews or approvals. The zoning officer, John Petro, has reviewed the site plan and the plan meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance #562 and he recommends that the plan be approved as presented.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the site plan for Perryman Company at 625 Technology Drive duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – WELD

Mr. Petro stated the zoning hearing board approved the application without conditions, however they will be required to have a site plan review done by council and there are some issues with the zoning ordinance that council needs to address but he will put together a packet for council. There are some questions about storm water also.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing to report at this time

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

Nothing at this time

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

TENTATIVE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Motion by Gutosky/Glab to adopt the tentative General fund budget which is a balanced budget at \$2,018,809.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

TENTATIVE SEWER FUND BUDGET

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to adopt the tentative Sewer fund budget with income at \$2,030,500.00 and expenses at \$2,010,528.15 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

TENTATIVE HIGHWAY AID FUND BUDGET

Motion by Gutosky/Glab to adopt the tentative Highway Aid Fund budget which is a balanced budget at \$541,790.25 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ADVERTISE TENTATIVE BUDGETS

Mrs. Gutosky stated we need to advertise the tentative budgets for a 10 day review prior to adoption at the December meeting.

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to advertise the tentative budgets for a ten day public review duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Mr. Difilippo asked Chief Sheehan to look into the parking issues at Ash & Pennsylvania because the fire hydrant is always blocked.

PERSONNEL – MR. MARISCOTTI & MR. ENCAPERA

Nothing to report

MAYOR’S REPORT – DR. STETAR

Nothing to report

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Nothing to report

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

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Mr. Agrafiotis stated as far as Morgan Excavating go we agreed to pay them any increases in asphalt and after speaking to Ms. Whitlatch that will not work so we’ll need to rescind that and resolve it another way.

LONG BRANCH AGREEMENT

Mr. Agrafiotis stated there was a motion to tentatively approve the Long Branch police agreement and to advertise it for December’s meeting. However, Long Branch has offered no increase for 2020 and a \$15.00 increase for 2021, and another \$15.00 increase for 2022.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to revise the original motion made for the Long Branch Borough with the revised figures of 2020- \$1,83.00 , 2021- \$1,845.00 and 2022 - \$1.860.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

He stated he will have that all advertised and ready for December’s meeting.

ORDINANCE 568 FALSE ALARMS

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he has revised this ordinance to include burglar alarms for the police station and the police dept and fire dept can invoice directly so he will be advertising this ordinance for adoption at December’s meeting.

VICTOR PAVING

Mr. Agrafiotis stated Victor Paving will agree to the three no bid clause and they didn't bid for 2019 and they will sign a mutual release and we will pay them \$27, 190.00 so the borough withholds \$5,000.00 and once he receives the signed release we will turn their check over.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to pay Victor \$27,190.00 once release is signed duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

No new business at this time

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RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Maddiex wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to adjourn carried with all members present stating aye.