

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, December 12, 2019, 6:30 pm

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

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab – Zoning Hearing Board Reappointment

Mr. Encapera – Knob Rd. Sewage Dispute
Final Report

Mr. Alfano – Police Department – DARE Program funds

Mr. Alfano stated the agenda stands as presented and amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Mr. Maddiex stated in regards to eliminating the DARE fund, those funds should be used to fight any type of drug related crime and not moved to any other fund.

Certification of Appreciation to Mr. Encapera, Councilmember

At this time President Alfano presented a Certification of Appreciation to Mr. Encapera for his eight years of dedicated service to the community as a member of Borough Council.

MINUTES

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 7, 2019, carried with all members present stating aye.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2019, carried with all members present stating aye.

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to approve the minutes of the Continued Meeting of November 25, 2019, carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MS. EVANS

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances as of November 30, 2019.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

ADOPT TAX RESOLUTION, NO. 019-005, KEEPING MILLAGE AT 4.33

Difilippo/Gutosky motion to adopt Tax Resolution, No. 19-005, and keeping the millage at 4.33 mils. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ADVERTISE MEETINGS FOR 2020

Glab/Bittner motion to advertise the meetings for 2020. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – SRO OFFICER

Mr. Alfano stated they had a meeting with the school board members. He stated it is easier to bill on a semester basis due to having to watch the wage increases. Mrs. Gutosky asked what happens to after school events. Ms. Evans stated those are billed separately based on the report from Chief Sheehan.

Encapera/Difilippo motion to negotiate with the school district with the typed terms and conditions per the SRO agreement. Under discussion Mr. Encapera asked if there was any way the borough could hold the school district accountable for not seeking a grant for the School Resource Officer being that Charleroi has secured such funding. On a roll call vote motion duly

carried with all members present voting yes. Mr. Alfano stated the solicitor will draw up the necessary documents for signatures by both parties.

DARE PROGRAM FUNDS RETURNED

At this time Mr. Alfano asked for a motion to instruct the police chief to return funds from the DARE program

Encapera/Glab motion to instruct the police chief to return money from the t-shirt sales in the amount of \$827.00 back to the borough's general fund by the end of December. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Alfano stated the Holly Days event was well attended.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN

Dr. Martin stated the gas company will be doing a herbicide application on Edwards Street in order to maintain the right-of-way, all was in compliance and this is just a courtesy notification.

LSA Funds Request for Pavilion

Dr. Martin stated he and President Alfano along with the borough engineer requested an additional 133,000 to be applied with the Community Block Grant Money for the Pavilion. He felt that it was a good presentation and the LSA committee was attentive and seemed interested.

Emergency Snow Removal Contractors

Dr. Martin stated as in the past he reached out to several contractors that being Slusarcxyk, Maund, and Britton with the only response coming from Britton and Sons.

At this time Dr. Martin asked for a motion to approve the Emergency Snow Removal contract for Britton & Sons for emergency snow removal at \$90.00/hour.

Difilippo/Mariscotti to award the Emergency Snow Removal to Britton and Sons at the rate of \$90.00 per hour. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Morris Distribution Services

Dr. Martin stated he would like a motion to authorize the secretary/treasurer to invoice Morris Distribution Services, a subcontractor of Columbia Gas, for dumping 1,000 ton of clean fill at \$3.50/ton for a total cost of \$3,500.00. This was for the gas project on Fourth Street.

Mr. Tудay stated this is a one-time fee. Difilippo/Glab motion to authorize the secretary/treasurer to invoice Morris Distribution Services for 1,000 ton of fill at \$3.50/ton for a total of \$3,500.00. On a roll call vote motion carried with all present voting yes.

Install Light at Ventura & Sustrick

Dr. Martin stated that citizens have complained to West Penn about that area being dark.

West Penn came out and determined that a light was needed. They will put it up but they need council's approval being it will be added to the borough's monthly lighting bill. Dr. Martin is only aware of the need for one light. Dr. Martin stated he believes this is something generated by the residents to West Penn being he never filled out any paperwork. Mariscotti/Difilippo motion to authorize the light at Ventura & Sustrick with the service added to the borough's monthly lighting bill. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

Reappointment to Zoning Hearing Board – Pat Vitchoff

Glab/Encapera motion to reappoint Pat Vitchoff to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term of January 6, 2020 to January 2, 2023. On a roll call vote motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Weld/Studnicki Site Plan

Glab/Gutosky motion to approve the Weld/Studnicki Site plan. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Mr. Glab reminded the residents that in compliance with the ordinance sidewalks are to be cleaned within 24 hours of the completed snowfall.

Public Works – Mr. Mariscotti

2020 Paving Project

Mariscotti/Encapera motion to approve the 2020 Paving Project for work on Wood St. from Third to First, Second St. to Wood and Liberty, N. California Dr. – end of pavement to Kaukonen, Kalluran, and Spear St. Mr. Glab expressed his concerns about the paving on First Street. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti voting yes and Mr. Difilippo voting no.

Scott's Tree Service

Mariscotti/Difilippo Motion to pay Scott's Tree Service in the amount of \$1,400 for removing two Aspen trees that were hanging over the fence at the library. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. BITTNER

RENEW AGREEMENT WITH SIANA BELLWOAR

Motion by Bittner/Encapera to renew the agreement with Siana Bellwoar at \$265.00 per hour, according to their proposal. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

FBI LEEDA TRAINING – CHIEF SHEEHAN

Bittner/Mariscotti motion to send Chief Sheehan to the FBI LEEDA one day training on February 17th at a cost of \$695.00. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Gutosky/Mariscotti to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ADOPT THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – BALANCED AT \$2,018,809.00

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to adopt the 2020 General Fund budget – balanced at \$2,018,809.00. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ADOPT THE 2020 SEWER FUND BUDGET – INCOME \$2,030,500.00 - EXPENSES \$2,010,528.15

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo motion to adopt the 2020 Sewer Fund budget, income \$2,030,500.00 and expenses of \$2,010,528.15 On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ADOPT THE 2020 HIGHWAY AID FUND BUDGET – BALANCED AT \$541,709.25

Motion by Gutosky/Glab to adopt the 2020 Highway Aid Fund budget balanced at \$541,790.25. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Gutosky thanked Dr. Martin, borough council, all the department heads for operating within their budget therefore resulting with no increase in taxes.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Widmer Engineering Invoice #21910409

Difilippo/Mariscotti motion to approve Widmer Engineering Invoice #21910409 – in the amount of \$527.50 for the design of the relocation of the Coal Center pump station. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Widmer Engineering Invoice #21910413

Difilippo/Mariscotti motion to Widmer Engineering Invoice #21910413 in the amount of \$825.00 for general engineering, interceptor design, generator install, and plant odor. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Advertise for RFP for 2020: Engineering Firms, Code Inspecting and Code Enforcement
Difilippo/Mariscotti motion to advertise for RFP for a Municipal Engineer for 2020. Must have experience in waste water treatment facilities and municipal planning and also accepting proposals for a third-party engineering firm to perform UCC Inspections, issuance of building permits and enforcing the UCC codes on behalf of the Borough. On a roll call vote motion duly carried, with Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, voting yes and Mr. Glab voting no.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & MR. MARISCOTTI

Mr. Encapera stated that being this is his last meeting he would like to pass a motion to investigate resolving with Mr. Pat Vitchoff, developer, the Knob Road sewage issue. For lack of a motion Council will revisit this issue with Mr. Vitchoff.

Mr. Encapera thanked all council members for his past 8 years. He felt that a lot of things have been accomplished and that California is moving in the right direction. He thanked the prior Chief Rick Encapera and the current Chief Sheehan along with the police department for keeping us safe. He also thanked the street department for their maintenance of the roads, the former Mayor Durdines for encouraging him to run for council and the present Mayor Stetar for his cooperation. He also thanked Ms. Evans, Dr. Martin, and the sewer department although he would like to see the sewer bills go down. He also thanked Mr. Petro and Mr. Garlowich in the Zoning/Code Enforcement office and the late Lorraine Vitchoff and Pat Vitchoff along with the late Keith Melenzyer and Tom Agrafiotis, Borough Solicitors. He also thanked his mom and his family members, the citizens of the Borough, the school district and the School Resource Officer.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER MS. MOCK

Ms. Mock reported that the high school in partnership with California University and The National Advancement of STEM Education and the Department of Defense is holding STEM camps every Saturday. They currently have 35 students in attendance and a wait list as well. The last day of class for Christmas break December 20, and returning on January 2nd. Boys basketball lost last night. On behalf of the school district she would like to thank Officer Glab and the Borough for providing the SRO and keeping the school safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT – DR. STETAR

Mayor Stetar had nothing to report but wanted to thank Mr. Encapera for his time served on Borough Council and wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and be safe.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY

Mr. Eby reported on the various ongoing projects in the Borough and he has prepared the necessary documents for next week's bond closing.

Scott's Tree Service – Change Order No. 1 - \$600.00

Mr. Eby, on behalf of Scott's Tree Service requested a motion for \$600.00, for additional flaggers that were needed while trimming trees along side of the road at the Technology Park. Mariscotti/Difilippo to approve the change order of \$600.00, for Scott's Tree Service, to be paid for by the Redevelopment Authority. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

PAY REQUEST FOR SCOTT'S TREE SERVICE - \$600.00

Mariscotti/Glab motion to pay Scott's Tree Service \$600.00 with the funds to be paid for by the Redevelopment Authority. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

APPROVE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BID & REPLANT 6 TREES ON TECHNOLOGY DRIVE.

Mariscotti/Difilippo motion to approve the Redevelopment Authority to bid and replant 6 trees on Technology Drive. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Mr. Agrafiotis stated there is still an ongoing issue with Morgan Excavating, PennDot, and the Borough.

Ordinance No. 568 – Penalizing Businesses for False Fire Alarms and False Burglar Alarms

Encapera/Bittner Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 568 which allows the Fire Department or the Borough to penalize businesses for false fire alarms and false burglar alarms. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 569 – INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LONG BRANCH FOR YEARS OF 2020, 2021, AND 2022

Encapera/Mariscotti motion to adopt Ordinance No. 569, to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Long Branch Borough, for years of 2020, 2021, and 2022. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo voting yes and Mr. Bittner voting no.

APPROVE LONG BRANCH BOROUGH POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT AS IS

Encapera/Mariscotti motion to approve the Long Branch Borough Police Service Agreement as is. If they sign it good if not too bad. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera voting yes and Mr. Bittner voting no.

ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

Difilippo/Bittner motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise an ordinance for the uniform pension plan to adhere to IRS requirements. On a roll call vote, motion duly carried with all members voting yes.

ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

Difilippo/Bittner motion to authorize the solicitor advertise an ordinance for the non-uniform pension plan to adhere to the IRS requirements. On a roll vote, motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Siana Bellwoar & McAndrew Invoice - \$141.00

Bittner/Mariscotti motion to pay the Siana Bellwoar & McAndrew invoice in the amount of \$141.00. On a roll call vote motion duly carried with all members present voting yes.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Maddiex is in favor of the new map. He presented a money order for \$5.00 to cover the cost of his name plate. He commented on how smoothly the budget workshop went. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Encapera/Mariscotti motion to adjourn at 8:05 duly carried with all members voting aye.

Elizabeth Pfrogner
Part-time Secretary

