

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, May 6, 2021

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

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

ABSENCE: Junior councilman Jeremy Beckinger

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Agrafiotis added an Executive session and holding tank agreement for 809 California Drive, and the deed for the two Granville lots recently sold.

Mr. Difilippo added SWAT training.

Mayor Stetar added Training for Officer Nunley and recognition parade for California High School

President Alfano stated the agenda stands as printed and amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments at this time

MINUTES

Motion by Maddiex/Gutosky to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2021 carried with all members present stating aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clancy read the accounts payable and bank balances as of April 30, 2021

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

PRESIDENT ALFANO'S REPORT

FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Alfano stated Flood Renewal premiums for the Library are -Option A is \$7,550.00 and Option B is \$8,200.00 and asked council which they wanted.

Motion by Maddiex/Bittner to approve payment of the FEMA flood insurance renewal Option B at a cost of \$8,200.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Mariscotti who abstained.

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTION- \$4,961.00

Mr. Alfano stated we have our MMVTA contribution for 2021 which is \$4,961.00.

Motion by Mariscotti/Glab to pay the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority contribution in the amount of \$4,961.00 carried on a roll call vote with all members voting yes except Mr. Difilippo and Mrs. Gutosky who voted no.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN UPDATES

Dr. Martin referred council to the updates that he's been sending via email but will answer any questions regarding those.

GOOD SOUNDS QUOTE - \$8,687.00, ½ DOWN, ½ AT COMPLETION

Dr. Martin stated he has a bill to present for \$8,687.00 which is the cost of replacing and upgrading the sound system in this chamber per council's request. They need approval prior to start because they need half the cost up front to actually purchase the equipment.

Mrs. Gutosky asked if they are going to be able to improve the sound quality. Dr. Martin stated the gentleman said because of the way the open ceiling is configured we will always have issues with echoing but thinks that the better sound system he is proposing will help with that.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to approve the quote from Good Sounds in the amount of \$8,687.00 and paying half up front and balance at completion duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

LIBRARY ROOF DAMAGE ESTIMATE - \$1,635.60

Dr. Martin stated he'll need a motion to approve \$1,635.60 for repairs to the library roof, \$1,000.00 deductible is what we would pay and we have received the check from our insurance carrier in the amount of \$635.60. He stated again this is to be paid ½ up front and balance at completion.

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to approve the quote from Burns & Scala Roofing Company and pay half down and balance at completion duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. MADDIEX UPDATES

Mr. Maddiex stated he asked Mike to provide a short report on the status of rental inspections.

BONGIORNO SUBDIVISION PLAN #2

Mr. Maddiex stated Mr. Petro provided him information on this. He stated that Mr. Petro and Mr. Eby have reviewed and are recommending approval of the Bongiorno plan #2 located at 289 California Drive dated April 30, 2020 and the subdivision is to create a separate tax parcel and also creating a 50' private right -of-way.

Motion by Maddiex/Mariscotti to approve the Bongiorno subdivision plan #2 dated April 30, 2021 with the conditions that; 1. The subdivision be approved and reviewed by the Washington County Planning Commission, 2. That the subdivision be reviewed and approved by the borough engineer, and 3. The revised subdivision will be reviewed and approved by the Borough Solicitor duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – MAY 27, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Mr. Petro stated there will be a conditional use hearing held via zoom on May 27th at 6:00 pm to hear an application from Viasat, Inc. to install a wireless communication tower near 149 Poplar Drive.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. BITTNER UPDATES:

Mr. Bittner stated the Street Dept. have been checking on that sidewalk at Third and Wood and ready to get that done. He and Jeff have looked over the roads and came up with a new list to pave this year.

SUMMER BIDS

Mr. Bittner read the summer bids, attached to these minutes, and made the following motion; Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to approve the summer bids for a total of \$65,726.00 carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Regular Meeting: 5/13/2021

Summer Bids: 2021 Washington County Joint Municipal Purchasing

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>EST. QTY.</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
B2	SUPERPAVE 9.5 MM WEAR COURSE ID-2	Golden Eagle Construction 850 North Gallatin Ave. Ext. Uniontown, PA 15401 T-724-437-8663	200 TONS	\$59.00/Ton FOB PLANT	11,800.00

B4	SUPERPAVE 19.0MM WEARING COURSE		Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc. 2200 Springfield Pike Connellsville, PA 15425 T- 724-626-0080	150 TONS	\$54.00 /TON FOB PLANT	8,100.00
B5	SUPERPAVE 19.0MM BINDER COURSE		Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	150 TONS	\$54.00/TON FOB PLANT	8,100.00
B6	SUPERPAVE 25.0MM BINDER COURSE		Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	50 Ton	\$52.00/TON FOB PLANT	2,600.00
C1	AASHTO #8	1B	Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc. 850 North Gallatin Ave. Ext. Uniontown, PA 15401 724-437-8663	100 Ton	\$25.00/T DELIVERED	2,500.00
C2	#2 A		Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc.	500 Ton	\$17.50/T DELIVERED	8,750.00
C3	AASHTO #57	2B	Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc.	200 Ton	\$20.00/T DELIVERED	4,000.00
C4	AASHTO #67	#2	Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc.	100 Ton	\$20.50/T DELIVERED	2,050.00
C5	AASHTO #4		Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc.	100 Ton	\$19.50/T DELIVERED	1,950.00
D2	R4 ROCK LINING (RIP Rap)		Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc.	100 ton	\$21.50/T DELIVERED	2,150.00
D3	R5 ROCK LINING (RIP Rap)		Hanson Aggregates	100 ton	\$25.63/T DELIVERED	2,563.00
D4	R6 ROCK LINING (RIP Rap)		Hanson Aggregates	100 ton	\$27.13/T DELIVERED	2,713.00
E3	24" METAL PIPE CORRUGATED		Chemung Supply 2420 Corning Rd., P.O. Box 527 Elmire, NY 14902 T- 607-733-5506	200 Feet	\$28.00/Ft. DELIVERED	5,600.00
F2	15" PLASTIC PIPE CORRUGATED- SMOOTH INT.		Culverts 330 Pittsburgh St. Corapolis, PA 15108 T- 412-262-3444	200 Feet	\$8.50/Ft. DELIVERED	1,700.00
F3	18" PLASTIC PIPE CORRUGATED - SMOOTH INT.		Culverts	100 Feet	11.50/ Ft. DELIVERED	1,150.00
	Golden Eagle	\$11,800.00			Total	65,726.00
	Hanson Aggregate	\$24,076.00				
	Coolspring Stone	\$21,400.00				
	Culverts	\$2,850.00				
	Chemung Supply	<u>\$5,600.00</u>				
	Total	\$65,726.00				

REPLACEMENT OF TREES ALONG WOOD, THIRD, & LIBERTY

Mr. Bittner stated that he has reached out to Judy Tychinski and she is researching for us trees that could be planted in those areas with roots that grow down versus spreading out.

REVISED 2021 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Bittner stated they have revised the 2021 paving project and Mr. Eby will report on that later.

DEMOLITION OF MANHOLE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Bittner asked Dr. Martin if this is where we will need to purchase a piece of equipment. Dr. Martin stated yes it is called a demolition arm for the mini excavator and Jeff can tell you the particulars he stated it is commonly called a buster arm and that he sent the figures to council via email. He stated in order to dig out the old manhole covers and replace them that will also enable us to do the curb work prior to paving and also for a number of tasks that involve the sidewalk being dug out before we can pour cement there. Mr. Taday is recommending we use part of the Major equipment budget and asked that since much of the work to be done by this piece of equipment could be sewer work that it be paid ½ by his budget and ½ by sewer dept. Dr. Martin asked Mr. Taday to explain the whole rent to own concept. Mr. Taday stated you can rent it, it is under state contract you can rent it to own it and for \$107.00 is your rental fee and it costs \$2,00.00 per month to rent it and then pay the balance at the end of the third month of \$3,100.00 and this would be from Cleveland Brothers.

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to purchase a 2021 Caterpillar demolition hammer #86SSNA from Cleveland Brothers at a cost of \$9,100.00 to be paid ½ by the Street dept and ½ by the sewer dept duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC SAFETY- MR. DIFILIPPO

SIANA LAW INVOICE - #86135 - \$1,200.46

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to pay Siana Law invoice #86135 in the amount of \$1,200.46 carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

K9 MAJOR MEDICAL & WELLNESS RENEWAL - \$1,264.47

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to approve payment to Nationwide for K9 Major medical & wellness policy at a cost of \$1,264.47 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

K9 MORTALITY INSURANCE RENEWAL - \$618.00

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to pay HA Thomson \$618.00 for renewal of the K9 mortality insurance duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

SWAT TRAINING

Mr. Difilippo stated there is a less lethal instructor course and the County will pay the \$1,000.00 for the course and we pay the time of our officer attending which would be Patrick Short from June 14 through June 18. Mr. Difilippo asked if he would be able to come back and then instruct our officers. Acting Chief McCarthy stated yes he could instruct any municipal policeman. Dr. Martin asked if when he covers Short's regular shift if he can avoid creating overtime. Acting Chief McCarthy stated yes he can do that.

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to authorize Officer Short to attend a less lethal instructor course with the county paying for the course and the borough paying the officer's times to attend duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

CLOSE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND AND MOVE TO GENERAL FUND

Motion by Gutosky/Maddiex to move the funds, \$106,087.86, in the Building fund to the General fund and close the building fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEALTH- MR. MARISCOTTI
WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICES**

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to pay Widmer invoice #22103479 in the amount of \$160.00 for Dump permit duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to pay Widmer invoice #22103499 in the amount of \$4,200.00 for general engineering duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to pay Widmer invoice #22103508 in the amount of \$2,300.00 for Annual waste load report duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. GLAB

Mr. Glab asked Acting Chief McCarthy if he knew the status on the printers for the police cars to scan tickets. Acting Chief McCarthy stated the computer systems have been installed in the cars and he said those items were never brought forth but he can get us prices on them and it will save us money on buying citations.

Mrs. Gutosky asked if the restroom is going to be handicap accessible in the pavilion. Mr. Alfano stated it is supposed to be. She asked where it is going to be located and will the access to it be handicap accessible. Mr. Alfano stated that is an engineering question. Mr. Bittner asked Steve if he looked at those plans. Mr. Bittner stated he and Jeff took a ride yesterday and when they came out of that alley he never realized before how steep of a grade that alley is. Mrs. Gutosky stated that is why she is asking. Mr. Bittner stated if that restroom is high enough it is going to need gravity flow for the sewage you will need one heck of a ramp through that pavilion to be able to get to that restroom. Mr. Tuday stated you can't go on the alley's property you have to go on the property that it is built on. Mr. Tuday stated it looks like the elevation is 10'. Mr. Mariscotti stated that may take a retaining wall. Mr. Alfano stated we need to talk to the engineers because it would be a shame to have it all done then find out you can't get to the restroom from the pavilion because you are handicapped. Mr. Tuday stated or they will hit you with a change order and take it from next years CDBG funds. Mr. Alfano stated for the public's knowledge this is a \$40,000.00 precast, prefab restroom that is delivered in one piece and just set.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER – MR. BECKINGER

Nothing to report

**MAYOR'S REPORT – DR. STETAR
SENIOR PARADE**

Mayor Stetar stated he received an email that they will be doing another senior recognition parade on Wednesday, June 1st.

TRAINING- OFFICER NUNLEY

Mayor Stetar stated he has a request to send Officer Nunley to a drug recognition expert instructor course. He stated it is a rare opportunity and only two police officers and two troopers from the State are invited to attend. He stated the training is free as well as her hotel and mileage the borough will cover only her wages. It is six days, May 18,19, 14,15,16,17. He stated the first four days are in Harrisburg and the last two days are in Philadelphia. Officer McCarthy stated this class would allow to her to certify every officer in our department.

Motion by Maddiex/Mariscotti to authorize Officer Nunley to attend Drug Recognition expert instructor course form May 14 through May 19 at not cost to the borough other than her wages duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

CHIEF OF POLICE SEARCH

Mayor Stetar stated the only other thing is we need a motion to re-advertise for the Chief's position again. Mr. Maddiex asked if we are changing any requirements from the last advertisement. Mrs. Gutosky stated they will all remain the same.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to re-advertise for the Chief's position duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ENGINEERS REPORT – MR. EBY

2021 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Eby stated he sent everyone an email with the new streets to be paved. He stated he talked with Stephanie today and she approved the streets on that list for final payment but she did advise me that on Olympic Circle there is petromat, however council has already removed that and made it an alternate. He stated he will make that change and we are pulling Sixth Street off the paving schedule and add School Street instead. He stated everything is on there. Mr. Bittner stated if we are doing Promise land Drive lets go ahead and put laterals in up there before we pave to not rip out that road when we put sewage there and our crew could handle that. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if East Street from Second to Sixth Street is part of this. Mr. Bittner stated the way they are going to haul out of the university for their demolition project and they will use part of that road. Mr. Taday stated we are just fixing some spots there. Mr. Bittner stated we were going to put East Street as an alternative. Mr. Bittner stated that way whatever happens with Tom's suggestion we can address. Mr. Maddiex what would be the timeline from start to finish. Mr. Eby stated bids are due second week in June so they won't start paving until July.

Motion by Bittner/Maddiex to advertise the 2021 paving project as outlined on the map provided to council with change making East Street an alternative duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

SCADA SYSTEMS

Mr. Eby stated your plant operator has been off sick for a couple of days and we did have an issue at Vulcan Village while he was off. He stated there are no call outs on that pump station so he spoke with Ron and it would probably be a good idea to put SCADA systems on that station. Mr. Eby asked for a motion to purchase and install another SCADA system and the price is \$5,790.00 and eventually we need to have it all of our pump station. He stated there are still four pump stations that do not have them.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to purchase two SCADA units at a cost of \$5,790.00 each duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

MOU WITH CALIFORNIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Agrafiotis stated the School District recently dropped off the MOU for 2021 and this is the same agreement we enter into every year although we may have missed one or two. But it deals with the interaction of the School District and the Borough and has nothing to do with the School Resource Officer. Council can approve it if they so choose.

Motion by Mariscotti/Maddiex to enter into the 2021 MOU, Memorandum of Understanding with California Area School District duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

DEEDS FOR LOTS IN GRANVILLE

Mr. Agrafiotis stated back in March two motions were made to award the vacant property, lots 20 and 21, to John DeFranco and the thirty-day objection period has passed so he has the deeds and needs authorization for President Alfano to sign them so they can be recorded and transferred.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to authorize President Alfano to sign the deeds conveying lots 20 & 21 in Granville to Mr. DeFranco duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

809 CALIFORNIA DRIVE – HOLDING TANK

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he was contacted by Mike Garlowich and Ms. Bailey Washnock is purchasing property at 809 California Drive and have obtained application from the sewage council to install two 1500-gallon tanks on that property and as part of that the sewage council needs agreement with the borough. He stated according the borough's holding tank ordinance 395, everything is in order. There was a resolution done in 2010 lowering the performance bond from \$100,000.00 to \$1,500.00. So the agreement does require a bond. Mrs. Clancy stated they already submitted the \$1,500.00 bond.

Motion by Maddiex/Mariscotti to approve entering into an agreement permitting the owner of 809 California Drive, Bailey Washnock to install (2) 1,500 gallon holding tanks duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Agrafiotis requested an executive session following the meeting because he has a couple of legal matters he'd like to discuss with them.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Alfano stated he has a couple of announcements

Mr. Alfano announced that Tri County Borough Association will have a zoom meeting May 20th. Also Armstrong cable is raising internet prices and basic tv.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

HOLIDAY ADAIR

Holiday Adair and she is on the faculty at California University and she stated she's sure council is aware that the University is planning an integration with Edinboro and Clarion but she's not so sure that council is aware of the economic impact of that integration on the community. She passed out a hand out providing information of the possible impact on the community if this integration takes place. She stated the link on the back of that hand out will take you to the website where you can leave public comment.

CHRISTINE KINDER

Mrs. Kinder stated while we are talking about the integration she also provided a hand out to council and stated she also comes with an invitation from interim President Bob Thorn. She stated the integration process is now in the 60-day public comment phase and is proceeding forth. She stated President Thorn would like to arrange a meeting with the council members and she is offering to set up the session so they can exchange information. She thanked council for providing extra trash pick ups for when the students left classes and stated commencement ceremonies were wonderful and due to COVID they had three ceremonies instead of one ceremony.

ASHLEY ROTH

Mrs. Roth stated Riverfest is still on for the 21st and 22nd of August and Mon Valley Push is the headliner. She stated they will be doing a brick fundraiser to raise money to repair the fence.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to adjourn into executive session passed with all members present stating aye.