

WORK SESSION

August 21, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, John Stratz, Karen Flowers, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; Mike Peters, Solicitor; Fred Ebert, Sewer Engineer; Samantha Brinker and Sean Nagy, Engineers. Beverly Wolfe and Rich Flanagan were absent.

There was an executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kali Sodano at 7:38 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BCW&SA/Neshaminy Interceptor Update

Fred Ebert, Ebert Engineering, explained there are thirteen wholesale municipalities that must decide whether to take a rate increase from the City of Philadelphia or to join, pursue and support litigation against this. Litigation could take two years. In the meantime rate increases will start and if litigation happens a special escrow will be set up. Sixty million over twenty years for wholesale customers; 245 million total.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO THAT THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA INTENDS TO CHARGE SUBURBAN CUSTOMERS FOR A PORTION OF THE CITY'S COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN, AND FURTHER, THAT PENNDEL BOROUGH ENCOURAGES THE BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY TO LITIGATE THE PROPRIETY OF THE CITY'S EFFORTS. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

The following questions/comments were made:

The Public Works Committee will have the task to be part of a consortium.

Mike Sodano, asked how much the litigation will cost. Fred Ebert responded that his guess would be \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Barbara Heffelfinger, asked will we know how much we will pay for litigation.

Frank Flowers, asked how long it will take and do we have a chance to win. Fred Ebert responded that it will take two years and yes, we have a current contract with the City of Philadelphia valid for twenty years. If we lose, the city will keep the escrow money.

Fred commented that since the sewer lateral inspection ordinance has passed, he will work with Mike Peters, Private Utility Enterprises and secretaries on compliance to the ordinance.

MS4 Plan Presentation

Samantha Brinker of Gilmore and Associates made the presentation on the MS4 Plan. She said it takes five years to implement the plan. Our most current permit was issued in 2013. New permit will be issued 2018. Application is due September 16, 2017 with a fee of \$2,500.00, which will be effective on March 16, 2018.

Resident's Questions:

Mike Sodano asked about maintenance cost and upkeep.

Kory Kreiseder Dudash asked about trees and the effect on the number.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Winkler reported that he attended the Legal Updates Conference in Harrisburg.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO HIRE RICHARD MERKEL AS A SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Solicitor Report

Proclamation will be completed soon for Ed Preston and members of the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial Committee (13 people).

Engineer's Report

Sean Nagy announced that the bid opening for the 2017 Road Reconstruction Project Phase 2 will be on August 31st.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 8/9/17 FOR \$220.41 FOR 37 W. WOODLAND AVENUE GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 8/10/17 FOR \$40.62 FOR RECREATION FIELD ELECTRIC SERVICE. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

Finance

Chairman Lo Piccolo will send email to Council on dates available for budget meetings. Dates will be selected at the next meeting.

Public Safety

A committee meeting will be on Tuesday August 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works

The borough's sidewalks will be done either this Friday or Monday to Wednesday of next week. Gianpiero Lo Piccolo is working on proposals for the backflow preventer required by Bucks County Water and Sewer.

Recreation Board

Karen Flowers announced the Rita's Fund Raiser made \$110.00 in sales, sold \$187.00 in signs totaling \$297.00 profit. There will be another Rita's Fund Raiser in September.

Community Relations

PECO will be repairing a gas line on Old Lincoln Hwy. between Hulmeville Road and Brownsville Road in Middletown Township from August 28th through September 22nd.

New Business

Council tabled discussion of the letter received from the Penndel Fire Company requesting fees are waived on their renovation project.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO SCHEDULE THE RITE AID FLU CLINIC ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Anyone participating needs to bring their insurance identification cards.

Public Comment

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, third time attempting to get man hours worked by the police department on the Vietnam Wall Memorial (\$1,200 was budgeted and paid for). Mike Peters told him to submit a Right to Know Request.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer