

COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kali Sodano at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement

There will be an executive session after adjournment to discuss personnel line items in the 2018 budget

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: November 6 , 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2017 Budget Work Session
- c. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2017 Work Session
John Stratz added the following to Community Relations: The PA Legislative appointment allows each state legislator to appoint a student from his/her district as a Commonwealth scholar and are guaranteed admission and partial scholarship to Valley Forge Military College. Applications can be obtained at Tina Davis' office at 141st Legislative District.
- d. Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2017 Budget Work Session
- e. Reading and Approval of Bills

General Fund	\$21,951.57
Refuse Fund	\$14,419.99
Sewer Fund	\$36,148.22
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 5,373.81
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 6,305.02
Escrow	\$ 3,832.25

Payroll

General Fund	\$20,031.10
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,195.48
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 472.88</u>

Total **\$22,699.46**

Escrow Bills:

Robbins Avenue:	
Eastburn & Gray PC	\$2,625.00
Ebert Engineering, Inc.	\$ 464.75
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	\$ 742.50

SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

Mayor's Report – Attached to minutes

Police Department Report- On file in the secretary's office

Code Enforcement Report – On file in the secretary's office

Engineer's Report

Fred Ebert, Ebert Engineering, Inc. gave an update on sewer/waste water matters as follows:

Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – The plan was presented to Council the last time he was here, the DEP reviewed it and issued an informal review letter (attached). Penndel was the second plan approved by the DEP. It was resubmitted on November 29th and we should receive approval in early December. This is the first phase of DEP approval.

Supplemental Agreement with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority – The borough had previously signed the agreement. Fred stated that Penndel has favorite nation status which means if someone else negotiates a better term or conditions than we have, we can take advantage of that. The results of negotiations with Falls Township, and Northampton Township will significantly benefit Penndel. After the Agreements have been signed by those municipalities at their December meeting, they are going to give us a new agreement. Fred is going to highlight certain areas that have changed and how they benefit the borough. 1. The agreements acknowledges that we revised our CAP to include unrestricted EDUs for residential and non-residential users. 2. If we are in compliance with our CAP, the DEP will allow us to have additional connections as long as we are meeting our seven year plan. 3. The city of Philadelphia now has hourly flow charts instead of the 15 minute charts previously. If we are over required limits, we would still be fined but it wouldn't restrict us from new connections. They have added bulk customers to the fine criteria, which spreads out the area that would be affected. If we are unable to complete the report on the required timeline, it can be extended as long as the DEP sees that we are doing our best to comply with the CAP. Fred believes that we should be receiving the agreement mid January. There will be a public meeting to review the Agreement.

These items allows us to complete the Act 537 Plan.

1. Projection of future flows
2. Incorporates the CAP
3. Has to approve BCW&SA selected alternatives

Once this is done we can utilize the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant funds. We can upgrade the pump station and continue the inflow and infiltration work. We will receive full credit for reducing the inflow & infiltration. If necessary, we can apply for an extension on the grant.

Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance – Initially there were problems with the contracted plumbers; they didn't want to do the necessary repairs until the inspection was failed. Fred is going to change the form so that plumbers can show the homeowners more detail as to why they have to make the repairs. Three out of the ten videos completed showed repairs that had to be made. The DEP wants to see actual pictures of the clean outs. The last four video reviews went smoother.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant (2nd Round) - The application for the next round of the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant is due February 28th. The parameters of the grant are the same as the first round. The project will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and a resolution will need to be adopted. His recommendation for a project would be replacement of

the section of pipe that goes from 12 inches to 8 inches. The borough would be responsible for 15% of the cost. Fred needs direction from Council to go ahead and start the application process and do the preliminary work to get started and define the project with an executive summary and a cost estimate. This would be our next project before Phase 2 of the former project. Barbara Heffelfinger asked when the grant approval would happen. Fred believes it is May but is not sure. Mike Smith asked if Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority will help with payments for this. Fred doesn't know at this time.

Committee Reports

Public Safety (Karen Flowers):

A swing mat was stolen from the playground. The house behind Karen's was broken into on Fairview Avenue this past Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Finance (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

Council will have the next budget meeting on Wednesday 12/6/17 at 7:00 p.m. Hopefully the preliminary budget will be finalized at that time.

Community Development (Beverly Wolfe):

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO AUTHORIZE YOUNG'S TREE SERVICE TO REMOVE THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED DEAD ASH TREES ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO TADDEI WOODS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Barbara Heffelfinger wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Community Relations (John Stratz):

There is a free webpage on travel conditions for the entire state of Pennsylvania. The site is www.511pa.com.

Unfinished Business

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE #2017-4 AMENDING CHAPTER 390 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-28 OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1469 PROHIBITING MUNICIPALITIES FROM CONTROLLING COSTS AND FEE SCHEDULES THAT WILL BE UNILATERALLY IMPOSED BY NON-MUNICIPAL APPROVED THIRD-PARTY INSPECTORS. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-29 DISPOSITION OF OFFICE FURNITURE WITH THE CORRECTION OF REMOVING THE TALL FILING CABINET FROM THE RESOLUTION. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

New Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE PROPOSAL #00196 FROM LIPPINCOTT LANDSCAPING FOR GRASS SERVICES FOR FIVE LOCATIONS AT \$94.00 PER WEEK. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, did we apply for a \$600,000 environmental grant

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.
SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel line items in the 2018 budget.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer