

## WORK SESSION

February 20, 2018

An executive session was held to discuss personnel matters at 6:45 p.m.

Council President, Beverly Wolfe, called the meeting of the Penn del Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

### Present at the meeting

Mayor Robert Winkler  
Council President Beverly Wolfe  
Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger  
Councilman John Stratz  
Councilwoman Kali Sodano  
Councilwoman Louise Dicken  
Councilwoman Laura Germain  
Councilman Rich Flanagan

### Also present

Vince Magyar, Hill Wallack, Solicitor

### Interviews

Public interviews were held for the position of code enforcement officer for the following:

1. Barry Islett & Associates of Allentown represented by Mike Sullivan.
2. LTL Consultants Ltd. of Oley represented by Edgar R. Latshaw, Principal Engineer
3. Building Inspection Underwriters of Feasterville, represented by Paul Buchhofer, President

No decision to appoint was made.

### Minutes

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 13, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried. (Rich Flanagan abstained from voting on the February 13, 2018 meeting due to absence).

### Public Safety

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO HAVE INTERCOUNTY CONDUCT ONE BACKGROUND CHECK OF NEIL HARKINS AT THE COST OF \$2,800.00. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. The vote was 2 ayes, 5 no votes. Motion failed.

Kali Sodano:

I would like to share something so the public understands what I shared with my colleagues in Executive Session. I think very highly of Sean Perry. He is a great officer and he has a lot of potential and I liken where he is in his career kind of with where I am in my career. We're about the same age, and I hope to grow in my career, but I'm not at that point yet and I think that it would be a disservice to him to put him in a position of power with his only mentor being Bob Winkler at this time in his career. It will be worse for him in the long run and it will destroy

all his potential. It's also a disservice to the Boro because we have two very qualified candidates that we narrowed down to. They have years of extensive experience and we're just tossing that away, and we will probably end up paying the same amount of money.

MOTION TO BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO HIRE SEAN PERRY CONTINGENT ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. SECONDED BY LOUISE DICKEN. The roll call vote was as follows: Rich Flanagan no, Louise Dicken yes, Laura Germain abstain (not knowledgeable), Barbara Heffelfinger yes, Kali Sodano no, John Stratz yes, Beverly Wolfe yes. 4 ayes, 2 no (Kali Sodano, Rich Flanagan), 1 abstention (Laura Germain). Motion carried.

#### Recreation Board

MOTION BY LAURA GERMAIN TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 1 OF THE USE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE PENNDEL WILDCATS REGARDING DATES FOR THE PENNDEL-HULMEVILLE PARADE COMMITTEE AS APPROVED BY THE RECREATION BOARD. SECONDED BY LOUISE DICKEN. All ayes, carried.

#### Community Development

The motion to approve the Amendment to Funding Agreement for the Street Improvements Project, CDBG Project #15-13, extending the Agreement to July 31, 2018 was removed from the agenda.

MOTION BY LOUISE DICKEN TO APPROVE THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2018-2 NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FOR REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND ADDITION TO THE LIGHTS AND POLES AT THE MEMORIAL FIELD. SECONDED BY LAURA GERMAIN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING EXPENSES BY BOROUGH ENGINEER NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600.00 ON THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. SECONDED BY LOUISE DICKEN. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Kali Sodano). Motion carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2018-1, APPLICATION FOR THE PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT TO REPAIR THE SEWER MAIN GOING INTO THE NESHAMINY INTERCEPTOR. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Laura Germain). Motion carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AUTHORIZE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND ENGINEER TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY MEASURES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FILING A GRANT APPLICATION TO PA DEP, SECURITY EASEMENTS, AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE AFFECTED SITE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION #2018-1. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The vote was 5 ayes, 2 nos (Kali Sodano and Rich Flanagan). Motion carried.

#### Building & Maintenance

We received three proposals for the installation of backflow devices at Borough Hall and the Police Department:

K.E. Seifert, Inc.	\$1,735.00
Finn Plumbing	\$1,800.00
DiFabio Brothers, Inc.	\$3,561.00

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO TABLE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW DEVICES AT BOROUGH HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

#### Sewer

The motion to approve Armour & Sons Electric's proposal dated 2/2/18 for electrical work at the sewer plant property to remove abandoned wire for \$1,270.00 was tabled.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE PRIVATE UTILITY ENTERPRISES TO INSPECT MANHOLES DOWN BY THE NESHAMINY CREEK AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$50.00 TO ENSURE NO DISCHARGE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Rich Flanagan). Motion carried.

#### Streets

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE HALF OF THE COST OF MILLING AND PAVING OF EAST WOODLAND AVENUE WITH MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AT THE COST OF \$19,062.50 WITH 4% FOR INSPECTIONS. SECONDED BY LAURA GERMAIN. All ayes, carried.

#### Finance

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.90 FOR RECREATION FIELD ELECTRIC DUE MARCH 5, 2018. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

The following two matters were tabled:

Request for permit fee refund of \$840.50 for Permit #5738, Account #349.

Request for sewer bill adjustment of \$502.67 for Sewer Account #451.

#### Persons to Be Heard

**Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, 132 Crescent Street**, gave an opinion on code enforcement, backflow device, permit fee refund, sewer bill adjustment, Armour & Sons work

**Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue**, sewer line expansion into interceptor, sewer bill adjustment request

**Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue**, donated money for postcards

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30 P.M. SECONDED BY LOUISE DICKEN. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by:

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Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer