

COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2017

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

1. MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2016 Budget Work Session
- b. Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2016 Budget Work Session
- c. Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2016 Work Session  
Kali Sodano made the following amendment to the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Meetings will be posted on the borough website.

- d. Reading and approval of Bills: General Fund December 2016

**General Fund** bills in the amount of **\$51,736.48**

**Liquid Fuel Fund** bills in the amount of **\$3,615.36**

**Fire Tax Fund** bill in the amount of **\$92.40**

**Capital Reserve Police 1** bills in the amount of **\$9,397.46**

**Escrow Bills**

**Verrichia**

Eastburn & Gray PC	<b>\$4,950.00</b>
Gilmore & Associates	<b>\$ 420.00</b>
Pennoni Associates	<b>\$ 477.90</b>

- e. Reading and approval of Bills: Sewer Fund December 2016  
**Sewer Fund** bills in the amount of **\$28,240.17**
- f. Reading and approval of Bills: Refuse Fund December 2016  
**Refuse Fund** bills in the amount of **\$15,021.90**

SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Winkler read his report, which is attached.

Chief's Report – Mayor Winkler read the report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Winkler read the report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

Fire Marshal's Report - Mayor Winkler read the report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

### Committee Reports

Council President, Kali Sodano, gave a quick update of upcoming projects for 2017. The police station renovations should be completed by late March. The Road Reconstruction Project funded by the CDBG funds will begin in April. The recreation field playground repair will be done early in the year before the Vietnam Memorial Wall arrives in July. Borough hall interior and exterior renovations including removal of pine trees and concrete work. Improvements to the Hulmeville Avenue intersection with Green Light Go Grant funds. MS4 work to comply with DEP regulations and we are working with Lynn Bush on the MEDI Program.

#### ***Recreation Board (Karen Flowers):***

Representatives from the Neshaminy Wildcats AA attended the 12/15/16 recreation board meeting. Wendy Flanagan and Kirsten Houser are working on another fund raiser. They continue to sell the Penndel signs. Anyone interested, please contact the board.

#### ***Public Works & Facilities (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):***

The committee is hopeful that the Grant submitted for sewer improvements will be approved for upgrades to Station #2 and work to improve inflow and infiltration. There is a problem with closing the front door. They are trying to find the best way to fix this either by repair or replacement since the door is so old. John Stratz will provide Gian with contact information on a contractor that has done work for him in the past.

### New Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2017-1 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF 24.8 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES, 2 MILLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AND 3.5 MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AS PROVIDED UNDER THE PA BOROUGH CODE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Rich Flanagan). Motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR BIDDING OF THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT RICH KELLER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/31/19. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Rich Flanagan). Motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT KIRSTEN HOUSER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. After discussion by Council and residents' comments, the motion died.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO HAVE EASTBURN & GRAY PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ALTERNATES TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. The roll call vote was: Rich Flanagan yes, Karen Flowers yes, Barbara Heffelfinger no, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo yes, John Stratz no, Beverly Wolfe no, Kali Sodano yes. Motion carried 4-3.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT TOM SODANO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A 4-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/31/20. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT LEO CAMPBELL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A 4-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/31/20. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPOINT KIRSTEN HOUSER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS AN ALTERNATE IF NO CONFLICT WITH RECREATION BOARD MEMBERSHIP. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO APPOINT WENDI FLANAGAN TO THE RECREATION BOARD. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Council members Beverly Wolfe and Barbara Heffelfinger inquired why appointed solicitor Mike Savona has not been attending meetings. Council President said he has had scheduling conflicts but she will get an update.

Public Comment

**Fred Harms, 408 Cynthia Avenue**, do alternates have to attend all meetings, costs of amending the zoning hearing board ordinance to add alternate seats, asked if the pay rate is the same for another solicitor to attend meetings

**Rich Keller, 107 W. Woodland Avenue**, why the necessity to appoint an alternate to the zoning hearing board, thanked Council for reappointing him to the zoning hearing board and inquired why Rich Flanagan didn't vote for him

**Tom Sodano, 126 W. Woodland Avenue**, the zoning hearing board has a system in place if there is a tie vote, Chief not attending monthly meetings, have seen our police cars with windshield wipers on without lights on

**George Krushauskas, 510 DeHaven Avenue**, there has never been a problem with tie votes in 30 years on zoning hearing board, uneven sidewalks on DeHaven Avenue, code ordinance requires 8" above grade for curbs

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO AUTHORIZE EASTBURN AND GRAY TO LOOK INTO CHANGING THE BOROUGH ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE 6 INCH CURBS. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Barbara Heffelfinger). Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer