

COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION

July 17, 2017

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

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

Announcements

There will be an executive session for personnel matters at the end of the meeting.

Ed Preston, Chairman of the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial, expressed gratitude to Kali Sodano this morning during a walk thru of the recreation field property to everyone for the help he received for the event. Kali thanked him and his committee for all of their hard work to make it such a successful event.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2017 Work Session
John Stratz made the following correction to first paragraph under Community Relations : John Stratz announced that PA State Law states fireworks are not to be shot off in a residential community under any circumstances. Save the professional fireworks for professionals with permits obtained and fire department approval in a safe environment.
- c. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2017 Special Meeting
- d. Ratification - Reading and Approval of June Bills (already paid)

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| General Fund | \$27,637.66 |
| Fire Tax Fund | \$ 700.76 |
| Refuse Fund | \$14,734.11 |
| Sewer Fund | \$48,354.63 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$ 8,668.37 |
| Sewer Capital Fund | \$ 1,179.75 |
| Liquid Fuel Fund | \$ 2,010.28 |
| Police Pension Fund | \$ 125.00 |
| Non-Uniform Pension Fund | \$ 125.00 |

Escrow Bills

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| Verrichia: | |
| Eastburn & Gray | \$ 3,428.40 |
| Ebert Engineering | \$ 103.50 |
| Gilmore & Assoc. | \$ 27.50 |
| McManus: | |
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Payroll

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| General Fund | \$26,420.10 |
| Sewer Fund | \$ 2,780.19 |
| Refuse Fund | <u>\$ 598.92</u> |

Total **\$29,799.21**

Pre Paid Check

Check #11478 dated June 19, 2017 made out to Langhorne Postmaster in the amount of \$276.33 for Town Hall meeting notice postage

Check #11482 dated June 26, 2017 made out to Di Sandro Contactors, Inc. in the amount of \$5,225.00 for recreation field project start up

SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, motion carried. Barbara Heffelfinger abstained from voting on the 6/19/17 minutes due to absence.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Winkler read his report, which is attached. Then he read the following resolutions: Resolution #2017-7, Resolution #2017-8.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-7 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE BOROUGH OF HULMEVILLE FOR ITS FACILITATION AND COOPERATION IN THE RECEIPT OF REDEVELOPMENT GRANT MONIES BY THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL FOR USE IN RENOVATING THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL POLICE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY RICH FLANAGAN TO ACCEPT CHIEF SCISCIO'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 2017. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO WITH REGRETS. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Beverly Wolfe). Motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-8 EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO CHIEF JOSEPH SCISCIO OF THE PENNDEL BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH AND ITS' CITIZENS. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, motion carried.

The Mayor displayed an engraved award to be presented to the Chief which reads: In recognition of exemplary leadership, devotion, dedication, hard work and of your exemplary service to protect and improve the quality of life in Penndel Borough. You are a part of our community. We thank you, Mayor Bob Winkler, Borough Council and citizens of Penndel Borough.

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

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

Committee Reports

Finance and Administration (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE HARTFORD INVOICE #350053596326 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$604.72 FOR LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PHILADELPHIA INSURANCE COMPANY'S INVOICE #04026773441 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 FOR VOLUNTEER ACCIDENT POLICY. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND INVOICE DATED JUNE 30, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684.00 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE INSTALLMENT. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO BILL DATED JULY 11, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.09 FOR RECREATION FIELD ELECTRIC. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO BILL DATED JULY 11, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238.72 FOR 37 W. WOODLAND AVENUE ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PA UC BENEFIT CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,240.00. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, motion carried.

The PA Turnpike Commission toll violation for \$67.10 was tabled.

Community Development (Beverly Wolfe):

The surveys and applications returned will be reviewed. More information is needed to see where we are headed with the MEDI program. There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday to review ordinances; one of which is the swimming pool ordinance.

Public Works and Facilities (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

MOTION BY GIAPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AUTHORIZE THE WIRE RUNNER TO PROVIDE CENTRAL STATION MONITORING FOR \$200.00 PER YEAR AND PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND DEVICES BILLED AT \$85.00 LABOR WITH PARTS BILLED ACCORDINGLY. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO JET THE SEWER LINE AT 341 W. LINCOLN HWY. NOT TO EXCEED \$550.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY PRIVATE UTILITY ENTERPRISES, INC. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Community Relations (Barbara Heffelfinger/John Stratz):

Barbara Heffelfinger expressed gratitude to the Chief, the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall Committee and all of the volunteers who made the event possible. Residents and attendees were very pleased with the event. She is sad to see Chief Sciscio leave the borough.

John Stratz reported State Representative Tina Davis has informed us that PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro asked the federal government to adopt rules that will let the telephone companies

block illegal robo-calls and calls which help scammers deceive vulnerable residents, especially the elderly. John also thanked the Vietnam Memorial Wall Committees for the event. He was honored to be able to help with the Memorial by pulling weeds since the volunteers were overwhelmed with tasks before the Wall arrived. The event was something that will not be forgotten.

On Friday morning, John extended apologies on behalf of Borough Council to Tina Davis and Ed Preston for the obscenities spoken from a community member to one of Tina's employees brought on by the lack of written invitations to the wall ceremony.

Recreation Board (Karen Flowers):

Karen Flowers thanked all that volunteered and helped make the Wall a success. The field looked beautiful and everything was done very nicely. She also thanked John Stratz for pulling the weeds at the Memorial. Karen apologized to Ed Preston and Tina Davis for not being able to attend the opening ceremony although she attended later with her husband to read names.

The Recreation Board donated \$300.00 to the Neshaminy Wildcats for repair of the light above the playground. They also paid \$516.70 for the emergency replacement parts at the playground. Someone removed the plastic clips on the special needs swing. The straps alone cost \$112.00 to replace. More rocks and another item that went missing were ordered for the climbing wall, An addendum will be added to the police report.

During the walk thru of the field after everything was taken out, Kali said that the field was almost exactly as it was five days ago before the Wall arrived. There was a bit of matted grass along the path in front of the Wall, which will grow back. There is mud by the entryway in three sections of the grass area that the committee will have re-seeded by Spencer Landscaping in the fall. One of the wooden benches built for the event is going to be donated to the borough. We have a week to let them know what Council would like to do with it. It was estimated that 23,000 people attended the event.

Rich Flanagan spoke to a man that was a member of Warrior Watch that was at the Delaware border line to bring up the Wall. He complimented on how nice the rec. field and people were when delivering it. Rich was proud that they were talking about Penndel and residents of the community. Rich thanked everyone that helped out with the event.

Barbara Heffelfinger commended the committee for all of their hard work on the Wall project. They were allowing people to come in during the night to sit and look at the wall.

New Business

Sean Nagy reported that Middletown Township may possibly pave East Woodland Avenue as part of a change order for their road program. Since we own half the road we would contribute half the cost of the paving, which will be \$20,000.00 to be done by J.D. Morrissey. Their plan was to complete this within two weeks to a month, which does not leave us much time to send notices out to property owners regarding concrete work that will need to be completed. After following up, they seemed agreeable to tabling the paving of East Woodland Avenue to next year as part of their road program.

Public Comment

Bob Skerski, 555 Julie Lane, status of fire hydrant repair on Julie Lane, BCW&SA repairing curbs and sidewalks

Pat Donahue, 520 Bellevue Avenue, big truck ripped wire off of a house, gas odor from gas main leak in front of his house

Arlene Harms, 408 Cynthia Avenue, BCW&SA opening newly paved streets

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, police department hours worked for wall security, why wasn't there traffic control, are taxpayers' money going to be spent on Vietnam Memorial Wall detail

At 8:30 p.m. Council went into executive session.

Meeting called back to order by Kali Sodano.

Kali explained that Council received Mayor Winkler and Chief Sciscio's recommendations for Officer in Charge during the executive session. Both recommend Officer Sean Perry.

MOTION BY RICH FLANAGAN TO APPOINT OFFICER SEAN PERRY TO THE POSITION OF OFFICER IN CHARGE, EFFECTIVE 7/23/2017. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. Mike Smith commented on the motion. He said Sean Perry is a good choice. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer