

COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2017

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

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

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2017 Council Meeting
Bev Wolfe corrected the match on the sewer grant, which is 15%.
- b. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2017 Work Session
Kali Sodano made the following corrections: 1) Add under Community Relations, Council did not approve the mailing of the newsletter 2) Add before the CDBG motion under the Recreation Board, The CDBG Contract was received in response to a grant application submitted by Karen Flowers on behalf of the Recreation Board.
- c. Reading and Approval of Bills

General Fund	\$34,183.38
Fire Tax Fund	\$22,159.69
Refuse Fund	\$15,092.19
Sewer Fund	\$45,543.67
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 725.00
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 1,905.17

Escrow Bills

Verrichia:

Business Card	\$ 18.35
Eastburn & Gray	\$ 1,590.90
Gilmore & Associates	\$ 137.50
Pennoni Associates	\$ 315.00

Payroll

General Fund	\$27,558.61
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,289.00
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 489.88</u>

Total **\$30,337.49**

Pre Paid Check

Check #11422 dated May 4, 2017 made out to Ottinger Landscaping in the amount of \$560.00 for lawn service

SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

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

In addition to the report, the Mayor added that he received a complaint from a Bellevue Avenue resident about speeding on Bellevue Avenue. The police department performed the following studies, which were done at the Oak Avenue intersection:

1. June 1st 0930 and 1030 - Number of vehicles was 50. Maximum speed timed was 43.86. The average speed was 38.74 miles per hour.
2. June 1st 1330 and 1400 - Number of vehicles was 50. Maximum speed timed was 43.1. The average speed was 38 miles per hour.
3. June 2nd 1700 and 1800 - Number of vehicles was 50. Maximum speed timed was 43.56. The average speed was 40 miles per hour.
4. June 5th 0915 and 1015 - Number of vehicles was 50. Maximum speed timed was 44.2. The average speed was 39.28 miles per hour.

Due to the equipment we use, we cannot site unless it is eleven miles per hour over the speed limit. They can contact the state police and have them use their radar. They can cite at one mile an hour over the speed limit.

The Mayor recommends that Council pass a resolution permitting use of radio-microwave devices by local law enforcement.

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

The Mayor turned over a report involving streets and stop signs to Gianpiero Lo Piccolo for committee review.

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

Engineer's Report

Road Reconstruction Project - Notices will be sent out to property owners regarding repairs for concrete repairs and properties will be marked.

Committee Reports

Public Safety (Karen Flowers):

Karen Flowers attended a course in Hulmeville on emergency situations.

Recreation Board (Karen Flowers):

The monthly meeting was cancelled. The playground reopening was a success even with some rain. Karen Flowers thanked Council, rec. board members, Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, residents and all who came out for the event. The signs for the playground turned out nice. The pole will be painted once completely dry by the end of the month.

Finance/Long Range Finance (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo)

The committees will meet on June 14th.

Sewer (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

Ebert Engineering is still working on finalizing the Pump Station design for Pump Station #2 along with the inflow and infiltration removal plan with the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection for final review.

Streets (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

The police department completed a traffic study on stop signs. The committee will review borough ordinances and make sure that the stop signs are all accounted for in the code. A couple of intersections were possible danger areas for residents. The intersection at Crescent St. and Center St. (north) and Crescent St. and Fairview Ave. where it becomes Walker Avenue. They will bring their results to Council to work on making the necessary updates to the ordinance.

Community Development (Beverly Wolfe):

The Bucks County Planning Commission completed the collection of background information, demographics, land use photos and reports. The first step for redevelopment of our business district will be a town hall meeting for input from residents and business owners to discuss future development, which they would like to schedule on June 26th.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE THE NEWSPRINT ADVERTISEMENT TWO TIMES FOR THE MEDI PROGRAM COMMUNITY MEETING ON A DATE NOT YET DETERMINED NOT TO EXCEED \$150.00. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO AUTHORIZE A MAILING NOT TO EXCEED \$325.00 TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE MEDI PROGRAM COMMUNITY MEETING. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes. carried.

This was the topic of discussion at the Community Development Committee meeting on May 5th. They have also started looking into ordinances.

Community Relations (John Stratz/Barbara Heffelfinger):

John Stratz thanked everyone for attending Community Day, which was a very nice day and he thanked the residents for coming out. This coming Saturday will be the Police Building dedication at 10:00 a.m. He has taken care of the issue with contractors blowing grass into borough streets. Another problem that we have been dealing with for two years is the Schoolhouse Court project. John would like to revise the current ordinance to make it more aggressive towards maintaining grass and weeds.

Barbara Heffelfinger also attended the FEMA meeting in Hulmeville Borough. It was very beneficial training and very informative.

Unfinished Business

Solicitor Zach Sivertsen mentioned the following proposed amendments to the sewer lateral inspection ordinance:

1. Amend the definition so it defines sewer laterals to read from the building to the curb/cartway.
2. Required height of sewer clean outs be increased from 4 inches to 6 inches.

Barbara Heffelfinger would like to review the ordinance more thoroughly and review at the next work session with Council. The motion to authorize advertisement of the sewer lateral inspection ordinance was tabled to the June 19th work session.

New Business

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-5 DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-6 SUPPORTING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3368 (C)(2) OF THE VEHICLE CODE PA.C.S.A §3368 (C)(2), TO PERMIT USE OF RADIO-MICROWAVE DEVICES BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,265.00 FOR THE PENNDEL POLICE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT TO JOHN G. MOSER & SON, INC. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

Gianpiero Lo Piccolo commented that he hopes this puts an end to the rumor that the police department could be disbanded in the future as well as the dedication of the new building, which will be held this weekend.

Public Comment

Tom Sodano, 126 W. Woodland Avenue, doesn't support the use of radar-microwave enforcement, intersection of Woodland Avenue and Hulmeville Avenue

Pat Donohue, 520 Bellevue Avenue, garbage and hazardous conditions at 422 Bellevue Avenue,

Lou Aiello, 408 Rumpf Avenue, enforcement to property owners of incomplete sidewalk and curb work required for street project

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer