

## WORK SESSION

March 20, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, John Stratz, Karen Flowers, Beverly Wolfe, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; Mike Peters, Solicitor; Sean Nagy, Engineer; Lynn Bush and John Ives from the Bucks County Planning Commission. Rich Flanagan arrived at 7:40 p.m.

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

### Announcements

There will not be an executive session at the end of the meeting.

### MEDI Program - Lynn Bush and John Ives from the Bucks County Planning Commission

Ms. Bush and Mr. Ives reviewed experiences with Borough revitalization and economic development and what they have done in other boroughs as well as what they can do for Pennel. See document attached.

### *Questions and Comments:*

Barbara Heffelfinger asked which plans they have used. John Ivey responded that the Renaissance Plan is over ambitious. The business district plan can be used as a base. The DCNR looked at the 413/513 corridor plan.

Bob Pellegrino suggested that there should be a long-term commitment, of a five, ten, or fifteen year plan. Question to ask yourself, what do I want the borough to be? Reach out to the community and ask for the public's input. An economic development committee or long-term planning task force with approximately five to ten people serving. A council person will need to be the point person. Traffic engineering will be an expense council will need to consider as part of the plan. Zoning has to be flexible and some may need to be amended. Order of actions would be to draft a vision plan then work on the list of items.

Kali Sodano asked if renters engaged in current projects would possibly stay in the borough long term.

Committee should consist of people familiar with government and development.

Morrisville Borough is having their kick off meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. for community input. Lynn Bush invited Council to attend.

Bob Pellegrino said communication is the key.

Next steps to proceed are: Determine if we want to commit, create the group, engage Lynn Bush to move forward.

County will come and look at what we have now by touring the borough.

Get zoning in place.

Kali thinks a meeting for the public should happen first before the committee is made.

Rich Flanagan said speeding is a problem on Route 1.

Barbara Heffelfinger spoke about past community input.

Dublin Borough has a master plan on their website to get ideas and interest.

Bob Pellegrino suggests having a community meeting not a council meeting to have a public input night.

Barbara Heffelfinger asked if the Main Street Program, which was recommended before is necessary at this point.

#### Mayor's Report

Bucks County is working on a program to show all municipalities' criminal activity.

#### Engineer's Report

Sean Nagy said they will decide by May if there will be enough CDBG funds to complete more roads. It may be possible to add Woodland Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to Hulmeville Avenue, DeHaven Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to Hulmeville Avenue, Joyce Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to Hulmeville Avenue and Center Street from Joyce Avenue to Route 1. The project would be out for bid as a fall project. Six properties still have not complied with necessary repairs for the reconstruction project. Council agrees to send out a third letter with plan of action if not compliant to specify what needs to be done. It is possible to have the contractor complete the repairs at the time of construction if necessary and an installment plan if homeowners' are having a hardship.

#### Finance and Administration

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$688.00 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSTALLMENT. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AWARD THE BID OF THE 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA TO JOE GRAUEL FOR \$1,551.00 AND AUTHORIZE KALI SODANO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 3/14/16 FOR \$145.08 FOR 37 W. WOODLAND AVENUE ELECTRIC. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 3/13/16 FOR \$28.58 FOR RECREATION FIELD ELECTRIC. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

#### Public Works & Facilities

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE PROPOSAL/AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 2, 2017 FROM JOHN G. MOSER AND SON TO REPLACE CLOSER ON FRONT DOOR AT BOROUGH HALL FOR \$2,450.00. SECONDED

BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 6 ayes and 1 abstention (Rich Flanagan). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH J R MICHALSKI FOR \$760.00 FROM APRIL 1, 2017 TO APRIL 1, 2018 FOR HEATER MAINTENANCE AT BOROUGH HALL FACILITIES. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00 PER MONTH FOR MONTHLY PEST CONTROL SERVICES AT 37 W. WOODLAND AVENUE TOTALING \$65.00 MONTHLY, \$780.00 ANNUALLY. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

No motion was made to support Eastburn & Gray to draft a sewer lateral inspection ordinance. Council plans to revisit this next month.

#### Community Relations

Barbara Heffelfinger will not put together a newsletter if proofreading is necessary.

Recreation Board – see attached.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO APPROVE PRE-ORDERED ITEMS FOR THE PLAYGROUND: APS ACTION CO. \$5,167.00, ZEAGER \$1,055.00, GAME TIME \$1,500.04, GENERAL RECREATION, INC. \$633.00 SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO PURCHASE MULCH FROM BRITTON INDUSTRIES FOR \$4,039.00 AND STONE FROM LANGHORNE STONE FOR \$315.00. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

#### New Business

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE VERIZON CABLE FRANCHISE PARTICIPATION LETTER DATED MARCH 20, 2017, WHICH INCLUDES THE ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF THE COHEN LAW GROUP TO REPRESENT THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADVERTISE THE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND OTHER MICELLANEOUS USES FOR REVIEW BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Five council members will attend the Bucks County Borough's Association Dinner meeting on March 28, 2017.

#### Public Comment

**Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue**, sewer lateral ordinance, estimated 4 hours for the borough to be plowed

**Pat Donahue, 520 Bellevue Avenue**, cost difference from Mayor plowing, not happy with snow plow job, sidewalks not shoveled at businesses, handicapped ramps

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

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer