

COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Rich Flanagan, Beverly Wolfe, John Stratz, Karen Flowers, Barbara Heffelfinger, 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 after adjournment.

Barbara Heffelfinger informed the audience that paperback copies of the history book "Langhorne Crossroads of History Samuel C. Eastburn's Old Attleboro" are \$15 and can be purchased through the Heritage Society. The book details the development of Langhorne Borough which includes the Langhorne Improvement Co., which was formed by local businessmen who purchased 620 acres of land for development that are now Langhorne Manor, parts of Pennel and the southern portion of Langhorne Borough. Proceeds will be donated to Langhorne Historical Association.

MOTION BY RICH FLANAGAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 6, 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2017 Work Session
John Stratz made the following change to his Community Relations update to read: John Stratz reported that the Lower Bucks Additions Task Force held a town hall meeting at Cairn University regarding additions. By invitation of Tina Davis he went to represent Pennel Borough in order to find out what he could do to help any of our citizens that might need it.
- c. Reading and Approval of Bills for the month of February 2017:

General Fund	\$20,147.17
Refuse Fund	\$14,415.62
Sewer Fund	\$31,894.99
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,399.14
Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 103.50
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 1,475.68

Escrow Bills

Verrichia:

Eastburn & Gray PC	\$ 637.50
Pennoni Associates	<u>\$ 367.50</u>

Total **\$ 1,005.00**

Payroll

General Fund	\$22,761.71
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,289.00

Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 489.88</u>
Total	\$25,540.59

SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried. (Barbara Heffelfinger and Beverly Wolfe abstained from voting on the 2/21/17 minutes)

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

Solicitor's Report

Mike Peters distributed to Council for review a proposed zoning amendment that regulates certain uses that are not in the current ordinance including sober living facilities, alternative therapy providers, medical marijuana dispensaries, tobacco stores, e-cigarette stores, taverns, medical marijuana growth and processors, and hookah bar lounges. If steps aren't taken to regulate them in certain districts, an applicant will argue that the zoning district is exclusionary. The cost of advertisement of this ordinance twice will be \$528.00.

Committee Reports

Recreation Board (Karen Flowers/Rich Flanagan):

Karen Flowers thanked a little girl that lives in the borough that donated her piggybank to repair the tot lot and her parents matched it, totaling \$50. Karen would like to invite her to any opening ceremonies they may have.

On March 2nd Rich Flanagan, Kirsten Houser and Kali Sodano met with Sean Nagy and his landscaping engineer, a representative from Tommy Tomlinson's office, Tina Davis' office and the carpenters' union. A representative from the I.U.O.E. Local #542 could not attend. Both unions are committed to the labor needs necessary to complete the reopening of the playground. Gilmore marked the perimeter, smaller than previously planned, which will save the borough money. The Board is currently pricing the necessary materials.

The Use Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the Wildcats that was approved by the Recreation Board and reviewed by the Wildcats. The Wildcats requested the following changes:

1. Use of Baseball Fields until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.
2. Security deposit of \$100 is to be returned if not used.
3. No payment for water (Policy decision by Council)

Annual cost approximately \$700.00. Barbara Heffelfinger feels the borough should pay at least half of the bill because it is borough property. Josh Cohen, Neshaminy Auto Painting & Collision, said he will cover the other half. Michael Peters removed that provision from the contract.

4. Add appeal procedure should they dispute the borough's position that maintenance is routine and the responsibility of the Wildcats, they can request review by an appropriate

professional.

5. Fix dates in Section 6.0. The correct dates are: March 1 to December 15 for use and December 16 to February 28 for non use.
6. Make clear which borough facilities are included in the maintenance agreement.

Michael Peters said since the Wildcats are having a Clean-Up Day on March 18th, he would like Council to make the decision tonight so that the Agreement is made before then.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ACCEPT THE USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TERM SHEET STRIKING ITEM #3. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Sewer (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

The award of the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant will be announced on March 23rd. Fred Ebert will be attending a meeting in April to update us on the DEP/537 Plan and general sewer matters.

Community Relations (Beverly Wolfe):

Bob Pellegrino, and possibly Lynn Bush from the Bucks County Planning Commission, will attend the next work session to discuss the MEDI Program. Mr. Pellegrino is facilitating getting Pennel Borough placed in front of the County and other projects. This will cost between \$500 and \$700 from the community development budget.

There has been discussion with local representatives about assistance with a borough-wide clean up before the Traveling Vietnam Memorial arrives in town.

Unfinished Business

Kali Sodano received Kirsten Houser's resignation from the Recreation Board to be placed as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM THE RECREATION BOARD. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO APPOINT KIRSTEN HOUSER TO ALTERNATE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Barbara Heffelfinger believes that the alternate members should be trained, receive copies of all plans, should attend all zoning hearing board meetings and need to know what is going on.

John Stratz said that recommending that they attend isn't the same as having to attend the meetings.

Karen Flowers responded that Council doesn't have to attend all meetings and it should not be expected of the members of the zoning hearing board.

Michael Peters said the ordinance would need to be changed to require all members to attend all meetings.

Public Comment

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, alternate position for ZHB was not on Facebook and will alternates get paid, amount of missed shifts for police department

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, commented on a Democratic flyer

Josh Cohen, Neshaminy Auto Painting and Collision, 10 Lincoln Avenue, donated the bank account balance of \$3,019.45 left after the Pennel Business Association disbanded to the police department.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14 P.M.
SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer