

COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 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 to discuss personnel.

Primary Election Day will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 a.m. in borough hall.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: April 3, 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2017 Work Session  
Gianpiero Lo Piccolo made the following corrections: 1) Small Water and Sewer Grant match is \$36,450.00 2) Dave Cahill spoke in Public Comment portion of meeting not Dan Cahill
- c. Reading and Approval of Bills for the month of April:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$30,085.15</b>
<b>Fire Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$ 5,770.80</b>
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$14,553.80</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$41,256.07</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$13,424.76</b>
<b>Liquid Fuel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 4,424.24</b>

Escrow Bills

Verrichia:

Ebert Engineering	\$ 278.25
Gilmore & Associates	\$ 600.00

McManus:

Ebert Engineering	\$ <u>1,144.44</u>
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**Total**                    **\$ 2,022.69**

Payroll

General Fund	\$23,389.58
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,288.98
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 489.88</u>

**Total**                    **\$26,168.45**

**Pre Paid Check**

Check #11369 dated April 11, 2017 made out to Penndel Borough Liquid Fuel Fund in the amount of \$19.07 reimbursement for Liquid Fuel checks

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

Kali explained to the Mayor that Council will pass the resolution dedicating the new police building to Fred Dunkley, the borough's first Chief of Police at May's work session. Also, a meeting needs to be set up with the Chief regarding cleaning service of the new building since it will be an additional fee.

Council will be walking through the vacated room, previously the police department, before the next work session and discuss future utilization of the room.

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.

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

**Engineer's Report** –

The majority of the roadway paving is completed on the Road Reconstruction Project. Before the paving was started the road was checked for soft spots and the road was leveled out. The remainder of work for the contractor is pavement markings and to complete a punch list on damaged curbs during the course of the paving. Sean Nagy would like Council to authorize Gilmore & Associates to move forward with Road Program #2, which was discussed previously and start looking at concrete repairs that need to be done and start preparing bid documents to put the project out for bid late summer for paving early fall. There is approximately \$130,000.00 left in remaining funds.

Barbara Heffelfinger asked Sean Nagy if Neshaminy Street was going to be swept because the contractor left loose aggregate when they were done. Sean will notify the contractor of the complaint.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO HAVE GILMORE & ASSOCIATES PROCEED WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ROAD PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES:

JOYCE AVENUE BETWEEN BELLEVUE AVENUE AND HULMEVILLE AVENUE  
DEHAVEN AVENUE BETWEEN BELLEVUE AND HULMEVILLE AVENUE  
WOODLAND AVENUE BETWEEN BELLEVUE AVENUE AND HULMEVILLE AVENUE  
CENTER STREET BETWEEN JOYCE AVENUE AND LINCOLN HWY.

SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Resident Pat Donohue commented that DeHaven Avenue was done not that long ago and other streets haven't been done. The process on DeHaven Avenue was micro-resurfacing and it was not repaved. Dave Cahill and Jay Stich asked what happens to the property owners that did not have the repairs done. Mike Peters explained that they were sent another notice and if not completed, liens will be filed on those properties, which can be done administratively not through the court system.

Kali Sodano explained that the contractor attempted to talk to the property owner about them making the repairs but they responded aggressively then later didn't answer the door.

#### Committee Reports

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

The Grand Reopening of the playground will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Representative Tina Davis, Tommy Tomlinson and representatives from both unions that donated their labor will attend. Karen thanked the residents, union members, recreation board members and members of Council especially Gianpiero Lo Piccolo and resident Mike Smith for all of their work and Mike Smith for his help coordinating equipment storage with union members and getting it to the park when necessary. The cost of the donation sign for the playground is \$650.00 which was already approved by the recreation board and Borough Council. Kali Sodano thanked Karen Flowers and the recreation board for their hard work on the playground.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO SPEND \$100 NOT TO EXCEED \$150 FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY. Gianpiero Lo Piccolo said he will make the donation. No motion necessary.

##### ***Community Development (Beverly Wolfe):***

There are some tree issues that need to be looked at in Taddei Woods. Information on a clean-up will be forthcoming.

John Stratz reminded everyone that the dedication of the Police Department will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### Unfinished Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY URWILER & WALTER, INC. INVOICE #39460 WHICH INCLUDES THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CADD AND CD OF CADD FOR \$165.00. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Barbara Heffelfinger). Motion carried.

Kali Sodano mentioned the shrubbery problem on the Rumpf Avenue side of the recreation field at the last meeting. She forwarded an email to Council from our code enforcement officer stating that the only thing we can do is trim the areas on our property ourselves. Barbara Heffelfinger suggested sending them a friendly letter asking for their cooperation by trimming the areas before the Traveling Vietnam Wall arrives.

#### New Business

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-3 OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

The motion to participate in the contract compliance review by Cohen Law Group with the Bucks County Consortium pertaining to cable franchise renewal with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. has been tabled until the May 15<sup>th</sup> work session. Mike Peters will look into how much we have been reimbursed in the past before Council makes the decision.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM COMMITMENT LETTER AND GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$243,278.00 WITH A 15% MATCH. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

In 2015, Borough Council passed Ordinance #2015-3, the grease trap ordinance. When Fred Ebert was here he requested Council adopt another lateral ordinance requiring an inspection at the time of property sale, sewer main replacement or upon discovery of an issue that would require repair. Fred Ebert provided a copy of an ordinance he prepared for Schwenksville Borough. Mike Peters said that with Council's approval he can review the ordinance and prepare one for Penndel. The seller is responsible for the inspection upon sale of the property which would require a video inspection and repair or replacement if something is discovered. If the seller fails to do this, the responsibility falls on the buyer. If the main is replaced, the homeowner would not be responsible for the expense; the Authority would handle it. Council gave Mike Peters the approval to prepare the ordinance for us.

Public Comment

**Chuck Fox, 409 Clarissa Lane**, a hole filled with water in the walkway between fields at the recreation field, two heavy vehicles drive out to intersection on Center Street if it is to be repaved, no sidewalk in front of twins on Woodland Avenue, stop sign ordinance should be done before lateral ordinance

**Beverly Wolfe, 330 Walker Avenue**, Penndel PD sign on her lawn that was shredded, content of blogs

**Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue**, smear letter, DA should investigate Beverly Wolfe's sign incident

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:07 P.M. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

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