COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 2014

Attendees: Sean Weckerly, Council President; Sue Anderson, Vice President; Arlene Harms, Barbara Heffelfinger, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Kali Sodano, Beverly Wolfe, Borough Council; and Mayor Bob Winkler. Michael Peters attended for Mike Savona, Solicitor

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

Mayor Winkler presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Boy Scout Troop #82 for painting all of the fire hydrants in the borough.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING, THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 BUDGET MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 20, 2014 WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY SUE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 16, 2014, OCTOBER 22, 2014, OCTOBER 23, 2014, AND OCTOBER 27, 2014 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Sean Weckerly was absent). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2014 BUDGET MEETING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Kali Sodano was absent). The ayes, carried.

Announcements
Tomorrow is Election Day. Please come out to vote.

Helen Martin, a 38-year member of the Penndel Borough Zoning Hearing Board, has resigned for personal reasons.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HELEN MARTIN FROM THE PENNDEL BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPOINT STEPHEN LOWE TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF HELEN MARTIN'S TERM . SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

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

The Mayor will be starting his annual Food Drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations of food or funds can be dropped off at Borough Hall. There is also a Toys for Tots box here at borough hall for donations.

Chief's Report- which is on file in the secretary's office.

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

Solicitor's Report

The Borough is presently working on amending the floodplain ordinance. We are required to amend the ordinance by federal guidelines to participate in the flood insurance program. Minor changes will be made to bring it up to date. After Borough Council reviews the changes, the federal government needs to approve it.

Council has for consideration tonight two ordinances amending the definition of the term spouse in both the police pension plan and employees' pension plan, which will be discussed under "New Business".

Committee Reports

Building and Maintenance (Arlene Harms):

The new fence between the parking lot and the shed at borough hall will be installed this week.

Ordinance (Arlene Harms):

The committee will meet next week to review the ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places, which will include the recreation field and the sewer lateral inspection ordinance.

Finance (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

Wednesday will be the next budget meeting, which brings them to about a dozen, to balance the 2015 budget.

An Earned Income Tax was discussed at a couple of borough meetings. Some of our neighboring municipalities have been considering this tax. This has been researched by past councils and the Long Range Finance Committee. There is still more information that needs to be gathered before possible implementation. The income in the first year of enactment is hard to predict. The receipts from the first year's revenues will determine what we can expect for the following year. The committee will research this further in the beginning of next year. Other municipalities that have implemented the EIT receive more in earned income tax than they do from real estate taxes.

Community Development (Kali Sodano):

Kali submitted the final report for the PECO/Green Region Grant, which is on file if anyone would like to review it.

On October 23rd, PennDot announced the awardees of the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant. Penndel Borough was not on the list

Community Relations (Kali Sodano):

The borough's Facebook page continues to do well at Facebook.com\penndelborough. News and local events continue to be posted on the site.

Open Space (Kali Sodano):

There is a sign down at the Taddei Woods property, which will be looked into and repaired as soon as possible.

Police (Sue Anderson):

Negotiations with the police officers are finished and they have reached an agreement. Borough Solicitor needs to prepare the contract, which will be signed by Council before the first of the year.

Reading and Approval of Bills

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014:
General Fund bills in the amount of **$49,463.39**
Liquid Fuel Fund bills in the amount of **$477.69**
Capital Reserve/Park Avenue bills in the amount of **$1,757.35**
Capital Reserve/Recycle bill in the amount of **$333.45**

Escrow Bills

McManus:
Urwiler & Walter, Inc. **$ 135.00**
DiCicco:
Urwiler & Walter, Inc. **$ 162.50**
Robbins Avenue:
Urwiler & Walter, Inc. **$ 960.00**

SECONDED BY SUE ANDERSON. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014:
Sewer Fund bills in the amount of **$40,647.44**
SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014:
Refuse Fund bills in the amount of **$13,617.45**
SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

New Business

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2014-2 AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “SPOUSE” IN SECTION 1.8C OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL EMPLOYEES’ PENSION PLAN. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2014-3 AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “SPOUSE” IN SECTION 1.8C OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL POLICE PENSION PLAN. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO REVIEW BRISTOL BOROUGH’S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN SEEKING A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT CONCERNNG ELIGIBILITY FOR CASINO FUNDING AS CONTIGUOUS MUNICIPALITIES. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. Arlene Harms would like to discuss this further with Borough Council.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO TABLE THE MOTION TO REVIEW BRISTOL BOROUGH’S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN SEEKING A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT CONCERNNG ELIGIBILITY FOR CASINO FUNDING AS CONTIGUOUS MUNICIPALITIES. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET UPON COMPLETION BY THE BOROUGH SECRETARY. SECONDED BY SUE ANDERSON. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2015 TAX ORDINANCE UPON COMPLETION OF THE BUDGET AND DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF MILLAGE THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, sewer easement for sewer line from Manhole #49 down, anything new with letter in mailboxes

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, document that was placed in Council's mailboxes and protecting information

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, bid opening for the LeGrande Avenue, forensic audit

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:08 P.M. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer