

COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, Rich Flanagan, John Stratz, Karen Flowers, Beverly Wolfe, 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 followed by a moment of silence for the Los Vegas massacre.

The Mayor swore in three new part-time police patrolmen: Officer Kevin Spotts, Officer Michael Riccio and Officer Daniel Darnley.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: September 5 , 2017 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2017 Work Session
Beverly Wolfe added to the Public Comment section: Dave Cahill commented on union dues and a fence on Walker Avenue
- c. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2017 Budget Work Session
- d. Reading and Approval of Bills

General Fund	\$18,726.47
Refuse Fund	\$14,431.91
Sewer Fund	\$34,069.41
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 2,633.51
Police Pension Fund	\$ 4,475.00
Employees' Pension Fund	\$ 4,525.00
Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 2,687.89
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 69.52
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,023.65

Escrow Bills:

Verrichia:

Eastburn & Gray PC	\$ 187.50
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	\$ 120.00

Payroll

General Fund	\$19,165.21
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,744.36
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 591.10</u>

Total **\$22,500.67**

SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

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

Police Department 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 reports for the months of August and September, which are on file in the secretary's office.

Engineer's Report

The pre-construction meeting was held last week. Construction will start next week; they expect it to take three days to complete the work.

Barbara Heffelfinger commented that letters notifying the property owners should be sent out. Sean Nagy said that is not part of the contract with General Asphalt.

Committee Reports

Before committees gave their monthly reports, Kali Sodano distributed a committee listing of members and duties of the individual committees.

Recreation Board (Karen Flowers):

The Board's Chili Contest will be held on October 14th at the recreation field from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in entering the contest, can bring a crock pot of chili. There will be prizes for winners, games and face painting.

Finance & Administration (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

The first budget meeting was held last week on September 27th. The next scheduled budget meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. Council members that have any information or ideas can call Gian within the next few weeks.

Public Works & Facilities (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):

The committee is working on updating the stop sign ordinance. Gian asked the Mayor if he and Officer in Charge Sean Perry would look into changing the ordinance on the speed limit on DeHaven Avenue between Fairview Ave. and Hulmeville Avenue to 15 MPH to enforce the 15 MPH speed limit as posted on the street. Some Council members suggested that it be the same on all perimeters around the school.

Barbara Heffelfinger commented that the ordinance committee should be working on the ordinances from the information provided by the committee. Kali said that there is no ordinance committee. Each committee should work on ordinances that affect their committee. Barbara disputed that there is a committee just to work on ordinances.

Gian Lo Piccolo plans on having a committee meeting with John Stratz and Fred Ebert to discuss sewer matters.

The PA Borough's Association has declared Wednesday, November 15th is Recycle Day.

Community Development (Rich Flanagan):

Rich Flanagan asked why he was not invited to the phone conference that Bev Wolfe had with Bob Pellegrino about the revitalization committee applications.

Beverly Wolfe thanked the Activities Committee for the Seniors' dinner held last week.

Community Relations (John Stratz):

John Stratz thanked Tina Davis for the shredding event she held last Saturday. They also collected non-perishable food items for a food pantry in Pennndel.

Unfinished Business

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-26 CREATING THE BOROUGH REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BUCKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Rich Flanagan). The ayes carried.

Kali Sodano said twelve applications were submitted for the committee. It is an advisory board with 2 council liaisons from Council, business members and residents. Beverly Wolfe gave Council recommendations based on her communications/meetings with Bob Pellegrino and staff at the Bucks County Planning Commission weeks prior to this meeting.

Rich Flanagan asked why he was not invited to the meeting with Bob Pellegrino since he is on the Community Development Committee also. Bev responded that when the applications came in, they were scanned and sent to Bob for review. She then had a phone conference with him to discuss his recommendations for the committee. The entire Council was given a copy of the result of that meeting. She explained that all of the communication on the MEDI Program was between herself, Bob Pellegrino and the Bucks County personnel. She apologized if he was offended but it was difficult scheduling a meeting with Bob Pellegrino and they needed to get things moving on this. The BCPC wants to present the results from the open house to the new committee. This project goes above and beyond the duties of the Community Development Committee.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPOINT GARY NICKERSON TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO APPOINT JOSH COHEN TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPOINT SHARON O'CONNELL TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The vote was 4 ayes, 3 nos (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Karen Flowers, Rich Flanagan). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPOINT KORY DUDASH KREISEDER TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The roll call vote was: Rich Flanagan yes, Karen Flowers no, Barbara Heffelfinger yes, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo yes, John Stratz yes, Beverly Wolfe yes, Kali Sodano no. Motion carried 5-2.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT AMANDA MIELICH TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. The roll call vote was: Rich Flanagan yes, Karen Flowers yes, Barbara Heffelfinger no, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo yes, John Stratz no, Beverly Wolfe no, Kali Sodano yes. Motion carried 4-3.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT MARK MOFFA TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. The roll call vote was: Rich Flanagan no, Karen Flowers no, Barbara Heffelfinger yes, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo yes, John Stratz yes, Beverly Wolfe yes, Kali Sodano yes. Motion carried 5-2.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT RYAN CONOVER TO THE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The roll call vote was: Rich Flanagan no, Karen Flowers yes, Barbara Heffelfinger no, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo yes, John Stratz yes, Beverly Wolfe yes, Kali Sodano yes. Motion carried 5-2.

The committee will be notified and need to sign the ethics paperwork and pledge of commitment. Beverly Wolfe and Gianpiero Lo Piccolo can schedule a meeting with the County Planning Commission.

New Business

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO CLOSE CRESCENT STREET BETWEEN BELLEVUE AVENUE AND MONROE AVENUE AND MONROE AVENUE BETWEEN WOODLAND AVENUE AND EASTBROOK AVENUE ON OCTOBER 6, 2017 FOR OLG'S BLOCKTOBERFEST BETWEEN 3:00 PM. TO 11:30 P.M. AS REQUESTED BY OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, Ordinance Committee

Monica Mongillo, 732 Bellevue Avenue, traffic issues behind her property on John Dalola Avenue

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Borough Council went into executive session after adjournment.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer