

COUNCIL MEETING

September 5, 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.

Announcement

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

Annual Pension Meeting

The 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the borough pension plans are as follows:

Police Pension	\$ 1,629.00
Employees' Pension Plan	\$18,914.00

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: August 7 , 2017 Council Meeting  
Kali Sodano added under the comment made by Lynda Roe in the Public Comment section: Clarification made between Council committees and non-borough affiliated committees
- b. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2017 Work Session (Rich Flanagan and Beverly Wolfe abstained due to absence)
- c. Reading and Approval of Bills

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$21,502.46</b>
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$14,355.39</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$31,734.63</b>
<b>Liquid Fuel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,772.99</b>

Escrow Bills:

Verrichia:	
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	\$ 280.00

Payroll

General Fund	\$16,784.93
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,195.48
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 472.88</u>

**Total**                      **\$19,453.29**

SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. (2 abstentions from item B), All ayes, carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Winkler read his report, which was on file in the secretary's office. Also, he received a letter from Bucks County Emergency Management regarding the forecast for the next two days. One to two inches of rain expected. Check inlets and storm drains.

Police Department Report – Mayor Winkler read reports for July and August, which are 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

Received 17 resumes so far for Chief of Police position. The notice will be up for a couple more weeks.

#### Engineer's Report

The bid opening for Phase 2 of the 2017 Road Reconstruction Project was on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Five bids were received. The low bid was from General Asphalt for \$148,786.50 base bid and alternate bid, which is within the project's budget.

Barbara Heffelfinger asked about the bidding process that was used. Sean Nagy explained that they used the online bidding process with PennBid. The project is posted on the site; contractors can go in, look at the project and bid online.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PENNDEL 2017 CDBG FALL ROAD PROGRAM TO GENERAL ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$148,786.50 FOR ALL ITEMS UNDER THE BASE BID AND THE ALTERNATE BID. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

John Stratz asked that the contractor be careful with the seams and to make sure there are no potholes in the areas of 510 and 520 DeHaven Avenue.

#### Committee Reports

##### ***Public Safety (Karen Flowers):***

The committee met with Officer in Charge Sean Perry. Karen Flowers said she would like to have meetings more often.

Richard Schramm, President of the Penndel Fire Co. invited the Public Safety Committee to meet and discuss the permit fee waiver request. Rich reviewed the report with the Board and gave them a written copy of the project, which was forwarded to Council.

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

Police Officers have requested that every other bush around the pavilion be removed so they can see when kids are hiding behind them during routine patrols of the property.

There will be a Recreation Board Fund Raiser at Rita's Water Ice on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the memorial field.

Domenic Frascella from the Neshaminy Wildcats attended the meeting and said the fire at the snack stand was contained to a fryer and no damage was done. They may use a trailer for item storage. The next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.

***Finance (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):***

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2018 BUDGET MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 9/27/17, 10/25/17, 11/14/17, 11/29/17, 12/6/17 AND 12/13/17. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Barbara Heffelfinger). Motion carried.

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

Beverly Wolfe asked finance chairman about possibly pursuing LED street lights again. He responded that it would not be cost effective.

Mrs. Wolfe also suggested that we look into water/sewer line insurance coverage through Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority for borough properties.

***Community Relations (John Stratz/Barbara Heffelfinger):***

John Stratz reminded Council that the Borough's Association is holding a webinar on Municipal Budgeting 101 on September 20, 2017.

The Rite Aid Flu Clinic will be on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at borough hall for employees and the public.

The Heritage Society, working along with the Langhorne Rotary, will be accepting donations for Hurricane Harvey. Payments can be made to the Pennel Heritage Society and will be turned over to the Langhorne Rotary or can be made directly to the Langhorne Rotary.

**Unfinished Business**

Community Development Chairperson, Beverly Wolfe distributed meeting notes from a phone conference with consultant Bob Pellegrino on forming a Revitalization Committee. This included recommendations for members to be appointed to the committee.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO CREATE A REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE AND HAVE BOROUGH SOLICITOR DRAFT A RESOLUTION. COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN NINE MEMBERS. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

Council President reported the Pennel Fire Department is starting their renovation project shortly after Labor Day and plan to complete Phase 1 by 12/31/17. Council received an outline of the project from Rich Schramm. All funding for Phase 1 was raised by the department. They are seeking grant opportunities for the remainder of the project. The phases are as follows:

**Phase 1** – Renovate 1<sup>st</sup> floor area to include Dayroom, Kitchen, Rest Rooms and Showers

**Phase 2** – Renovate and Reconfigure former Banquet Hall space (approximately 3,600 sq. ft) to accommodate Administrative and Emergency Operations Offices, Meeting/Training Room, Bunk Rooms, and Workout Room for members

**Phase 3** – Design Clear Span Apparatus Bays, Relocate Boiler Room and Electrical Control Room and Update HVAC System and Relocate and Replace Emergency Generator from current location inside of Boiler Room to an outside location. Demo Existing Apparatus Bays, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of old building, and Hose Tower to make space for Clear Span Apparatus Bays

They are incorporating a recruitment project into this project. If there are living facilities in the building they can house out of town college students that want to take part in the fire department.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR ALL THREE PHASES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MODERNIZATION PROJECT. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

There was a brief discussion between Dave Preston, member of the Vietnam Traveling Wall Committee, and Barbara Heffelfinger regarding the memorabilia, cards and various items left by family and friends of loved ones whose names were on the wall and the possibility of a time capsule for the memorial field.

#### Special Presentation

Council President Kali Sodano asked the Vietnam Traveling Wall Committee to come up to the front of the room as she read the following Resolutions/Proclamations to committee members:

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-10, PROCLAMATION #2017-1 A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, EXPRESSING ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO ED PRESTON FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; PROCLAIMING THE THIRD SATURDAY IN JULY TO BE "VETERANS' REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-11, PROCLAMATION #2017-2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY ALEXANDRIA SCHNEIDER, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-12, PROCLAMATION #2017-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY CAROL BEAUCHAMP, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-13, PROCLAMATION #2017-4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY DALE

WALTON, JR., FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-14, PROCLAMATION #2017-5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY DAVE PRESTON, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-15, PROCLAMATION #2017-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY GREG WOODROW, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-16, PROCLAMATION #2017-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY LORI MUSCATO, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-17, PROCLAMATION #2017-8 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY MIKE SODANO, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-18, PROCLAMATION #2017-9 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY PAUL SCHNEIDER, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO

BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-19, PROCLAMATION #2017-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY PAUL SHANAHAN, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-20, PROCLAMATION #2017-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY RAY MONGILLO, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-21, PROCLAMATION #2017-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY RICH RUSH, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-22, PROCLAMATION #2017-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY TOM PRESTON, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-23, PROCLAMATION #2017-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY VICKIE McLENDON, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR

INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-24, PROCLAMATION #2017-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY VINCE MUSCATO, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-25, PROCLAMATION #2017-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WALL IN BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY WALT DAVIDSON, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S, AND THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL, EFFORTS TO BRING THE VIETNAM TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL TO PENNDEL BOROUGH; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

**Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue**, cost for streets to be repaved

**Monica Mongillo, 732 Bellevue Avenue**, activity at the end of John Dalola Avenue and storm water issues

**Ray Mongillo, Langhorne resident**, problems now because the Evans do not own the property anymore

**Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue**, hours/pay for the police department to cover the Vietnam Wall event, complained police department door is always locked

**Mike Sodano, 324 W. Woodland Avenue**, Vietnam Wall Committee finances, accessing the drug disposal drop off

**Dan Cahill, 41 W. Woodland Avenue**, invoice the Wall Committee to get police department pay matter resolved

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:01 P.M.  
SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

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