

COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2016

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, John Stratz, Beverly Wolfe, Rich Flanagan, Karen Flowers, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; Michael Savona, Solicitor; Kurt Schroeder, Borough Engineer; and Fred Ebert, Sewer Engineer

Announcements

There will be an executive session after adjournment to discuss PA Labor Relations Bargaining and the Chief's contract.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes: July 5, 2016 Council Meeting
- b. Reading and approval of Bills: General Fund July 2016
General Fund bills in the amount of **\$59,200.63**
Liquid Fuel Fund bills in the amount of **\$1,779.33**
Fire Tax Fund bill in the amount of **\$1,661.17**
Police Pension Fund bill in the amount of **\$1,900.00**
Non-Uniform Pension Fund bill in the amount of **\$1,900.00**

Escrow Bill

McManus:

Gilmore & Associates **\$80.52**

Pre-paid check

Check #10955 dated 7/15/16 made out to State Workers' Insurance Fund in the amount of \$682.00 for fire department workers' compensation installment

- c. Reading and approval of Bills: Sewer Fund July 2016
Sewer Fund bills in the amount of **\$34,062.49**

Pre-paid check

Check #13390 dated 7/6/16 made out to Langhorne Postmaster in the amount of \$131.08 for 2nd quarter billing postage

- d. Reading and approval of Bills: Refuse Fund July 2016
Refuse Fund bills in the amount of **\$14,723.60**

Pre-paid check

Check #2074 dated 7/6/16 made out to Langhorne Postmaster in the amount of \$131.08 for 2nd quarter billing postage

SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

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.

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

Engineer's Report

Kurt Schroeder spoke later under "Unfinished Business",

Fred Ebert, Ebert Engineering

The biggest issue is the Act 537 Plan and the Connection Management Plan with the Neshaminy interceptor with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. There is going to be a meeting with the PA DEP on September 8th to share information and discuss issues with other contributors to the interceptor. At this time none of the contributors have fully complied with all of the requirements due to disagreements with the BCW&SA agreement. The bigger municipalities currently are doing a lot of work on this. Fred believes that modifications will be made to the agreement that Council has already signed.

Penndel is different than other municipalities regarding the peak factor. The majority of the borough's flows are pumped and the DEP mandates high peak factors for us which makes it difficult for us to comply. The borough is required to take care of the inflow and infiltration with a proactive plan or they will not allow additional connections and possibly fines. It would affect the borough's ability to develop and redevelop.

The DEP commented that we need a flow monitoring program. This will show us if we have received value from money spent on the system. The monitors will be set up within the next two weeks. He will review data before the wet weather comes in September and after. They will analyze flows through the BCW&SA flow meter to see how close we are to the requirements of the agreement. Flows are down which makes the peak flows higher when there are storms, which makes it more difficult to comply.

Ebert Engineering did evaluations of the pumping stations. Station #1 was upgraded but the flow meters installed are not accurate due to the type of meters and where they were installed. Station #2 needs to be upgraded also or repairs will be costly. As requested, they will be setting up a five-year capital plan on infrastructure of the pump stations, removal of inflow and infiltration, how we will fund DEP mandates. Until this is done he cannot put together the Act 537 Plan, which explains what will be done and how it will be funded.

He explained the memo addressed to Borough Council on August 1, 2016 on the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Program, which is open until October 31, 2016. The program is funding water and wastewater improvements' projects from \$30,000 up to \$500,000 which will require only a 15% match of funds. Council will have to inform Ebert before the next council meeting if they want to participate, the amount of application, and the specific project(s) to be funded. He requests our Planning Commission review the application and provide him with a letter of support before the next monthly meeting.

Rich Flanagan questioned the fines the borough pays for inflow and infiltration. Our agreement with BCW&SA states we pay a proportionate amount of the fine that the City of Philadelphia charges BCW&SA for excessive flows.

Barbara Heffelfinger said she believed that our Act 537 Plan was already approved. Mr. Ebert said that the plan was rejected and sent back because it did not address the inflow and infiltration program. They will not approve the same repair methods that did not show any positive results after past projects/repairs. We need to try methods until we find one that is successful, then continue that into other areas of the system until we are in compliance.

Committee Reports

Recreation Board (Karen Flowers):

Karen Flowers thanked residents and Council members who purchased Red Robin gift cards to help raise funds for the repair of the tot lot. She also especially thanked Recreation Board members Wendi and Rich Flanagan for their help delivering flyers and raising funds. She also thanked Tina Davis and her staff for purchasing and helping advertise the fund raiser. The total amount of cards sold was \$1,480.00 which gave them a \$296.00 profit. The money earned will fund the next fund raiser, which will be advertised on Penndel's Face Book page and website.

Community Relations (Beverly Wolfe/John Stratz):

Discussion on Facebook posting.

Courier Times reporter, Chris English said they will print a correction of reported amounts that municipalities submitted for FEMA reimbursement for Winter Storm Jonas.

Community Development (Beverly Wolfe):

Beverly Wolfe found a volunteer ambulance service grant opportunity for the fire department, which is also for construction and renovation of an ambulance services facility. She plans to meet with the Chief to discuss pursuing this grant. Applications are due by October 21st.

According to Lynn Bush, Bucks County Planning Commission, Penndel is next on the list for help with ideas and services for redevelopment of the Route 1 corridor.

The complaint about the overgrowth of weeds at the entrances to Taddei Woods has been taken care of. Taddei Woods is included on the map of the borough's targeted and planned economic development opportunities prepared by the borough engineer and concerns will be addressed.

Courier Times reporter, Chris English, will put corrected information in the paper on FEMA funds applied for reimbursement for winter storm Jonas.

Unfinished Business

Karen Flowers explained that the motion on the agenda to add the Recreation Board Chairman and Recreation Board Secretary to monthly bank account statement distribution is not necessary at this time. Also they are not moving forward with the "Go Fund Me" fundraiser yet.

Kurt Schroeder, Gilmore & Associates

The borough was not successful in getting the additional funding to do a more complex road program next year as they had hoped to do. They have reconfigured how to use funds granted last year by doing six separate road sections that will cost \$316,000.00 for construction, with 10% reserved for engineering and other costs totaling \$355,000.00. The County has issued a revised Agreement for CDBG funds so the project will go out for bid at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. First a notice will go out to the affected residents that curb or sidewalk repairs may need to be done. Then a more detailed inspection of the curbs and sidewalks will be done. This will give the residents until the end of the year to make repairs. The bid package

will be prepared over the next couple of months. The website PennBid can be used for the bidding process online. They have an estimated budget and scope of work for the project. There is a 10 percent allowance built in to the budget for base repairs to be done. He expects the bids to go out in December of 2016 or January of 2017. Construction could begin in March or April when the weather permits. In response to Barbara Heffelfinger's inquiry about how drawn requests will be made, Mr. Schroeder said that will be worked out. Segments of road to be done are as follows:

Cynthia Avenue, between DeHaven Avenue and Rumpf Avenue
Clarissa Avenue, between DeHaven Avenue and Cynthia Avenue
Julie Lane, between Clarissa Avenue and Rumpf Avenue
W. Woodland Avenue, between Fairview Avenue and Hulmeville Avenue
DeHaven Avenue, between Neshaminy Street and Highland Avenue
DeHaven Avenue, between Highland Avenue and Fairview Avenue

New Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY SELECTIVE INSURANCE \$250.00 FOR ANNUAL CRIME POLICY FOR THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ACCEPT THE COHEN LAW GROUP PROPOSAL THROUGH THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR VERIZON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KAREN FLOWERS TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE "REQUEST FOR BALL FIELDS" AND "USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT" FOR PENNDEL WILDCATS FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY RICH FLANAGAN TO APPOINT KIRSTEN HOUSER TO THE RECREATION BOARD. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO PURCHASE THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM (RECENTLY INSTALLED BY JOHN STRATZ) FOR \$104.68 WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO 20-FOOT MICROPHONE CABLES, MIXER BOARD AND TWO 5-FOOT MIXER CABLES. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

With all of the violence and police officer shootings, Barbara Heffelfinger suggested that residents thank police officers and show them appreciation when seen out in public.

Public Comment

Bob Worthington, 461 Washington Avenue, status of the new police building

Rich Esher, Neshaminy Wildcats President, locked gate at recreation field, playground repairs

Donna Heron, 475 Washington Avenue, absence of fire siren

Donna Straiton, 137 Centre Street, heard drug rehab to locate in the borough

John Rutter, 124 W. Lincoln Hwy., questions about drug rehab

Annemarie Arnold, 131 Centre Street, comment on drug rehab locating in the borough, illegal activity behind her property

Jennifer (didn't give last name), DeHaven Avenue, opposes rehab in the borough

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO HAVE THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR OPPOSE AND PROACTIVELY ATTEND THE AUGUST 17, 2016 ZONING HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED RECOVERY HOME AT 113 W. LINCOLN HWY. ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:07 P.M. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer