

WORK SESSION

August 11, 2015

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Beverly Wolfe, Vice President; Sean Weckerly, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Anne Marie Kinsey, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; and Mike Savona, Solicitor. Barbara Heffelfinger was absent due to illness.

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

Carol Schuehler spoke with Council regarding the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for August 19, 2015 for 110 and 120 E. Lincoln Hwy. Since they are requesting many variances Carol thinks this is a good opportunity for Council to send the Borough solicitor to negotiate the variances requested and review the borough's concerns including tank inspections. Mike Savona feels it is appropriate for council to have legal representation at this hearing.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO AUTHORIZE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO ATTEND THE ZONING HEARING ON AUGUST 19, 2015 FOR 110 AND 120 E. LINCOLN HWY. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Finance and Administration

We have received reimbursement funds for the Park Avenue/LeGrande Avenue projects. There is concern if we should pay back the loan or fund another project. There is an early payback penalty on this loan. Sean thinks we should do a street project. Rumpf Avenue needs sealing and the bad section needs to be cut out and repaired. Other streets have weeds growing on them. Gianpiero Lo Piccolo suggested looking into protecting Park Avenue. Carol Schuehler suggested that crack sealing should be done annually. She explained that after six to seven years after installation of a new street something like microabrasion be done to extend the life of the street. The cost for Rumpf Avenue would be approximately \$15,000.00

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO HAVE BOROUGH ENGINEER DO STREETS EVALUATION BOROUGH WIDE TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH MAINTENANCE. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Gian Lo Piccolo will contact Brown & Brown and DVIT regarding insurance policies. Paul Pugielli is due to come down in September. He will also speak with Bob Pellegrino about scheduling and recommendations for the 2016 budget.

Public Safety

Negotiation with the PBA will continue as well as discussion on the new police building. Kali Sodano has set up a temporary committee with Sean Weckerly and Gianpiero Lo Piccolo to Chair to oversee the new building.

Public Works

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO PROCEED WITH LINING THE THREE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED PROBLEM MANHOLES AT JULIE LANE, WALKER AVENUE AND GLEN AVENUE, AND FAIRVIEW AVENUE AND CRESCENT STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,360.00. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO AMEND PREVIOUS VOTE AND CHANGE THE AMOUNT TO \$525.00 FOR THE LOW VOLTAGE RELAY FOR PUMPING STATION #1. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

A grease trap inspection letter is being drafted. 156 sump pump inspections have been completed year to date. 97 manhole inspections completed, 9 suspected problems, 3 confirmed. An Act 537 meeting needs to be scheduled.

Community Relations

There were concerns by Council about a recent Facebook post that mentioned borough employees.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO NOT ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH FACEBOOK PAGE. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. The vote was 2 ayes, 4 nays (Kali Sodano, Anne Marie Kinsey, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Sean Weckerly). Motion failed.

Unfinished Business

Consultant, Bob Pellegrino, explained the MEDI program. Council will need to sign up, then state issues or intent. No cost for the services. Bob Winkler handed out materials from the recent Mayor's conference on free services available from the state, including the DCED. Kali Sodano said the committee should look into this.

Public Comment

Mike Sodano, 324. W. Woodland Avenue, condition of Rumpf Avenue, why no motion to send letter on the MEDI program, street signs, suggests Council should sit at dais

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, Barbara Heffelfinger's absence

Sam Simon, 126 Holly Avenue, the condition of Rumpf Avenue, getting a PA system, sitting at the dais

MOTION BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

There was an executive session on personnel matters.

Submitted by:

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer