

## COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2014

Attendees: Sean Weckerly, Council President; Sue Anderson, Vice President; Arlene Harms, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Kali Sodano, Beverly Wolfe, and Debbie Gentile, Borough Council; Mayor Bob Winkler and Don Williams, Solicitor.

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

### Bucks County Redevelopment Authority

Bob White, Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, explained the Cooperation Agreement the Borough would have with the Redevelopment Authority for them to try to find funding for the necessary repairs to the sewer system. They have a Project Development Fund to help find funding for Communities in Bucks County. The Authority is currently assisting the borough with the Bucks County Beautification Grant for the Park Avenue Reconstruction Project and LeGrande Avenue Drainage Project.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Sue Anderson). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY SUE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2014 WORK SESSION MINUTES. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Winkler read his report, which is on file in the secretary's office. The Mayor also explained the reasons why he applied for the ARLE Grant that was submitted last month due to the questions some Council members asked at last month's meeting.

Chief's Report – Chief Sciscio read his report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

Code Enforcement Report - Debbie Gentile read the report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

### Solicitor's Report

Usual and customary emails and phone calls with the Borough Secretary and Council

Attended a meeting with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority

We received a revised Agreement with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, which is being reviewed by the sewer committee

Reviewed the Bucks County Redevelopment Agreement, listed under Unfinished Business

Received a request for the 2013 Audit opinion regarding litigation matters

Attended a meeting with regard to the Penndel Recreation Field last week to review storm water management issues

Prepared for and attended a court hearing with Karen Kondrk with regard to a sewer collection matter

Was consulted on a Right to Know Request

Executive Session before Adjournment – Litigation matter is the Appeal of Patrick Stanley on the decision by the Penndel Zoning Hearing Board in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas Docket #96-9213

#### Committee Reports

##### ***Building and Maintenance (Arlene Harms):***

Installation of a new toilet, repairs to the ladies' bathroom and the faucet in the janitor's closet have been completed by Finn Plumbing

Two rain barrels will be installed at borough hall. The committee is currently working on prices for a new fence for both sides of the shed.

##### ***Ordinance (Arlene Harms):***

After review of the pet ordinance, one paragraph needs to be revised. The parking ordinance will be reviewed on certain streets in the borough.

##### ***Refuse (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo):***

There are forty one recycling containers left for any residents that have not picked one up here at borough hall. Kali Sodano and Gianpiero Lo Piccolo will work with Karen Kondrk on applying for more refuse grant funds.

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

Kali and Gian will be attending a Municipal Basic Budgeting class tomorrow. He mentioned the Mayor's application for the ARLE Grant and would like to work together as a team and work on these projects together.

##### ***Community Development (Kali Sodano):***

Kali Sodano spoke to Maggie Cunningham from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. We are eligible for low interest funding for sewer projects as long as we retain the system. Kali is trying to contact Jim McTish of PennVest.

##### ***Community Relations (Kali Sodano):***

Kali Sodano has researched a communications platform for public and private messaging for municipalities and police departments. This site is secure and will notify residents of important information such as traffic and weather issues by text and email. This would cost between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00 annually depending on resident census but is free to law enforcement agencies. She will turn the information over to the Mayor or the Chief.

Borough Facebook page has received 135 likes so far and has reached over 7,000 people. Total impressions are 22,000 and it is going well.

##### ***Recreation Field (Sean Weckerly & Beverly Wolfe):***

Sean attended a meeting with Mr. DeWitt, 576 Hulmeville Avenue, along with Carol Schuehler, Don Williams and a representative from the Wildcats to discuss drainage and clay issues. A solution has been worked out that should work for all parties involved. He put together a sketch

of the plan for Beverly Wolfe (Recreation Liaison) to distribute to landscapers so we can move forward with the project.

After meeting with the engineer and a representative from the Wildcats, a plan to correct the runoff of clay was put together. We are going to request quotes from landscapers to remove some macadam near the pavilion area. The Diamond Dust that is currently around the infield will be removed then be prepared for sod.

***Sewer (Sean Weckerly and Debbie Gentile):***

Debbie Gentile asked Sean Weckerly to update residents about the meeting with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority where her questions were addressed. They seemed to be willing to work with us and offered to help us out with services if necessary. As far as keeping our employees if they acquire our system by purchase or just giving it to them, it would depend on the number of employees and whether the system meets their business model according to Council President.

Repairs continue with the sewer system. We are currently focusing on Quadrant 1, where manhole inserts are being installed. Thirty six were received and another thirty six more are on their way. We have received a quote from the borough engineer on having all of the manholes checked to see what repairs are needed. Our next rain event will help us determine if the inflow has been reduced. Our current monthly invoice was reduced by 3 million gallons. Sump pump inspections have started.

Debbie Gentile distributed her letter of resignation to Council effective August 29, 2014.

***Public Safety (Sue Anderson):***

Negotiations will start this month on the new police contract which will start in 2015.

***EAC (Debbie Gentile):***

A "Riparian Zone" sign will be going up on the Rumpf Avenue Open Space properties. Debbie Gentile thanked Bruce Stoneback for his persistence in completing the process and getting it done. Middletown Township will plant some trees and shrubs in this area. This will help out with sediment going into the creek and will help us with our MS4 Report.

***Streets (Beverly Wolfe):***

The Mayor went to training on Low Volume Gravel Roads to see if we qualify for grant funding. Their priorities are on gravel roads near waterways are what their 2014 funds will be used for. We will submit an application for next year on roads after we can determine with traffic counters what our volumes are. Beverly said that the Mayor sent in the grant application for the signs because we are under a deadline to have the new signs required by law that are very costly.

Reading and Approval of Bills

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014:

**General Fund** bills in the amount of **\$38,757.14**

**Liquid Fuel Fund** bills in the amount of **\$236.13**

**Capital Reserve/Recycle** bill in the amount of **\$333.45**

Escrow Bills

**McManus:**

Donald Williams, Esquire	<b>\$60.00</b>
Urwiler & Walter, Inc.	<b>\$495.00</b>

**Dicicco:**

Urwiler & Walter, Inc.           **\$22.50**

**Robbins Avenue:**

Pennel Borough General Fund/Petty Cash   **\$5.80**

Urwiler & Walter, Inc.           **\$720.00**

**Verrichia Co.:**

Donald Williams, Esquire       **\$24.00**

Urwiler & Walter, Inc.           **\$180.00**

SECONDED BY SUE ANDERSON. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014:

**Sewer Fund** bills in the amount of **\$54,291.86**

SECONDED BY DEBBIE GENTILE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014:

**Refuse Fund** bill in the amount of **\$13,516.45**

SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

New Business

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPROVE SOLICITOR TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY DEBBIE GENTILE TO APPROVE REVISED COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS WITH APPLICABLE STATE REGULATIONS FOR THE PENNDEL BOROUGH BUCKS COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. SECONDED BY SUE ANDERSON. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY DEBBIE GENTILE TO TABLE CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULED PUMP PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH XYLEM, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,650.00. SECONDED BY BEVERLY. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPROVE DEBBIE GENTILE'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE AUGUST 29, 2014. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 nay (Gianpiero Lo Piccolo). The ayes, carried.

Public Comment

**John Finley, 452 Cynthia Avenue**, recent personal incidents with police matters

**Vic Monaco, Bucks County Courier Times**, any results on the inflow and infiltration reduction repairs, tarp for the recreation field

**Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue**, bubbles in Mill Creek apartment, Sparkle Car Wash laterals, potholes on Cynthia Avenue, Marut property structural report received, Lloyd Patton's Right to Know Appeal, Council's relationship with anyone from Building Inspection Underwriters (Councilwoman Sue Anderson explained that there is one employee from BIU that is related to her by marriage)

**Dan Cahill, 41 W. Woodland Avenue**, builder's responsibility for the storm water issue at 576 Hulmeville Avenue

Borough Council went into Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. After Executive Session they made the following motion:

MOTION BY SEAN ANDERSON TO HAVE SOLICITOR HAND DELIVER A LETTER TO THE OPERATOR OF THE PENNDEL SERVICE STATION ALERTING HIM OF THE VIOLATION OF THE COURT ORDER ENTERED BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE SETTLEMENT IF HE FAILS TO COMPLY AND ALSO AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO FILE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by:

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Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer