

BUDGET/WORK SESSION

December 15, 2015

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Beverly Wolfe, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, Arlene Harms, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Sean Weckerly, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; Michael Savona, Solicitor; and Bob Pellegrino, Consultant

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

Announcement

Kali Sodano thanked the three outgoing Council members, Arlene Harms, Sean Weckerly, and Anne Marie Kinsey, for their time served to the borough.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, Park Avenue loan, new budget ideas, employees contributing to healthcare

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, Rumpf Avenue bid off by 20%, unhappy with the Park Avenue Project results, sewer rates weren't decreased in 2015

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, funds to balance budget coming from reserve accounts, possible earned income tax in future, police expenses increased 51% in 2016, employees health benefits increased

Mayor's Report

PECO is looking at the gas line for service to the new department at 37 W. Woodland Avenue. The line will be going in by the end of the year. The heater will also be installed by the end of the month.

Finance

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADOPT THE 2016 BUDGET. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY.

After discussion by Council, members of the public made the following comments:

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, increase of police expenditures, shortfall in police revenues, 2016 plan for streets, traffic citations, real estate taxes paid by specific Council members

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, \$51,000 increase in budget, past suggestion of appointing a Lieutenant

The roll call vote was as follows: Anne Marie Kinsey-yes, Barbara Heffelfinger- no, Sean Weckerly- no, Beverly Wolfe-yes, Arlene Harms-no, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo-no, Kali Sodano-no. The motion failed 2-5.

MOTION BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY TO ADOPT THE 2016 BUDGET. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The roll call vote was as follows: Anne Marie Kinsey- yes, Beverly Wolfe-yes, Barbara Heffelfinger-yes, Sean Weckerly-no, Arlene Harms-yes, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo-no, Kali Sodano-no. The motion passed 4-3.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2016 TAX ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY BEVERLY. All ayes, carried.

Public Safety

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2016-2018 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNDEL PBA SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

1. Delete Article X, Sections (3) & (4)
2. Revise Article XVI to clarify that references to “the Borough” shall refer to the Mayor and Police Chief as provided under the Pennsylvania Borough Code
3. Revise Article XXI to clarify that the Borough acknowledges its obligation to provide conditions of employment which are not likely to cause harm to police employee’s health.

SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Community Development

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT FOR THE \$50,000 GRANT AWARDED BY THE BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Public Works

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO SEND LETTERS AND SHUT OFF NOTICES TO THE FOLLOWING SEWER ACCOUNTS: 22, 82, 102, 119, 127, 142, 159, 180, 192, 235, 289, 293, 318, 337, 354, 380 381, 413, 419, 475, 537, 546, 568, 669, 673, 651, 652. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY SEAN WECKERLY. The vote was 4 ayes, 3 nos (Barbara Heffelfinger, Beverly Wolfe, Arlene Harms). Motion carried.

Public Comment

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, names of sewer accounts to be shut off, comment by Tina Davis about the police department, stamped drawings of the new building, insurance information from contractor, keys to the new building, renovations of new building discussed at committee meeting

Mike Sodano, 334 W. Woodland Avenue, possibility of sewer billing based on meter readings

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, thanked the outgoing council members for their service

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer