

COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2015

Attendees: Arlene Harms, Acting Council President; Beverly Wolfe, Vice President; Sean Weckerly, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Kali Sodano, Barbara Heffelfinger, Anne Marie Kinsey, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; and Solicitor Mike Savona

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

Mayor Bob Winkler swore in newly appointed Council Member Anne Marie Kinsey.

Arlene Harms turned the meeting over to the Mayor for the appointment of Council President and Vice President.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO APPOINT GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO COUNCIL PRESIDENT. There was no second.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPOINT ARLENE HARMS COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. Roll call vote: Arlene Harms aye, Barbara Heffelfinger aye, Anne Marie Kinsey abstain, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo no, Kali Sodano no, Sean Weckerly abstain, Beverly Wolfe aye. Motion failed 3 ayes, 2 nos and 2 abstentions.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPOINT BARBARA HEFFELFINGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. Roll call vote: Arlene Harms aye, Barbara Heffelfinger aye, Anne Marie Kinsey abstain, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo no, Kali Sodano no, Sean Weckerly abstain, Beverly Wolfe aye. Motion failed 3 ayes, 2 nos and 2 abstentions.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO HAVE ARLENE HARMS CONTINUE AS ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. Roll call vote: Arlene Harms aye, Barbara Heffelfinger aye, Anne Marie Kinsey aye, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo no, Kali Sodano no, Sean Weckerly abstain, Beverly Wolfe aye. Motion carries 4 ayes, 2 nos, and one abstention.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPOINT BARBARA HEFFELFINGER VICE PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. Roll call vote: Arlene Harms aye, Barbara Heffelfinger aye, Anne Marie Kinsey abstain, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo no, Kali Sodano no, Sean Weckerly no, Beverly Wolfe aye. Motion failed 3 ayes, 3 nos, and one abstention.

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO APPOINT BEVERLY WOLFE VICE PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. Roll call vote: Arlene Harms aye, Barbara Heffelfinger aye, Anne Kinsey aye, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo no, Kali Sodano no, Sean Weckerly no, Beverly Wolfe aye. Motion carries 4 ayes, 3 nos.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING, THE DECEMBER 22, 2014 BUDGET WORK SESSION, AND THE JANUARY 13, 2015, JANUARY 20, 2015 AND JANUARY 26, 2015 WORK SESSIONS. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

Announcements

The Penndel Borough Heritage Society will have their Soup Dinner on February 28, 2015 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Cup Café. Tickets are \$8.00.

Mayor's Report - The Mayor read his report, which is attached.

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

Code Enforcement Report – Kali Sodano read the report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

Solicitor's Report

We settled at the end of the month on the Tax Anticipation Note. Funds will be deposited soon.

The Penndel Planning Commission met last week and reviewed an amendment to our zoning ordinance. The amendment is required by flood plain regulations for the update of the flood plain maps by FEMA. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the ordinance draft which was preapproved by FEMA. A public hearing will be scheduled for the consideration of approval by Borough Council. The ordinance needs to be approved by March for borough residents to receive flood insurance.

Real Estate matters will be discussed in Executive Session.

Committee Reports

Finance (Lo Piccolo):

During the most recent Long Range Finance Committee meeting the committee discussed mercantile tax revenue loss due to the closing of Bottom Dollar in the Penndel Shopping Center.

The committee will continue to discuss the earned income tax and review other municipalities' experience with the implementation of an earned income tax over the past year. They plan to contact the City of Philadelphia to find out how many Penndel residents pay city wage tax. Other items of review will be possible revenue from proposed Park Avenue metered parking, updating the fee schedules, posting them on the borough website and leasing sewer plant property.

Community Relations (Sodano):

There has been a lot of activity on the Borough's Facebook page due to weather updates and snow plowing. Kali thanked Beverly Wolfe for her help with the information.

Streets (Wolfe):

The committee has been looking into alternative ways to deal with the pothole issues. Beverly will have a report on that within the next few weeks.

Sewer (Wolfe):

Manhole inserts have been installed on most of the borough streets with the exception of Route One and the manholes that are located in wooded areas.

The sump pump inspection program will continue in the spring.

The Borough Engineer will be consulted on a flange at Station #1 that needs to be addressed.

Reading and Approval of Bills

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015:

General Fund bills in the amount of **\$43,536.30**

Liquid Fuel Fund bills in the amount of **\$2,340.73**

Capital Reserve/Recycle bill in the amount of **\$2,704.00**

Capital Reserve/Park Avenue bill in the amount of **\$202.50**

Escrow Bills

Verrichia Co.:

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

SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015:

Sewer Fund bills in the amount of **\$46,704.55**

SECONDED BY SEAN WECKERLY. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015:

Refuse Fund bills in the amount of **\$13,827.20**

SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, carried.

New Business

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2015-2, THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AND TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX. There was no second.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO TABLE THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, negotiation of building purchase at 37 W. Woodland Avenue, EIT

Jay Stich, 422 Cynthia Avenue, money for renovation of building

Jim Anderson, 482 Cynthia Avenue, the necessity of the purchase of 37 W. Woodland Avenue, street projects, EIT, tax increase

Vic Monaco, Courier Times, appointment of council officers, sump pump inspections

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer