

WORK SESSION

January 13, 2015

Attendees: Arlene Harms, Acting Council President; Sean Weckerly, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Kali Sodano, Barbara Heffelfinger, Beverly Wolfe, Borough Council; and Mayor Bob Winkler. Solicitor Michael Peters was here for Mike Savona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Council President Arlene Harms.

Streets

Snow and Ice Procedures were briefly reviewed. Police call the Mayor or Jeff when the roads need to be plowed and/or salted. There will be a committee meeting on January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Beverly Wolfe asked about applying for a low volume road grant as discussed last year. Bob Winkler will meet with Bucks County Conservation District to see if our roads qualify on low volume roads (less than five hundred vehicles per day).

Borough Engineer was informed that Nuclear Density Gauge Testing needs to be done on LeGrande Avenue required by PennDot. Contractor doesn't have the necessary equipment. Carol Schuehler is checking to see if Pennoni or PennDot can do the testing. It will cost between \$6,000 to \$8,000 approximately.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER #1 ON THE LEGRANDE AVENUE DRAINING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT REDUCING THE 7' X 7' JUNCTION BOXES TO 7' X 4' JUNCTION BOXES AND REDUCING THE COST PER STRUCTURE BY \$1,000.00. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Public Safety

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO HIRE MICHELLE WILLIAMSON AND ERICA MELLING AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS PENDING RESULTS OF THEIR PHYSICALS. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Community Development

Discussion on the necessity of a presentation by Pennoni Associates since they have been consultants for the borough for years. This would cost the borough \$85-\$90 per hour plus travel time. New Council members would like to meet them. Barbara Heffelfinger will provide Kali Sodano with the the contact information for Joe Luste. Council and the Mayor discussed possible grants to apply for through PennDot, the County, DCNR and DCED.

Finance

The Tax Anticipation Note paperwork has been completed. We should be receiving funds shortly. The Long Range Finance Committee will be meeting Wednesday to discuss plans for the year. Bob Pelligrino, consultant, will attend the next work session.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO HAVE MIKE SAVONA REVIEW PAPERWORK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EARNED INCOME TAX. SECONDED BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Sewer

Discussion on the 2015 sewer rates that will remain the same as 2014 as explained by Gian Lo Piccolo. Beverly distributed three estimates on fencing for Pump Station #2. Borough Engineer needs to review and respond with recommendations for the security of the station. Kali Sodano mentioned encasing the electrical wiring in conduit instead of fencing in the station. It was decided that we will wait for the sewer operator's and engineer's input before moving forward with the fence proposals.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPROVE CAROL SCHUEHLER TO REVIEW AND ENGINEER THE AREA FOR FENCE INSTALLATION AT STATION #2 TO AVOID DEP VIOLATIONS. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Jeff Mackay provided a sketch and explained to Council where they think the fence and gates need to be at the station and accessibility concerns.

Planning Commission

The committee is meeting on January 29th to review the flood plain ordinance.

Public Comment

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, earned income tax, bypass system at Station #1

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer