

COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Sean Weckerly.

Announcement

There is an open seat on borough council from the resignation of Council Vice President, Sue Anderson. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to the Borough Secretary.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Arlene Harms was absent). Motion carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2014 BUDGET WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. The vote was 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Arlene Harms was absent). Motion carried.

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

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 – Michael Peters from Eastburn & Gray

The office received final approval on the flood plain ordinance. We will have it soon for Council's consideration.

Committee Reports

Public Safety (Arlene Harms):

Mrs. Harms thanked our police department for all their hard work in 2014.

Community Development (Kali Sodano):

We were not awarded the PECO/Green Region Bonus Round Grant. They received forty three applications and only funded five. They sent information on another round of grants for us to look into. The Green Light Go Grant was applied for to use for repairs which were in the Armour & Sons Electric contract. They responded that this application did not fit into the Year One round of funding but can be used in the Year Two round of the Grant funding. If we have other projects at that time, we can apply for another grant.

Streets (Beverly Wolfe):

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO PURCHASE FOUR TONS OF COLD PATCH NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

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

General Fund bills in the amount of **\$39,675.74**
Liquid Fuel Fund bills in the amount of **\$15,700.88**
Capital Reserve/Recycle bill in the amount of **\$1,144.00**
Capital Reserve/Park Avenue bill in the amount of **\$1,102.50**

Escrow Bills

McManus:

Eastburn & Gray, PC	\$ 700.00
Urwiler & Walter, Inc.	\$ 360.00

Robbins Avenue:

Urwiler & Walter, Inc.	\$ 22.50
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SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

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

Sewer Fund bills in the amount of **\$42,372.39**
SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

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

Refuse Fund bills in the amount of **\$14,112.24**
SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

New Business

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2015-1 ESTABLISHING A TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 IN THE A MOUNT OF 25.37 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES AND 1.5 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FIRE EQUIPMENT AND FOR ALL OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. The vote was 4 ayes, 2 nays (Barbara Heffelfinger, Beverly Wolfe). The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO TRANSFER \$60,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND SAVINGS ACOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT TO BE PAID BACK WHEN TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE FUNDS ARE RECEIVED. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT PENNONI ASSOCIATES AS BOROUGH PLANNER. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. The vote was 4 ayes, 2 nays (Kali Sodano, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo). The ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Mike Kowalchik, 652 Bellevue Avenue, neighbor issues
Vic Monaco, Courier Times, reorganization of Council
Unidentified residents, commented on the communication of current council.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO REMOVE SEAN WECKERLY AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. The vote was 5 ayes, 1 nay (Sean Weckerly). Motion carried.

At this time, Chairman Pro-tem, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo took over the meeting.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO APPOINT BARBARA HEFFELFINGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT. THERE WAS NO SECOND.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 2 ayes, 4 nays (Arlene Harms, Beverly Wolfe, Barbara Heffelfinger, Sean Weckerly). The motion failed.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT ARLENE HARMS ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT UNTIL THERE IS A FULL COUNCIL. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. The vote was 4 ayes, 2 nays (Kali Sodano, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo). The motion carried.

Arlene Harms gave the results of the Christmas House Decoration Contest:

1 st Place	Lou Carcel	408 Clarissa Lane
2 nd Place	John Francesangeli	139 Crescent Street
3 rd Place	Barry & Phyllis Rhoads	179 Durham Road
4 th Place	Carol & John Bergmaier	520 Clarissa Lane

MOTION BY ARLENE HARMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by:

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer