

WORK SESSION

July 27, 2015

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

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

Ray Sizer from National Energy Solutions discussed with Borough Council a new proposal. His initial proposal was in February 2014 to provide energy efficient LED street lighting without an investment or deposit by the Borough. The second proposal after new calculations was in October 2014 with a \$5,000 deposit and a maintenance fee on a quarterly basis. We would not have to provide maintenance to the street lights for ten years. They are offering a new proposal with no deposit and no investment. After the figures are reviewed by Borough Engineer and PECO and agreed upon by Council he will move forward and put together a ten-year agreement. After the ten-year Agreement expires the equipment will belong to the Borough. Kali Sodano suggests getting a proposal from Armour Electric and Northampton Township.

Streets

Some of the new street signs that are up to the new codes have been installed. Beverly Wolfe explained that we are going to proceed with work on the mast, grounding and signage on the traffic light at Hulmeville Avenue and Route 1. This job was on Armour and Sons annual inspection report.

Community Development

A grant application was submitted for paint for the new police station at Home Depot.

Sewer

Flow meters are here and waiting installation at the pump station. Borough Engineer looked at some of the problem areas in the borough. We are requesting quotes on manhole lining in three areas. Funds were budgeted for a least two, possibly three linings.

In response to a resident's complaint on flooding on Bellevue Avenue at Route 1 by Penndel Pizza. Beverly explained details of the rain event. The borough's reports showed the flooding was on the south side of Route 1 not the north side as was mentioned. During the rain event there was a high water alarm. Public Utility Enterprises responded, the back up pumps worked and there was no spillage or problems at the apartments.

Recreation Field

The proposal for the mulch for the playground at the recreation field is for \$3,200.00. We are going to also purchase high quality landscape fabric for \$295.00. This should be here in a couple of weeks.

Community Relations

Amanda Kuehnle gave a presentation on public relations and social media consulting for the borough.

Emergency Management

The Mayor attended a meeting at fire school. The Mayor wants a resolution passed posting "No Parking" on Park Avenue and Center Street during the Papal visit on the 26th through 28th of September. The Langhorne Station will be completely closed on those dates.

Other Outstanding Issues

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO REMOVE ARLENE HARMS AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. The vote call vote was: Beverly Wolfe no, Kali Sodano aye, Gianpiero LoPiccolo aye, Arlene Harms no, Sean Weckerly aye, Barbara Heffelfinger no, Anne Marie Kinsey aye. The ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO APPOINT KALI SODANO COUNCIL PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY SEAN WECKERLY. The vote call vote was: Beverly Wolfe no, Kali Sodano aye, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo aye, Arlene Harms no, Sean Weckerly aye, Barbara Heffelfinger no, Anne Marie Kinsey aye. The ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

Gianpiero Lo Piccolo expressed concerns with the negotiations meetings being held by the committee. Arlene Harms and Barbara Heffelfinger responded and explained what had taken place.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY FOR THE NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR ON THE PBA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes (Barbara Heffelfinger left) The ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, pothole on Crescent Street at Hulmeville Avenue, democratic newsletter, Mayor Winkler

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, Democratic newsletter, Mayor Winkler, value of borough properties

Unknown resident, borough needs better publicity

Jim Anderson, 482 Cynthia Avenue, committee assignments

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO. The vote was 6 ayes (Barbara Heffelfinger left). The ayes, carried.

Submitted by:

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer