

WORK SESSION

June 29, 2015

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

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

Lynn Bush, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission attended the meeting to review the MEDI Program (Municipal Economic Development Initiative) with Borough Council and the Mayor. The purpose of this program is to ensure continued economic vitality and growth in Bucks County by providing the necessary tools to encourage municipal development and revitalization. Council mentioned financial assistance and help defining what we need to do to gain interest from possible developers. Ms. Bush said the Planning Commission can help to provide business data services available to us within a short range and suggested Council review our current ordinances to be prepared for the possible development of the proposed Wawa or any other new development in town.

Also discussed were the boroughs TCDI, Revitalization, Comprehensive Plans and TOD which have already been completed and are an asset to continue growth.

Last month the Pennel Community Development Committee submitted two Community Development Block Grant applications: Reconstruction of Cynthia Avenue for \$355,000.00 and Renovation of the police department at 37 W. Woodland Avenue for \$60,000.00. Barbara Heffelfinger asked the Council, Mayor and audience if there were any comments on both grant applications. No comments were made

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2015-4 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE PENNDEL BOROUGH POLICE STATION FOR \$60,000.00 .
SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2015-4 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CYNTHIA AVENUE FOR \$355,460.00. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Streets

Pothole Killers came back for a third day to patch areas on the other side of Route 1. There was no parking posted on those streets for the day.

Community Development

The Bucks County Redevelopment Authority has the Bucks County Beautification Project report on their website.

Public Safety

The Mayor read a list of donated materials and labor from various donors to the police department for the renovation of 37 W. Woodland Avenue.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF SCISCIO AND THE MAYOR TO BEGIN RENOVATION OF THE NEW BUILDING WITH THE REMAINING \$6,700.00 FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT GRANT. SECONDED BY ANN MARIE KINSEY.

Council discussed the architectural drawing from KSK and disagreed on waiting to start until after the drawing is reviewed. The Mayor explained that there were things added to the plan that were not necessary for the function of the department. The contractors and donors are waiting to start the work and there is a possibility of losing them if we continue to postpone. The following audience members commented about this motion:

Sam Simon, 126 Holly Avenue
Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue
Joe Gable, 227 Rumpf Avenue
Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue
Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue
Diane Jones, 504 Clarissa Avenue

The motion was rescinded and the following motion was made:

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF SCISCIO AND THE MAYOR TO BEGIN THE RENOVATION PROCESS THAT INCLUDES: HVAC INSTALLATION, DISCUSSION WITH ARCHITECT TO REVISE THE PLAN, INSTALLING BLOCK ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, INTERIOR LIGHTING AND PURCHASE THE REMAINDER OF SUPPLIES NECESSARY WITH THE REMAINING \$6,700.00 FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT GRANT. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. The vote was 4 ayes, 2 nos (Kali Sodano, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo). Motion carried.

Sewer

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO SEND LETTERS AND SHUT OFF NOTICES TO THE FOLLOWING SEWER/REFUSE ACCOUNTS: 22, 82, 119, 150, 157, 178, 180, 192, 280, 289, 293, 318, 337, 452, 475, 537, 543, 546, 551, 593, 660, 664, 673. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR SIGMA TO ADD A LOW VOLTAGE RELAY AT PUMP STATION #1 AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Building and Maintenance

MOTION BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY TO APPROVE COMMONS OF MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO RENT BOROUGH HALL ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. SECONDED BY KALI SODANO. All ayes, carried.

Recreation Board

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO WAIVE THE PERMIT FEE FOR THE REPAIR WORK AT THE CONCESSION STAND. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. This motion was rescinded because this was already done at a previous meeting.

Outstanding Issues

Council discussed the offer by the Bucks County Association of Township Officials to join for a \$100.00 membership fee and optional \$100.00 contribution for legal and legislative funds. There was no interest in joining the association.

MOTION BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY TO WAIVE THE PERMIT FEE ON 246 HULMEVILLE AVENUE FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, enforcement of ordinances to enhance aesthetics of businesses in the borough, cost of street sweeping, roof permit fees

Leo Campbell, 320 DeHaven Avenue, funding for paving Park Avenue

Diane Jones, 504 Clarissa Lane, resignation of Jeff Mackay

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, basketball stands on borough streets, possibility of subcontracting out sewer billing

Gary Kinsey, 530 Rumpf Avenue, condition of Cynthia Avenue

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, work for current maintenance employee

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer