

WORK SESSION

March 19, 2018

Council President, Beverly Wolfe, called the meeting of Penndel Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Present at the meeting

Mayor Robert Winkler
Council President Beverly Wolfe
Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger
Councilman John Stratz
Councilwoman Kali Sodano
Councilwoman Louise Dicken
Councilwoman Laura Germain
Councilman Rich Flanagan

Also present

Ben Hauser, Hill Wallack, Solicitor

Ed Preston, Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade Committee

Burial of time capsule is the conclusion of Traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Bucks County. Ed Preston wants to record its' burial and removal. It should be in official minutes so it is public record and will be the borough's responsibility. Capsule has approximately one hundred items inside of it. It will be placed in the ground after the 2018 Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade and is to be removed in 2075. The capsule will be buried six feet in the ground. PA One Call will be notified in May. A memorial plaque will be placed there to show exactly where it is.

MOTION BY LOUISE DICKEN TO AUTHORIZE HILL WALLACK TO WRITE A RESOLUTION TO PUT TIME CAPSULE IN GROUND. ED PRESTON WILL PROVIDE SPECIFICS.
SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Louise Dicken thanked Ed Preston for his hard work bringing the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Penndel.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO RECESS THE MEETING FOR FIVE MINUTES BECAUSE OF DAVE CAHILL'S REPEATED QUESTIONS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR POLICE.
SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Ed explained the 5K Run Fundraiser for the Parade Committee on April 8th at 8:30. It will go through streets of the borough west of Bellevue Avenue 2.9 miles. Family Walk & Run will take approximately one and ½ hours. The parade costs between \$9,000 to \$11,000 a year to fund. Nothing is required by the borough. On March 26th dine out at the Irish Rover to raise funds for the parade. Coupon needed for 10% to go to the parade. They will raffle off a lottery wreath.

Race Registration can be done on line or at recreation field. \$30.00 before April 1st, \$40 after April 1st. The streets involved in the event are on Facebook. Also signs will be posted.

Announcements

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31st.

Penndel Heritage Society History Book Supplements are \$15.00.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY LOUISE DICKEN. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Laura Germain). Motion carried.

The motion to consider approval of Security Escrow Release for Schoolhouse Court Phase 1 Project in the amount of \$24,021.40 as recommended by Borough Engineer was tabled.

President's Report

A termination notice was sent to Keystone Municipal Services on March 13th. The borough was not aware that a contract was signed by former Council President Kali Sodano that required a 60-day notice of termination. Ms. Sodano was told by Mike Savona to sign it. Barry Isett & Associates is aware of the matter.

Arlene Harms questioned the status of liens required for grant at a previous meeting. President Wolfe said it is being taken care of. The solicitor is working on an ordinance that is enforceable.

President Wolfe also answered Kali Sodano's question regarding engineering fees. Currently engineering bills total \$6,732 after escrows. General Engineering line is \$1,188 (9%). We are at 62% of the capital reserve engineering budget line. Part of that was the CDBG 2017 Road Reconstruction Project engineering bill of \$396.00 (not budgeted). Engineering expense was necessary to utilize the remainder of funds \$30,000.00 left in the grant. \$297.00 was to apply for a \$400,000 grant for the recreation field. Sewer \$900.00 (18%) of that was to finish the 2017 Chapter 94 Report, the remainder was \$1,500 for the leak at the sewer plant that needed inspection and the DEP issue. The sewer line down to the creek was inspected. Sewer Capital is at 7%, which was \$2,400.00 for the scope of work on the second PA Small Water & Sewer Grant application for approximately \$500,000.

Mayor's Report

A big snowstorm is arriving. Received notice from PennDot that work will be done at two intersections: LeGrande Avenue and Durham Road and Lincoln Hwy. and Bellevue Avenue to replace handicapped sidewalks. He is also working with Ed Preston on the 5K Run.

Rich Flanagan asked what Hulmeville does for the Memorial Day Parade. Ed responded that both boroughs provide equal support.

Solicitor's Report

Working on car removal ordinance during snow storms.

Committee Reports

Community Development:

Barbara Heffelfinger reported that two Community Development Block Grant applications were submitted and they are looking at two others.

Sewer:

John Stratz and the Mayor cleaned all the storm drains in the borough.

Streets:

Resident Dan Cahill asked that pothole killers measure diameter of holes, especially Durham Road and Woodland Avenue.

Recreation Board:

The Recreation Board will meet next month.

Finance:

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 3/12/18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230.98 FOR 37 W. WOODLAND AVENUE ELECTRIC AND GAS. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY PECO INVOICE DATED 3/12/18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28.08 FOR RECREATION FIELD ELECTRIC. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, carried.

New Business

Rich Flanagan said that the snow plow drivers should not block the corners.

Beverly Wolfe read the letter of resignation from Louise Dicken due to personal and health reasons.

MOTION BY RICH FLANAGAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LOUISE DICKEN. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. 6 ayes, 1 no (Beverly Wolfe). Motion carried.

Persons to be Heard

Dan Cahill, 41 W. Woodland Avenue, fixing Hulmeville Ave. sidewalks at Schoolhouse property, water dumping into property next door

Sam Simon, 126 Holly Avenue, commented on the water dumping matter

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, remainder of schoolhouse property is for sale, has spoken to Neil Harkins, applicant for Chief's position

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer