

WORK SESSION

October 26, 2015

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

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

Announcements

There will be an executive session at the end of the meeting on negotiations and personnel matters.

Finance

Bob Pellegrino explained the newly formatted budget that he distributed to Council. This budget gives a bigger picture with five-year forecasting and conforms with the Dept. of Community Development Chart of Accounts. There are three parts to this budget format. A budget narrative, a line item budget in an excel document, and a breakdown of expenses and capital projects. So far it looks pretty good and there should not be a tax increase next year.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADVERTISE THE BUDGET MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 11/16/15, 11/30/15, AND 12/15/15. SECONDED BY SEAN WECKERLY. All ayes, carried.

Public Works

Last week a couple of manholes were lined. The flow meter at Manhole #115 is not working properly and was removed.

Community Relations

Chairperson Anne Marie Kinsey thanked the Activities Committee for the successful Halloween Parade and Party this past weekend.

Other Outstanding Issues

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO PROVIDE A SECRETARY TO ATTEND THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO REVIEW THE WAWA AS REQUESTED BY THE PENNDEL PLANNING COMMISSION. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. All ayes, carried.

Arlene Harms suggests that a representative from Pennoni Associates attend the Planning Commission meeting and also have a traffic engineer review the plans.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO INCLUDE PENNONI ASSOCIATES IN THE REVIEW OF THE WAWA LAND DEVELOPMENT, HAVE A TRAFFIC ENGINEER DO A TRAFFIC STUDY AND ALSO REVIEW THE DRAFT ACT 537 PLAN. SECONDED BY ARLENE HARMS. All ayes, carried.

After discussion of the Wawa project and review reports not being returned, Council agreed to cancel the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 29th.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker, Avenue, size of election signs

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, election signs

Patrick Donohue, Bellevue Avenue, sign on Fairview and DeHaven Avenue

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, street signs

Executive Session

After the Executive Session, Mike Savona explains Verrichia is represented by two of his colleagues at Eastburn and Gray for various development projects. He advised Council that he feels responsible to disclose this information. He would voluntarily recuse himself of the Wawa development discussions if he felt there was any conflict, but he feels in this matter he is able to represent the Borough with no conflict.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO WAIVE THE CONFLICT FOR MIKE SAVONA CONCERNING THE VERRICHIA MATTER. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Public Comment

Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Avenue, Mike Savona has proven himself trustworthy.

Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Avenue, Asks Mike Savona if he dealt with Wawa in this capacity in Conshohocken.

Mike explains the Conshohocken project happened when he was at his old firm, not Eastburn and Gray, it was not a Verrichia project, and he recused himself of involvement due to other reasons.

MOTION BY SEAN WECKERLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY ANNE MARIE KINSEY. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer