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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 13, 2017 ~ 7:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, Municipal Building
610 East McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Roll Call

Present: Frank Arcuri, James Berquist, David Ball, Robert Lewis, Monica Merrell, Gary Stiegel Jr., Frank Kosir Jr.

Also

Paul F. Lauer, Township Manager
Ryan Jeroski, Assistant Township Manager
John Smith, Township Solicitor
Mark A. Zemaitis, Township Engineer
Ed Zuk, Planning Director

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 23, 2017 with the clarification Mr. Arcuri mentioned regarding the Park Name.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** David Ball

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

2. Special Reports

2.A. Recognition of the donation of a motorcycle to the Police Department

3. Audience Comments – There were no audience comments

4. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business

5. New Business

5.A. Police body camera trial

Mr. Berquist asked that if Council approves the trial and at the end of the trial decides to move forward with purchasing body cameras, wouldn't it have to go out to bid? The Township Manager responded that there would have to be some competitive process, but would guess that the camera being considered is most likely on the state contract. If an item is on the state contract, it can be purchased without having to go through a formal bidding process. Chief Grimes added that the cost wouldn't be \$50,000 up front. It breaks down to approximately \$15,000 for the first year and then incremental payments moving forward.

Mrs. Merrell asked if there is a standard to use the camera only in certain situations, i.e. patrol

officers using the camera while the School Resource Officer will not. The Chief replied that is in the realm of possibility.

With the low level of crime in this area, Mrs. Merrell asked if this is something that is necessary to be done right now. Chief Grimes doesn't feel the cameras will change the level of crime in the community, but will reduce liability.

Mr. Ball would like Chief Grimes to send a report to Council twice a year to illustrate how the body cameras and dash cameras have benefitted the Police Department.

Mr. Arcuri doesn't feel the officers should be using the cameras until a policy has been written, reviewed by the Township Solicitor, and approved by Council.

Motion: To approve the one (1) year trial for the police body cameras conditioned upon the development and approval of a policy governing their use,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.B. Set Public Hearing dates for:

5.B.1. 2017 Budget amendment

Public Hearing is scheduled for November 27th.

5.B.2. 2018 Budget Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Public Hearing is scheduled for November 27th.

5.B.3. Amendment to the Peters Township Zoning Ordinance relating dimensional requirements in the Village Residential Zoning District

Public Hearing is scheduled for January 8, 2018.

5.C. Authorization to refund traffic impact fee to University Veterinary Specialists

Mrs. Merrell asked why the traffic counts were only taken from certain times of the day. The Township Manager replied that the counts are normally taken during peak hours.

Mr. Lewis wanted to clarify that the refund does not come out of the budget. The Manager confirmed the refund will be issued from the Traffic Impact Fee program designed to fund traffic improvements.

Mrs. Merrell pointed out that this is the second such refund this year.

Mr. Arcuri asked if the traffic counts after one (1) year are higher than what was projected, will

the traffic impact fee be increased to reflect that. The Manager responded that there will be no increase in fees collected. The Manager would like to revisit the “one (1) year” policy to determine whether it can be extended to two (2) or three (3) years in order to give a business the chance to build their clientele. Mr. Zuk added that it appears it is not mandated for a one (1) year period so the time frame should easily be able to be expanded.

Motion: To authorize the refund of Traffic Impact Fees to University Veterinary Specialists in the amount of \$23,817

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Robert Lewis

No: Monica Merrell

5.D. Discussion concerning Primrose Development

Mrs. Merrell asked why the Township won't have Primrose reengineer the light with a turning lane. The Township Manager explained that adding turning lanes at that location will make the project prohibitively expensive. Mrs. Merrell is concerned because this type of development will create a worse traffic problem than there is now. The Manger responded that the Traffic Improvement Program is in the process of being updated and that the traffic signal will be incorporated into the plan. In the interim the site plan will be modified so as to allow ingress/egress from Galley Road is to be 'right turn in' and 'right turn out' only.

Primrose is asking for a refund of the engineering fees and expenses related acquisition of an easement due to PennDOT denying the highway occupancy permit for the traffic light.

Motion: To authorize the Township Manager to negotiate an agreement with Primrose relative to the Traffic Impact Fee including a possible a partial refund of fees paid.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** James Berquist, **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.E. Award bid for fencing at Rees Park

Motion: To award the bid to Allegheny Fence in the amount of \$16,040

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Arcuri, **Seconded by** James Berquist

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.F. Park naming contest

Motion: To approve the name Rolling Hills Park

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stiegel Jr., **Seconded by** James Berquist

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell,

Robert Lewis

6. Payroll and Bills

Motion: To pay the Payroll and Bills as follows: General Fund: Checks # 148572 – 148679; Payroll Account: Checks # V117020 – V117149; 44752-44754

Action: Approve, **Moved by** James Berquist, **Seconded by** Monica Merrell

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

7. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence

8. **Minutes** – Minutes submitted for review and discussion

Mrs. Merrell asked for clarification for the time line of the Bowser Cadillac development plan. Mr. Zuk explained that they were initially approved for one (1) year for the storage and display of vehicles. Bowser has recently sought and received approval for a revised site plan. These improvements will occur next year. In the interim Bowser requested and received approval to continue to use the property for display of vehicles.

Mrs. Merrell mentioned that the PTSA is two (2) months behind on construction of the new sewage treatment plant project and are experiencing cost over-run. She would like Mr. Jenkins to provide an update to Council at a future meeting.

9. Miscellaneous

9.A. Old Bower Hill School

The owner of the Old Bower Hill School, Mr. Robinson, would like to renovate the structure and make it a child care center. He would place an addition onto the back of the building to match the original part. Mr. Robinson is asking for variances in order to create the child care center. This request will be heard by the Planning Commission on November 21st.

A public hearing is scheduled for November 20th for the Waters Senior Living development.

Mrs. Merrell asked about the RFP for the engineering for the road through Rolling Hills Park. The Manager responded that it is drafted and ready to be sent out. Mr. Zemaitis has arranged a meeting with PennDOT and the Township will take advantage of that meeting to discuss roundabouts and signalized intersections.

Mrs. Merrell mentioned that the School District is holding a gallery walk to display the design of the new school on Thursday, November 16th at the Administration Building.

Mrs. Merrell wanted to thank the residents of the Township for voting in the election on November 7th and especially for those who voted to re-elect her.

10. Next Agenda

Mr. Arcuri wants to discuss what Council can request from the Sanitary Authority as far as what they do and don't do, their solicitor fees and the fact that those fees are so much higher this year, and what control Council has over their budget. He feels that because the tax payers are the ones to pay all of these fees and increases Council should review all of it to determine if any changes can be/need to be made to decrease costs.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

Paul F. Lauer
Township Manager

There was an executive session