

December 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Royersford Borough Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by A. Dham at Royersford Borough Hall, 300 Main Street, Royersford, Pa.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by roll call.

Present: M. Bullick, A. Dham, A. Metricarti, T. Moyer, M. Stehman, and T. Weikel

Absent: Richard Graham

Also Present: Mayor J. Guest, Solicitor Dunbar, and Manager M. Leonard

There was a public hearing regarding Royersford Borough's new comprehensive plan. The hearing was held by Drew Sonntag and Charlie Schmehl from Urban Research & Development. Please see attached presentation. Voting on the plan will be held in January 2017.

The minutes of the November 7 & November 29, 2016 meetings were approved as distributed upon a motion by T. Weikel seconded by T. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

#### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Leonard presented Resolution #2016-14 Adopting and Placing Emergency Operation Plan in Royersford Borough. Motion to adopt the plan by M. Bullick seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard informed council that the borough was selected to receive a Multimodal Transportation Grant at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Main Street crosswalk in the amount of \$121,529.00. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by T. Weikel to accept the grant for the crosswalk. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard received a contract for a CDBG Grant from Montgomery County for mill and overlay with some drainage on Church Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$148,000. Motion to accept the grant by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Weikel presented the 2017 Borough Budget to council. The borough met with the fire company and they were willing this year to take a .25 mill cut in their appropriation, and the Borough had to raise taxes .25 mills to balance the budget. It's the first time in several years that council needed to raise taxes. Motion to pass the 2017 Budget by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

#### SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Dunbar presented council with Tax Ordinance #855 fixing the tax rate for General Purpose Tax at 7.45 mills and a Fire Tax for general purpose at 1.00 mills, for a total of 8.45 mills. Solicitor Dunbar held a hearing on Ordinance #855 asking the public in attendance if there were any questions on the said ordinance, there were none. Solicitor Dunbar asked council if they had any questions on Ordinance #855, council had no questions. Solicitor Dunbar closed the hearing and asked council for a motion. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti by roll call. Mr. Bullick – yes, Mr. Dham – yes, Ms. Metricarti – yes, Ms. Moyer – yes, Mr. Stehman – yes, Mr. Weikel – yes. Motion passed 6-0, Mr. Graham was absent.

Solicitor Dunbar presented Ordinance #856 authorizing Royersford Borough to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to establish the Montgomery County S.W.A.T. Western Region, which shall supersede CMERT and the services provided thereby. Solicitor Dunbar opened the hearing asking the public in attendance if they had any questions; there were no questions from the public. Solicitor Dunbar asked council if they had any questions; there were no questions from council. Solicitor Dunbar closed the hearing and asked council for a motion to be made. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by T. Weikel by roll call. Mr. Bullick- yes, Mr. Dham- yes, Ms. Metricarti- yes, Ms. Moyer-yes, Mr. Stehman-yes, Mr. Weikel –yes. Motion passed 6-0, Mr. Graham was absent.

341 Walnut Street was sent a citation regarding bed bug infestation there is a hearing on this matter before the District Judge.

Crest Club is still under agreement until the spring.

#### VISITORS:

Paul Chrisman wanted to thank the public works department for their efforts collecting leaves when the leaf collector broke using a backhoe and dump truck.

Mr. Chrisman asked if the money is in the budget for zoning updates. Manager Leonard answered the question that the money was in Capital Reserve.

Greg Reppa representing Marshal Granor on the vacant lot at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Arch Street stated Marshal Granor will donate the lot to the borough as long as it can be settled by December 31, 2016. Mr. Granor would like to get his 14 EDU'S reimbursed in the amount of \$39,200.00. It is agreed that there will be no settlement of the property until all the trailers are removed from the property. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti that borough council give the solicitor permission to prepare a resolution for the property at Second Avenue & Arch Street.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$330,526.69 were presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

A. Metricarti announced the 2017 Staff Appointments:

Police Chief-Thomas Nerlinger

Emergency Management Coordinator-Vacant

Borough Manager-Michael A. Leonard

Director of Public Works/Fire Marshal- Craig Keffer

Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent- Jack Huzzard

Waste Water Engineer & Sewage Enforcement Officer- William Dingman, Gilmore Associates

Borough Engineer- David Leh, Gilmore Associates

Borough Solicitor Robert L. Brant, Brant Associates

Building/Zoning Officer- Paul Labe, LTL Consultants Ltd.

Zoning Hearing Board/ Civil Service Solicitor- Charles Garner, Wolf, Baldwin & Associates

Auditors- Maillie LLP

Motion to appoint the staff for the year 2017 by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to approve the borough manager's one year contract. Motion passed unanimously. Manager Leonard thanked council for approving his contract.

A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to accept the resignation of Cliff Wilson as a member of the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel that William Clemens be appointed to another 3 year term expiring on December 31, 2019 on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to reappoint Russell Jirik, George Ellis, and Paul Chrisman to a three year term on the Planning Commission expiring on 12/31/2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to reappoint Diane Smith Flogaus as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board with her term expiring on 12/31/2019. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Metricarti asked if any resident is interested in serving on a committee please let someone know on council.

Manager Leonard let council know that Jack Berry who served on the Zoning Hearing Board for many years passed away. Jack donated many hours to the borough and we thank him for that.

The Borough went into executive session at 7:55 PM by motion of T. Weikel seconded by M. Bullick regarding personnel and real estate matters and returned to regular session at 8:45 PM.

Motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman to give permission to our solicitor to take any action needed to accept the property at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Arch Street from Granor Price Developers at no cost to the borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M. upon a motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard  
Secretary

