

January 10, 2017

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: R. Graham

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

Mayor Guest administered the Oath of Office to part time Police Officer Zachary Zechman.

The minutes of the December 13 & December 27, 2016 were approved as distributed upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Bullick. Motion passed unanimously.

A hearing was held on the subdivision of 601 Arch Street. Council President Dham asked if a representative of the development could give a brief overview of the development to Council. Brian Focht who represents the development and the owner Mr. Frank McLaughlin gave his overview regarding the waivers that are needed to proceed with the development. Solicitor Brant summarized the borough engineer's letter. There is a waiver request respect to sidewalks, and a waiver request with respect to curbing along Arch Street. There is a waiver request for lots not to be created with depth exceeding two times their widths. Lots 1, 2, and 4 depths exceed twice their width. There is a waiver request for the grading within the right a way line. There is a waiver request regarding additional shade trees. Mr. Focht stated that the shade trees are not a waiver. There is a waiver for storm water because of the shallow depth of the basin. There is a waiver request for the pipe invert. Mr. Frank McLaughlin stated to council that he needs the relief. Councilperson A. Metricarti asked some questions regarding the facade of the houses and storm water control of the development that the applicant is going to build. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by M. Stehman that the plan for 601 Arch Street be denied based upon the Gilmore letter January 4, 2017, and the waiver request in the letter be denied as well. Motion to deny the 601 Arch Street Development passed unanimously 6-0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Leonard presented Resolution # 2017-1 appointing Tom Weikel as the voting delegate and John Guest the alternate delegate for the 106th PSAB Convention. Motion to approve the voting delegate and alternate for the PSAB convention by A. Metricarti seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard presented Resolution #2017-2 authorizing and directing the borough manager to submit the application for the traffic signal approval at Main and Walnut Street. Motion to approve the resolution by M. Bullick seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Shawn Ward, 307 S. 6th Avenue, thanked council for denying the 601 Arch Street project. He felt it was a bad idea and if it gets appealed he urges council to continue fighting.

Peggy Cox, 320 S. 6th Avenue, thanked council for denying the 601 Arch Street project.

Sheryl Kemmerer, 410 S. 6th Avenue, thinks council should not build any houses close to the football field, and the school should be a buffer.

Mr. Robert Stipa, 554 Arch Street, thanked council for voting the 601 Arch Street project down, he felt the project should not have been started.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$147,684.77 were presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. The motion passed unanimously.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE:

The report of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent for the month of November 2016 was presented and accepted upon motion of M. Stehman seconded by M. Bullick. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

The report of the Director of Public Works for the month of November 2016 was presented and accepted upon motion of T. Moyer seconded by T. Weikel. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Code Enforcement Officer for the month of November 2016 was presented and accepted upon motion by T. Moyer seconded by T. Weikel. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of November 2016 was presented and accepted upon motion by M. Bullick seconded by T. Moyer. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Borough Fire Marshal for the month of November 2016 was presented and accepted upon motion by M. Bullick seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

A. Metricarti reported to council that she received a resignation from Councilman Richard Graham effective January 10, 2016. Motion to accept the resignation with regret by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Metricarti presented two resignations John Carl Morgeneier and Shawn Ward from the Park and Recreation Committee. Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to accept the resignations with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Metricarti reported to council that she would like to reappoint Jackie Wagner to the Park and Recreation Committee for another three year term expiring December 31, 2019. Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Metricarti would like to appoint Shawn Ward to the Planning Commission. Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Metricarti reported that there are some positions available on the committees; please let her know if anyone is interested.

A. Dham reported that an advertisement will be placed in the newspaper for the open position on council. A. Metricarti, T. Moyer, and M. Stehman will do the interviews. Deadline for resumes is January 20, 2017 by 3 PM to the manager's office.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No report for the Planning Commission. A. Dham would like to thank everyone in the room for coming to the meeting; it's great to see the participation and input from the residents.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Brant informed council that they received a written report regarding all the recorded documents for Second and Arch Street.

Solicitor Brant stated that he applied on behalf of Royersford Borough to the Board of Assessment for an exemption from taxes on the Second and Arch Street property. The Borough received from the Board of Assessment an exemption from the taxes on the property.

MAYOR:

Mayor Guest would like to thank Phoenixville Police for assisting the Royersford Police in the capture of the bank robber at Superior Credit Union at Main Street & Lewis Road on January 10, 2017. The Mayor asked for an executive session for personnel issues.

Motion by M. Stehman seconded by T. Weikel at 7:50 PM that Borough Council go into Executive Session. Borough Council came out of Executive Session at 8:00 PM and continued the council meeting. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by A. Metricarti to suspend the named police officer for 5 days/40 hours total; recommended by the Chief and the Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. upon a motion by M. Stehman seconded by T. Weikel. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard
Secretary

