

March 28, 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, J. Moskal, T. Moyer, M. Stehman, and T. Weikel

Also Present: Solicitor R. Brant and Manager M. Leonard

Absent: Mayor J. Guest

Solicitor Brant presented an agreement between the Hill School and Royersford Borough regarding the boat ramp. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by T. Weikel to accept the agreement. Motion was passed unanimously.

Solicitor Brant held a hearing for Ordinance # 888 establishing a modified duty policy. Solicitor Brant presented all exhibits to borough council and explained the substance of the ordinance. Solicitor Brant opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti to approve Ordinance #888 by roll call. Mr. Bullick-yes, Mr. Dham-yes, Ms. Metricarti-yes, Mr. Moskal-yes, Ms. Moyer-yes, Mr. Stehman-yes, Mr. Weikel-yes. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor Brant held a hearing for Ordinance #889 repealing Ordinance # 872 and amending the residential rental registration and inspection. Solicitor Brant presented all exhibits to borough council and explained the substance of the ordinance. Solicitor Brant opened the hearing to the public for comments; there were none. Councilman Weikel noted that this ordinance replaces Ordinance # 872. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti to approve Ordinance #889 by roll call. Mr. Bullick-yes, Mr. Dham-yes, Ms. Metricarti-yes, Mr. Moskal-yes, Ms. Moyer-yes, Mr. Stehman-yes, Mr. Weikel-yes. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor Brant held a hearing for Ordinance #890, Royersford Borough Human Relation Ordinance. Solicitor Brant presented all exhibits to borough council and explained the substance of the ordinance. Solicitor Brant opened the hearing to the public for comments. Rachel Stephens stated that there are plenty of places for training. Elizabeth McGuinn stated that the ordinance is well written and it is a shame that we have to identify individual groups of human beings who are deserving of human rights. The forefathers stated that all men are created equal, and yet we have to for some reason identify well you're a human, you're a human, you're a human, since we do have to do this I am glad you are passing this ordinance. Mr. Paul Chrisman asked council how many hours of training are required. Solicitor Brant stated the ordinance is silent on the number of hours. Some council members were concerned regarding training hours and where to get the training. Motion by M. Stehman seconded by A. Metricarti to approve Ordinance #890 by roll call. Mr. Bullick- yes, Mr. Dham-yes, Ms. Metricarti-yes, Mr. Moskal-yes, Ms. Moyer-yes, Mr. Stehman-yes, Mr. Weikel-yes. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

The Treasurers Report and Sewer & Solid Waste Collection Report for February 2017 was presented and accepted upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard reported to council that 108 past due notices were sent out.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Leonard reported on the boat dock at First Avenue and Arch Street. The permits by DEP were approved and the boat ramp is being installed.

Manager Leonard reported that Donna, Jess and I met with Rod Wagner from SEOPhilly.com who currently operates our website and will be able to upgrade the website at a cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard informed council that the borough received quotes for updating the borough code book. Manager Leonard will mail out the quotes on Wednesday to all council members and the mayor.

Manager Leonard presented council with Resolution #2017-05, giving the manager permission to apply for a CDBG Grant for North 5th Avenue road work between Main Street and Chestnut Street. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by T. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard asked permission to advertise the bid to mill and overlay South Sixth Avenue between Main Street and Washington Street using Liquid Fuels money. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Bullick. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard reported an issue with plowing the cul-de-sac at North Sixth Avenue. Council referred it to the public works committee.

Manager Leonard presented Resolution #2017-06, giving the manager permission to sign for the DCNR Phase 3 River Park Trail Grant. Motion by J. Moskal seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard reported to council that he and the engineer met with the school district at Sixth Avenue and Arch Street to discuss the water problem that Mr. Hain has on Arch Street. It could cost between \$80,000 - \$100,000 to correct the water issue. Discussion on this matter will go to the finance committee.

VISITORS:

Paul Chrisman, 750 Main Street, asked council if they came up with a plan regarding the storm pipe under the Second Avenue & Arch Street property. A. Dham stated the estimated life of the pipe could be up to 5 years. Manager Leonard needs to talk to the finance committee regarding this problem.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$174,924.72 were presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Weikel stated there will be a finance meeting the last meeting of April.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE:

The report of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent for the month of February 2017 was presented and accepted upon motion of M. Stehman seconded by M. Bullick. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

The Report of the Code Enforcement Office for the month of February 2017 was presented and accepted upon motion by J. Moskal seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the March 2, 2017 committee meeting were presented and accepted upon motion by T. Moyer seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of February 2017 was presented and accepted upon motion by M. Bullick seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Borough Fire Marshal for the month of February 2017 was presented and accepted upon motion by M. Bullick seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

A. Metricarti presented council with a resignation from Dave Hunsberger from the zoning hearing board. Motion to accept the resignation by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously. There are two openings on the zoning hearing board; anyone interested please contact Alex Metricarti.

Manager Leonard would like to get a plaque for council to present to Spring City for their 150th anniversary; council agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. upon a motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard
Secretary

