

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2018 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

ROLL CALL: Marion McKinney, Mathew McKnight, Terrie Stagliano, Cathy Kernen, Shannon Spencer, Hugh Braun, Louise Tulio and Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins.

Also present were Borough Manager, Geoffrey Thompson, Borough Engineer Dave Leh and Borough Solicitor Sean Kilkenney and Police Chief Bucher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes; second by Mr. McKnight. *Motion carries 7-0.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets, Roads, Lighting Committee: - No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve check numbers 2607 through 2673 plus all transfers as listed; seconded by Ms. Tulio *Motion carries 7-0.*

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the December 2017 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ms. Spencer. *Motion carries 7-0.*

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Mann reported that the CTMA met on 12/20/17 and that the engineer updated on the Glenwood Reserve Project. We can expect an escrow release later this month. The I&I project drafts/drawings have been reviewed by the Director Hastings and advertised in December. We expect to open and review prior to the January meeting. A resolution was passed setting the rate at \$6.10 per 1000 gallons for 2018. Meeting dates for 2018 were authorized to be advertised.

Public Works met the same night after CTMA. The engineer reported that the Glenwood Reserve water supply is complete except for the expected escrow release in January. \$30,000.00 was approved for both boroughs from the cell tower sites. Meeting dates for 2018 were approved for advertisement.

Mrs. McKinney stated that in executive session it was discussed to approve up to a 3% increase for 2016 and 2017 and a \$1,000.00 bonus for Joe Hastings, Director of Public Works/CTMA.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve up to a 3% increase for 2016 and 2017 and a \$1,000.00 bonus for Director Hastings; seconded by Mr. McKnight. *Motion carries 7-0.*

Planning Commission: No Report.

CPVRPC: Ms. Kernan reported that no meeting was held in December. There will be a meeting 1/15/18 at 7:00 p.m. at Collegeville Borough Hall to discuss any plans of regional significance.

Parks Committee: No Report.

Public Safety Committee: No Report.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh reported that the 27 W. Fifth Avenue home was demolished. Two new homes will be constructed on the site. Collegeville Walk at Fifth Avenue and School Street has one building completed; the second building should be started in the next month. Glenwood Reserve construction has started on the first building and the road has been paved.

Solicitor: No Report.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson reported that there is a Christmas tree pick-up scheduled for Saturday, January 13th. The new trash hauler started today.

Police: Report on file.

Fire: Report on file. Gary Sassaman gave the report.

Ambulance Report: No Report.

Mayor: Mayor Wright-Riggins reported on the state of the Borough.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve the Committee and Administrative reports; seconded by Ms. Spencer. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Public Discussion –

Erin, 219 Ruby Drive – She is a 4-year resident of Collegeville. A car came through the fence in her back yard for the second time in five-years. She would like the borough to send a petition to PennDOT to set up a barrier to protect her home. She is asking for support from Council.

Michael Wolf, 221 Ruby Drive – The number of vehicles leaving Redners and making a left hand turn has increased dramatically over the past few years.

Jim Tarsnane, 225 Ruby Drive_- This is not a new problem. He called the borough last year. He is requesting the borough to get it done.

Joe Sullivan, Stine Drive – He talked to Terrie Stagliano and she suggested the likelihood of PennDOT listening to the borough is very nil. If that doesn't work out, we can request PennDOT meet with the residents at the borough hall.

Jim Funk, 215 Ruby Drive – He is at the spot where the “drag strip” starts to end and everyone starts to merge. This is not necessarily a volume issue - it’s a drag strip. 35 mph is probably not low enough.

Brooke Gable, 230 Ruby Drive – It’s a long process. Can we do something more immediate i.e. police presence? Can borough council get more police?

Michael Wolf, 221 Ruby Drive – Is this a cost issue with PennDOT?

Mike Konig, 252 Freeland Drive – PennDOT needs to see reportable accidents. Who owns the property from the street to the strip that the owners maintain.

Joe Sullivan, Stine Drive – Why can’t this be made into the turning lane like it was before?

Pam Kroberger, 178 Freeland Drive – I tell everyone who visits to wait till the light turns green. Also, when you come back south and make a left hand turn into the neighborhood, she is afraid two people vying for that lane will crash right into her. If there was a right hand turn lane, it would solve many problems.

Kelly Pardee, 128 Derr Drive – This has been brought up twice. Has anyone ever asked PennDOT to put up guard rails? Have they said no? Can a camera be put up there?

Frank LePore, Stine Drive – If PennDOT turns this down can this be appealed to the governor?

Michael Wolf, 221 Ruby Drive - He would like an update and assessment at the next meeting.

Lou, 219 Ruby Drive – Which committee does this fall under? Can it be a standing report?

Tim Horn, 223 Ruby Drive – There was a traffic study 15 years ago by PennDOT that was not followed through with according to a neighbor. What was not adhered to?

Michael Wolf, 221 Ruby Drive – What can they do? Waiting is not acceptable.

Jim Funk, Ruby Drive – We can get a quote on a fixed barrier cost would be to start a Go Fund Me page to line up contractors.

Lee Klein, 225 Freeland Drive – Question about grant for trees. Did it state how many? What type of trees? Did it have a provision for ongoing maintenance?

Resident – Who owns Main Street? When that Ursinus student died it didn’t take PennDOT and the Borough very long to process the changes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of 2018 Council and Planning Commission Meeting Dates – Mr. Thompson discussed. The July meeting will be held the second Wednesday of the month, July 11th, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve the 2018 Borough Council Meeting Dates; seconded by Mr. Braun. **Motion carries 7-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Dates; seconded by Ms. Tulio. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Consideration of the ZHB Application from Kimberton Whole Foods – Mr. Thompson discussed this Application. This is for Kimberton Whole Foods which is requesting a building sign variance. The sign requested is a little over 173 sq. ft. The zoning ordinance only allows 50 sq. ft. The borough council has one of three options; support the application, oppose it or they can take no action.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to support the ZHB application by sending a letter of support to the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Ms. Kernen. **Motion carries 6-0.**

Consideration of Reopening the 2018 Budget – Mrs. Stagliano asked the reason for reopening the budget. Ms. Kernen wants to reallocate some of the additional money saved on the trash contract to the communications committee and to give the mayor some normal customary reimbursable expenses. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Ms. Kernen to advertise a special meeting on 1/22/18 to reopen the 2018 Budget; seconded by Ms. Spencer. **Motion carries 4-3.**

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL: None.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary