

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2017 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Stagliano, Braun, Mann, Kernan, Tulio, Keenan; Rees and Mayor Stagliano absent

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

Mrs. Stagliano noted that there will be an executive session after the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters. No votes will be taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to adopt the March 1, 2017 meeting minutes; second by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets, Roads, Lighting Committee: - Mr. Mann reported that Collegeville received Liquid Fuels money from the state in the amount of \$135,000.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve check numbers 2109 through 2162 plus all transfers; seconded by Mr. Keenan. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

The beginning balance was \$130,965.30, disbursements were \$204,925.79, deposits were \$167,934.36; leaving an ending balance of \$93,973.87 in the general fund checking. The available balance is \$379,566.63.

MOTION by Mr. Keenan to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ms. Kernan. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Keenan reported that the Stearly development is progressing. The Betcher Road contract was awarded to Wexcon. Some work is being done by the Collegeville Community Club at Water Works Park where they are removing invasive species. There have also been some complaints about noise due to the sandblasting of the water tower in Trappe.

Planning Commission: No Report.

CPVRPC: Ms. Kernan reported on the Greenways Analysis of Collegeville/Trappe. They looked at sidewalks, safety, etc. The major recommendations were to construct/improve sidewalks; connect Main Street to Hunsberger Woods, improve storm water management in parking lots and other areas. It was noted that 44% of Collegeville Borough is covered by impervious surfaces. Plant

street trees, make sure ADA sidewalk ramps are compliant. Another item noted was that there are no dedicated facilities for bicyclists outside of the Perkiomen Trail.

Parks Committee: Mrs. Stagliano reported that there will be mulching done this weekend and some new signage installed at the park.

Public Safety Committee: No Report.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh reported that the Paving Project went out to bid. The bids were opened last week. There were 9 bids and the lowest bid was Innovative Construction Services for the amount of \$61,827.70. It is recommended to accept the low bid of \$61,827.70 and authorize them to proceed for the amount of \$61,827.70.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to accept the low bid of \$61,827.70 and authorize Innovative Construction to proceed; seconded by Mr. Keenan. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Also, Trappe Borough has opened bids for the joint project with them.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve the Inter-municipal Agreement with Trappe Borough and to accept Floyd Hersch as the contractors; seconded by Mr. Keenan. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Mr. Mann questioned whether the drainage problem with the newly constructed homes on Claymont Drive has been taken care of.

Solicitor: No Report.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Mann requested to go to the May 2017 Borough's Association Conference in Hershey as a voting delegate.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approved Mr. Mann's attendance at the Borough's Association Conference; seconded by Mr. Keenan. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Police: Chief Bucher gave the report. Report on file.

Fire: Report on file.

Ambulance Report: Report on File.

Mayor: No Report.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve the Committee and Administrative reports; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Public Discussion:

Linda Gallo, 40 E. First Avenue – Regarding her new neighbor at 42 E. First Avenue, the neighbor is cutting trees down and putting a new fence along the property. She was told by Mr. Thompson that she couldn't cut the trees down or put up a new fence. She has aimed her rain spouts and sump pump drainage towards my property. My sewer vents are on the neighbor's side of the property by three inches. She cut it down and put a solid cap on it. It needs to be vented and is causing overflow in my house. I'm not sure of where to go for help.

Craig Penuel, Fire Company – He just received the rough draft for the RFP. The Fire Company is looking for two more bids. He did not bring the Fire Company audit with him.

Mrs. Stagliano noted that the Fire Company and Borough Council will have a Special Meeting from 6:00 to 7:00 before the June 7 Borough Council meeting.

Andrea Baptiste, Militia Court – Will this meeting be open to the public? How will the message be put out to the public?

Chris Louten, 39 E. Fourth Avenue – He would like an update on the Glenwood Project. Also, the issue with Claymont Drive is absolutely ridiculous.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of the Third Avenue Sidewalks Design – Mr. Thompson discussed this. He has put in an application for grant funding. Mr. Leh took a look at ways to slow traffic down on Third Avenue. One would be a bump out at Chestnut Street and also installing crosswalks. Mr. Leh asked for guidance on the bump out.

Bob Botti – Had comments on the future sidewalk on Third Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Mann asked the status on the Little Free Library. Ms. Tulio stated that the Little Free Library should be completed by the summer.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL:

Ms. Kernen reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held from 10:00 – 12:00 on Memorial Day. It will start at the Lutheran Church and end at Water Works Park. Ursinus College started a new program called Summer Burst, which allows the community to take classes during the summer and also will be offering summer camps. There will be an Open House at the Ursinus College Organic Farm on Ninth Avenue.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary