

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2016 Meeting**

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

Mrs. Stagliano noted that there was an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ROLL CALL: Stagliano, Braun, Mann, Kernen, Tulio, Rees, Keenan and Mayor Stagliano

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes; second by Mr. Braun.
Motion carries 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets, Roads, Lighting Committee: - No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve check numbers 1857 through 1922 plus all transfers; seconded by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

The beginning balance was \$44,737.39, disbursements were \$342,244.99, deposits were \$304,449.94; leaving an ending balance of \$6,942.34 in the general fund checking.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ms. Kernen. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Keenan reported that the budget was balanced with no rate increase for 2017 and an auditor was chosen for next year. For Public Works, there is a Phase 1 Study for bog turtles up in Trappe due to some wetlands being found. Due to a projected loss for 2017, the Joint Public Works Committee recommended a rate increase for water; this is calculated to cover a "supposed" projected loss. An auditor was approved for Public Works.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve Resolution No. 2016-20, Establishing the Water Rates for 2017; seconded by Mrs. Stagliano. ***Motion carries 6-1, with Mr. Keenan voting no.***

Planning Commission: No Report.

CPVRPC: Ms. Kernen reported that there was a presentation by the Natural Lands Trust. They are currently working on the Greenways Project. The assessment was completed. The entire study will not be completed until 2018.

Parks Committee: No Report.

Public Safety Committee: Ms. Tulio reported that they met last week.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh reported that the Eleventh Avenue culvert has been completed and there have been no issues. The final payment request has been received from the contractor. Mr. Leh is recommending payment of \$45, 580.05, contingent upon receipt of a maintenance bond.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to pay Flyway Contracting the final payment of \$45,580.05 for the Eleventh Avenue culvert contingent upon receipt of a maintenance bond; seconded by Mr. Mann. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Also, there was a pre-construction meeting held for the 111-113 W. Fifth Avenue Townhouse Development.

Solicitor: Mr. Hosterman reported that the documents for 111-113 W. Fifth Avenue Townhouse development have been completed and he is waiting to receive the Letter of Credit. Also, Storm Water Management Agreements with Ursinus College were worked on; they are for the Pedestrian Safety Project and also the Information and Discovery Center Project. He is also working on the Development Agreement and has received approved numbers from the Borough Engineer late last week.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson reported that the Borough will be hosting a Blood Drive, December 22nd at the Collegeville Fire Company.

Police: Report on file. Chief Bucher discussed the Montgomery County SWAT – Western Region.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 581, Establishing the Montgomery County SWAT – Western Region; seconded by Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

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 Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Public Discussion –

Resident questioned why the minutes for October and November were not posted.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of the 2017 Final Budget -

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve the 2017 Final Budget; seconded by Mr. Braun. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Consideration of Ordinance No. 579, Setting the 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate – Mr. Mann noted that the tax rate when up by .4 mil. This is to fund the loan to replace the Eleventh Avenue culvert.

MOTION by Mr. Braun to set the 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate; seconded by Mr. Mann. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Consideration of the Council and Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2017 – Mr. Thompson noted that the July Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday due to the July 4th holiday.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the Council and Planning Commission Meeting dates as listed; seconded by Ms. Tulio. **Motion carries 7-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Ursinus College Welcome Center Concept Plan – Jason Van Buren, Ursinus College Facilities Director discussed this concept plan. Mr. Van Buren also introduced Interim Vice-President, Annette Parker.

Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-21, Ursinus College Main Street Pedestrian Facility Improvements PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant -

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve Resolution No. 2016-21, Ursinus College Main Street Pedestrian Facility Improvements PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant; seconded by Mr. Braun. **Motion carries 7-0.**

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL: Ms. Kernan noted that Kimberton Whole Foods will be moving into half of the old ACME building in the fall of 2017. The Fire Company will be putting up Christmas decorations; there will be no Christmas Tree lighting this year; the Jingle Jog will be held on December 12th.

Mr. Mann noted that the Norristown Garden Club will have three houses in Collegeville and one in Trappe on their Holiday Homes Tour.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary