

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2016 Meeting**

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

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

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

Conditional Use Hearing – 110 E. First Avenue: Solicitor Hosterman explained the Conditional Use Hearing. This will be a hearing to amend the original Conditional Use Decision and Order. The problem occurred due to the actual construction on the property not conforming to the plans that were approved. DEP had asked for a reconfiguration of the parking lot, as well as the applicant purchasing the adjoining property.

Mr. Brewster, attorney for the applicant reviewed the Conditional Use Application.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to grant the conditional use amendment; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0-1, with Mr. Keenen recusing himself.***

Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-09, Land Development Plan for 113 W. Fifth Avenue: Chris Daley, D.L. Howell & Associates discussed this land development plan. He is seeking preliminary/final land development approval for 10 townhomes to be constructed at 113 W. Fifth Avenue. He is also seeking two waivers; one for sidewalks and the other for the right-of-way.

MOTION by Mr. Braun to approve Resolution No. 2016-09, Preliminary/Final Land Development for 113 W. Fifth Avenue; seconded by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes; second by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets, Roads, Lighting Committee: - Paving is scheduled for late July; the culvert won't be available until September.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve check numbers 1567 through 1617 plus all transfers; seconded by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

The beginning balance in the General Fund checking account was \$465,823.29; disbursements were \$431,305.11; receipts were \$158,726.37, leaving an ending balance of \$193,224.55. Total funds available are \$1,116,211.83.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Keenan reported that their audit has been postponed. A red tail hawk was rescued from the compost site. TD Bank will no longer be accepting payments for water/sewer bills.

Planning Commission: No Report.

CPVRPC: No Report. There was no meeting in June.

Parks Committee: Mrs. Stagliano reported that the band Work Release will be performing at the park tomorrow night.

Public Safety Committee: No Report.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh reported that there was a pre-construction meeting last week for the paving project on Third Avenue. Starting next week the concrete work should be starting to replace the handicap ramps. Paving will probably start at the end of the month.

Solicitor: Mr. Hosterman reported that he has reviewed and commented on the loan documents for the Eleventh Avenue culvert.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson reported that there will be a Blood Drive at the Fire Company on July 22nd. Ursinus College and the Borough received the MONTCO 2040 Grant which was submitted to help pay for the traffic signal at Sixth Avenue. They have received \$75,000.00 to help offset the cost.

Mrs. Stagliano reported that a letter was received from Metro Development (Royal Farms) that due to unforeseen time constraints, they were unable to extend their due diligence with the seller. The project has been put on hold. If anything changes, they will let us know.

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

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

Ambulance Report: Report on File.

Mayor: No Report.

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve the Committee and Administrative Reports; seconded by Mr. Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Public Discussion: Gary Sassaman brought up the development that is occurring at First and Main Streets in Trappe. He is getting a lot of mud and water washing into his yard. The barriers no longer have sod or grass on them. He needs to find out whom to speak with in Trappe about this.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of the Zoning Hearing Board Variance Request for 361 E. Ninth Avenue – Mr. Thompson discussed this. This is an application for a flag lot. The new owner would like to renovate the existing house and add a flag lot behind it. It will come before Zoning Hearing Board on July 14th. The consensus on Council was to take no action on the application.

Consideration of Scheduling a Conditional Use Hearing for a new Ursinus College Science Building – Mr. Thompson explained that this will be a new science building which will connect with the existing science building. They are required to have a Conditional Use per borough ordinance, as well as a land development before the Planning Commission and receive approval from Borough Council. The Conditional Use hearing should be scheduled for the August 3rd Borough Council meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Keenan to schedule and advertise the Conditional Use Hearing for the Ursinus College new Science Building for August 3, 2016 at 7:00PM; seconded by Mr. Rees. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Consideration of the Eleventh Avenue Culvert Project Loan – Mr. Thompson explained that to fund the culvert, he has been working with the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority. This authority lends money to municipalities to finance projects such as the culvert replacement. He estimated the cost of this project would be \$560,000.00 to totally fund this project. Staff is recommending that we borrow \$450,000.00 from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority to fund this project. The payment would be approximately \$48,000.00 for 10 years.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to approve borrowing \$450,000.00 from Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority to fund the Eleventh Avenue Culvert Project; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

Consideration of the Proposal for Legal Services for the Verizon Franchise Agreement

Renewal – Mr. Thompson discussed this. Verizon's Franchise Agreement expires soon and the Montgomery County Consortium hired the Cohen Law Group to re-negotiate the Verizon franchise agreement. The cost for the legal services would be around \$5,000.00 for each municipality. There will most likely be around 11 to 20 municipalities that will participate. The consortium also agreed to subsidize each municipality \$1,000.00 towards the legal fees.

MOTION by Mr. Mann to hire the Cohen Law Group to re-negotiate the Verizon Franchise Agreement through the Montgomery County Consortium; seconded by Mr. Keenan. ***Motion carries 7-0.***

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Kernen reported that the Greenways review of Water Works Park was canceled due to rain. It is re-scheduled for August. The Collegeville Colossal Yard Sale is scheduled for September 10th at Water Works Park.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL: None.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary