

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 10 2000

2145 WALNUT STREET PROSSER HALL

CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

Council President Forrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

William C. Forrey James J. Ramsey

Bea Kistler Christine D. Rathbun

Douglas L. Morrow Jeffrey F. Smith

Philip J. Murren

Also present were Bruce Z. McLanahan, Mayor, Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager; G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief; Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor, Dylan P. Dayton, Assistant Solicitor and Maronetta F. Miller, Recording Secretary.

The minutes of April 12, 2000 meeting were upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Ramsey unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his monthly report, which is made part of the minutes.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager presented his report, which is made part of the minutes. Mr. Knittel announced

that the entire Camp Hill Borough Code is now available for viewing on the website.

The Borough Manager reviewed some of the issues which have been referred to the Solicitor for opinion relating to the recent request of the Coffeehouse on Market Street to build a deck on the front of their property and accessory use, impervious coverage and setback issues with regard to same. The Borough Solicitor recommended that the owners apply for a variance if the ordinance restricts accessory use. He will review the present code and advise the Codes Officer if the variance procedure is necessary. The matter was also further discussed by visitors. Mrs. Rathbun suggested the planning and zoning committee review the ordinances and see what can or should be changed. Mrs. Rathbun said the Coffeehouse is a thriving and important business and she would like to see what can be done to accommodate this and other businesses on Market Street.

VISITORS

Mrs. Poke reported on the continuing noise from ADM and suggested that the ADM Plant Manager meet with the neighbors. Mr. Knittel reported that he spoke with the ADM Plant Manager two weeks ago and he reported to the Borough Manager that they were working on plans to alleviate the noise. The President stated he would follow up.

Mr. Luther McLellan of Crestwood Court discussed the landscaping he claims was to be done around his property by the Borough since the removal of trees at his request. President Forrey reported that he would look at it himself, but is not convinced that grass is the way to go and suggested perhaps letting nature take its course.

Commissioner Nancy Besch invited all to Carlisle to attend the parade celebrating the 250th anniversary of Cumberland County. She also announced that there is an exhibit opening May 11, 2000 at the Historical Society. Mrs. Besch expressed her concern for small businesses in Camp Hill as well as throughout Cumberland County.

Al and Susan Paris, owners of the Coffeehouse on Market Street, were present to discuss the denial of their blueprints to construct a deck. Mr. Paris indicated that he had the Borough Manager and Codes Officer come to the Coffeehouse and he pointed out what they wanted to do and at that time neither the Manager nor the Zoning Officer indicated that there were any problems as far as they could tell. When application was made, the coffee shop was told it would take a few days, they had a contractor lined up and moved forward with good faith and placed ads and invited the public to enjoy the deck. They were informed about a week ago that the application was being turned down due to an ordinance on the records. President Forrey recommended getting together after the meeting to discuss this issue further stating that all Council Members want to do the right thing.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mrs. Kistler distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes.

Mr. David Reager presented a request to vacate the alley located between 2314 and 2318 Market Street, Camp Hill. He stated that the abutting property owners have all agreed to the request and have signed a petition, which has been presented to the Borough for consideration. Mr. Reager agreed to prepare a private right of way agreement for the abutting property owners. Mrs. Kistler moved to approve the request subject to the private right of way agreement being prepared and signed and requested the Borough Solicitor draft the necessary ordinances. The same was seconded by Mrs. Rathbun and unanimously approved.

The Borough Manager stated that the Mall brought in a revised plan that brings Barnes and Nobel out 20 feet. The planning commission approved the minor modification and felt it did not change the plan's intent and did not require action by the Council.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Rathbun moved to table action on the request for no parking on Walnut Street. The same was seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Rathbun moved to adopt an ordinance to erect a stop sign on South 18th Street at State Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow and unanimously approved by polling Council Members.

The Borough Manager discussed the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pension plan for non-uniform employees. The Borough Manager presented a resolution for consideration by Council. Mrs. Rathbun moved to table action for further clarification relating to a potential conflict between paragraphs 5 and 10. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kistler and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Rathbun recommended to appoint H. Ward Adams to the Emergency Management Task Force Commission, and President Forrey appointed him to the Commission.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Morrow distributed the monthly Police Report, which is made part of the minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Smith distributed copies of the monthly report, which are made part of the minutes. It was noted that the Memorial Day Parade is to begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 29, 2000. Mr. Smith also announced that the Lions Den dedication would be held June 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Murren distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. Mr. Murren also distributed the results of the bid opening of April 28, 2000 for a new leaf loader. It was reported that only one bid met specifications for a dealer-refurbished leaf loader. The bid was submitted by Lancaster Ford Tractor, Inc. at a cost of \$21,872. It was noted that it is a budgeted item with some funds coming from a grant in the amount of \$99,507 for two vehicles and leaf collector and \$25,000 from liquid fuels money. Mr. Murren moved to accept the bid of Lancaster in the amount of \$21,872. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kistler and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Kistler announced that Ron Secarah of Hartman Engineers would now be the Borough's contact replacing Tom Pillion who has left his employment there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session to discuss a contract at 8:35 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING RESUMED

Council resumed the public portion of the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Rathbun reported that there is some interest in changing zoning in the area along Market Street located on 17th Street to 20th Street from R-2 to C-2. Mrs. Rathbun recommends that the Planning and Zoning Committee review this issue as well as some of the other issues relating to zoning within the Borough.

VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow, vouchers totaling \$275,442.56 were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY