

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JULY 12, 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 Philip J. Murren

Bea Kistler James J. Ramsey

Douglas L. Morrow Christine D. Rathbun

Also present were Bruce Z. McLanahan, Mayor; Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager; G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief; Timothy Maro, Assistant Borough Manager; and Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor.

The minutes of the June 14, 2000 meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Dave Margolis's name on page 2 and to include under "Public Works" that Mr. Morrow distributed the monthly Public Works Report. With the foregoing corrections, upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

It was noted that Council did have an Executive Session prior to this meeting concerning certain legal matters.

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. He advised that the

Siebert Park paperwork has been submitted and the lights should be installed by the second week of August. Repairs and renovations to the restrooms have also commenced.

Mr. Knittel also addressed questions posed at June's meeting from visitors regarding lights at ADM. He has spoken with the manager at ADM who will look into the possibility of having the lights adjusted.

VISITORS

Mrs. Focht reported that she has spoken with the plant manager of ADM regarding the extension of air vents to resolve the noise situation. She again expressed her concern of their lighting. Mr. Forrey stated that Council has been in contact with ADM and ADM has assured them they are trying to resolve these matters.

Wanda Overmyer asked if the sewer work off Pennsylvania Avenue is still on schedule for this summer. Mr. Ramsey stated that the contract for the sewer work is running about two weeks behind schedule. She also asked if any word has been received from PennDOT concerning the sound wall. Mr. Knittel advised that the last he heard that they are to start work in the fall of 2000.

Debbie Shearer of Optical Reflections expressed her concern over a conflict she experienced with a borough employee regarding her sewer bill and a police report she believes was falsified. She would like to discuss the police report incident with the Public Safety Officer at a later date. Mr. Forrey stated they would look into both situations.

Catherine Gear also voiced her concern over the ADM situation. She stated that the Borough was requested to plant trees by the maintenance area which they did not do, therefore, five hemlock trees were planted on Borough property for \$500.00 and questioned why the Borough didn't plant them. She also asked who is responsible for "paper alleys". Mr. Snyder stated basically 1/2 each property owner.

Kevin Marcy of 205 Pennsylvania Avenue and Robert Grabau of 203 Pennsylvania expressed their concerns over the property adjoining Mr. Marcy's at 207 Pennsylvania Avenue, regarding an unused/stagnant/unsecured pool, piles of grass, dog feces, etc.

Dave Margolis clarified his remarks as printed in The Patriot-News concerning underage drinking and driving in the Borough.

Attorney Elizabeth Beckley spoke on behalf of her clients, the Venos, South 26th Street, who were issued a citation last year for not being in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance for the business they run from their home selling Christmas wreaths. She asked that Council consider meeting with her at a later date to resolve this matter with the possibility of either a grant of conditional use from Council or a variance through the Zoning Hearing Board. President Forrey stated that a meeting would be set up at a

later time.

Mike Burney, 17 North 30th Street, stated his support of the Venos' business. He also asked Council to consider having public input from residents on the underage drinking problem, whether in a private or public session, as there are people who can help deal with these problems.

Bruce Bigelow, Tad Miller, Dave Harris all spoke in support of the Venos' business.

Dave Goodwin expressed his concern with the Borough's Police Department.

In reaction, Mike Burney and Karen Nelson both commended the Borough's Police Department.

Sandy Rahn brought up the issue of the Underage Drinking Committee. Mr. Morrow responded that the term "committee" appeared in The Patriot-News only and that in actuality it was administrators – the Mayor, the Chief of Police and Mr. Morrow who got together to deal with the problem. Bill Bottonani suggested that the Committee have representatives from other institutions in the community such as residents, school and churches. Mayor McLanahan reiterated that there is not an official "committee". It was two elected officials and the Chief of Police who have chosen to look at this issue and come up with solutions.

Dave Marcelus thanked the Borough Manager and Staff for their courtesy and helpfulness. He reported that his teenagers have reported hearing rumors around town that the youth in Camp Hill can drink and drive with little chance of punishment. Mr. Morrow stated that the Chief of Police, the Mayor and he are looking into ways to rectify the situation and welcomed input from the citizenry of the Borough. Karen Nelson concurred that there is a problem in the Borough with under age drinking and suggested the DARE programs continue throughout the higher grades.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Ramsey distributed a copy of the monthly report that is made a part of the minutes. He also commented that the sewer work will commence in about four to five days on Pennsylvania Avenue.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Rathbun stated that the non-uniform pension plan has been advertised. It changes the retirement age to 58 and the vesting period from 12 to 10 years. The overriding cost would be approximately \$2,000.00 to the Borough. She made a motion to accept the plan, Mrs. Kistler seconded the motion and

it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Rathbun also made to a motion to adopt the resolution to enter into the Agreement for emergency mutual aid with Cumberland County. Mrs. Kistler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Rathbun moved to accept the resignation of Dylan Dayton from the Camp Hill Civil Service Commission. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mrs. Rathbun noted there are now two vacancies on the Commission and moved that H. L. Bishop, Jr. be approved to fill one of the vacancies. Mrs. Kistler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Morrow distributed a copy of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. He commented on the underage drinking issue, stating that they are in the very early stage of looking into this situation. He stated that the Borough would have to have enforcement and prevention, concentrating on prevention and education. The Borough is seeking advice from the state, the Borough's law enforcement people and will be meeting with school officials to deal with this situation together. The youth survey results actually showed the percentage below the underage drinking average of the national drinking percentage. He proposes to have educational packets available to parents to help them deal with their children and will work with the schools, community and churches.

The Mayor then made a statement on underage drinking, emphasizing zero tolerance, more emphasis on suppliers and hosts of events where alcohol is supplied, and giving officers more discretion in dealing with underage drinking.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The monthly report is made part of the minutes. In Mr. Smith's absence, Mrs. Rathbun reported that the lights will be operation by mid-August and the bathroom are also progressing.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The monthly report is made part of the minutes. The CVS plans were reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee. With respect to the present library site, the Committee offers and recommends the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Solicitor prepare and advertise an ordinance revising Section 200-8 of the Borough Code to establish the following area as part of the Borough's C-2 Zone: The area presently zoned R-2 on the west side of North 31st Street, bounded on the north by Westerly Road.

The Solicitor is further directed to give proper notice of a hearing on said zoning change to be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 13, 2000, and to submit the proposed ordinance to the Borough's Planning and Zoning Hearing Commission at least 30 days prior to said hearing."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murren and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

The monthly report is made part of the minutes. Mr. Maro commented on the monthly sewer flow reports and stated that progress is being made with the sewer restoration project.

VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mrs. Kistler, vouchers totaling \$124,887.06 were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY