

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 10th, 2003

2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL

CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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

William Forrey Deborah Keys

Rick McBride Burke McLemore

James Ramsey Jeffrey Smith

Christine Rathbun

Also present were Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager; Jan Ammons, Police Chief; Donn Snyder, Solicitor; Tim Maro, Assistant Borough Manager; Douglas Morrow, Mayor; Natalie Blackman, Recorder.

Mrs. Rathbun announced that the minutes from last months meeting will be held over until next month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Morrow distributed the Mayors report and it is made part of the minutes. Mr. Morrow reported that last month the police made an arrest following several break-in's of vehicles in the borough. Mr. Morrow commended Chief Ammons and the police department for the arrest.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Knittel distributed copies of his report as well as that of the Assistant Manager, and they are made part of the minutes.

VISITORS

Mr. George Smith from North 23th Street informed Council of the problem he and his neighbors have been having with kids loitering in his area. Mr. Smith told Council that he has been working with Chief Ammons and they have it under control.

Susan Fickes of 3015 Mayfred Lane addressed Council regarding the use of the soccer fields next to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau,. she is concerned about the increase use and parking issues. Mrs. Rathbun suggested that Mr. Smith have the recreation committee take a look at the issue. Mr. Smith stated that he had spoken a representative of the Farm Bureau. Mr. Smith asked for Councils consent to talk to the soccer club. Mr. Forrey suggested that the recreation committee look at the whole borough, to see if they could possible use other fields. Chief Ammons stated that the police department will monitor the area.

Mr. Aubrey Sledzinski of N. 17th Street and Mr. Lane Webber of N 19th Street addressed the issue of the changing the zoning in the area of North 19th and North 17th Street to R-1 from R-2.

Mr. Shawn Sparks of N 19th Street congratulated Council on winning the Simply the Best Place to live this year. Mr. Sparks also address the issue of changing the zoning in his area from R-2 to R-1.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Forrey distributed copies of the monthly report. Mr. Maro provided an update on pumping stations rehabilitation.. Mr. Maro also reported that Handwerk Construction will soon begin the replacement of sanitary sewers along S. 34th Street, between Trindle and Markets Streets. Handwerk has requested permission to close the street 24 hrs a day for approximately one week so as to expedite the work. Chestnut and Green Street will be kept passable. Mr. Forrey moved that 34th street be closed to traffic for one week, between Market and Trindle. Mr. Ramsey seconded. The motion was approved.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. McLemore distributed copies of the monthly reports. Mr. McLemore presented a resolution extending COMCAST Cables franchise agreement until 11/09/2009, this follows the upgrading of the cable systems as dictated in the current franchise agreement. The West Shore Council of Governments has had its cable attorney review the completion reports as submitted by members of the COG and has reported that COMCAST has met its obligations. Mr. McLemore moved to approve the resolution, Mrs. Keys seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. McLemore reported that Mr. Maro was notified by PROP that Camp Hill has been named as a 2003

Waste Watcher Award.

Mr. McLemore recommended to Council that Mr. Harling, the Borough's Tax Collector be provided a tax exemption form, and have Mr. Harling purchase the tax collection software from Bullseye Electromation.. Mr. McLemore so moved, Mr. Smith seconded, the motion was approved.

Mr. McLemore presented a request from the Camp Hill School District to move two school polling places: Schaeffer Elementary School and the Camp Hill High School. Mr. McLemore reviewed correspondent received from the District regarding the possible change of the polling sites. Mrs. Rathbun reported that she has spoken with the Church of Christ regarding the use of its facility for voting in place of Schaeffer School. Mayor Morrow stated that he checked with solicitor of the Election Bureau regarding this issue. Mr. Morrow stated that he did receive a letter from Mrs. Kindler in regards to moving the polling sites, and stated that there will be police officers near the school on election day and that he believes that Council should wait until the end of this election to make any changes. Mr. McLemore stated that he would prefer a letter from Mrs. Kindler regarding the delay in relocating the polling sites. Mrs. Rathbun stated that she will appoint a committee to secure alternative polling sites.

Mr. McLemore requested Mr. Knittel to explain the PennDOT Traffic Signal Emergency Optical Pre-empt design requests for North 21st & Bypass. Mr. Knittel stated that PennDOT is preparing specs for the new traffic signals at the 21st and Bypass and would include Emergency Optical Pre-empt Designs. This would provide emergency vehicles the ability to control the traffic signal in the direction they are headed. Currently this request would not result in any expense to the borough but allows PennDOT to put this into the specs as they go out to bid. Should the Borough decide to purchase these transmitters for any emergency vehicles it will be about \$700.00 each. Mr. McLemore recommended that Council allow PennDOT to put the Optical Pre-empt Design into the specs, and also ask that Council suggest it for the area in-front of the mall. Mr. McLemore motioned that Mr. Knittel be authorized to contact PennDOT to signal Councils interest to proceed in that direction and that the same time look at and explore similar devises all along the bypass. Mr. Ramsey seconded, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. McBride distributed the monthly reports, and they were made part of the minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Smith distributed the monthly report and they were made part of the minutes. Mr. Smith announced that the Halloween Parade will be held on October 28th, The Great Roads Festival will be held on September 20th from 9 to 4p.m., and Trick or Treat night will be held on October 30th from 6 to 8p.m.

Mr. Smith stated that Environmental Day will be held at Siebert Park on September 15th, and Prep day will be on September 14th.

Mr. Smith stated that he has explored the possibility of the borough purchasing the Adam Thomas, and the Craig properties along North 17th Street for potential use as a Borough Parks. Mr. Smith stated that the borough has received an appraisal for the properties. Mr. Smith had contacted the property owners representative to determine the asking price for the properties. The Thomas property was about \$300,000 and the Craig property about 200,000. This was considerable more then the appraisal received by the borough.

Mr. Smith stated that the Country Club Hills association was having a Halloween party at the Siebert Park Log Cabin. They have asked for a waiver on the \$75.00 fee. Mr. Knittel stated that this fee would be waived, but that they need to pay for the building monitor.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Keys reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting in August. Mrs. Keys announced that the next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on September 16th, at 7 p.m. and the Zoning Ordinance Update Hearings will be held on September 23, at 7 p.m. Mr. Knittel reported that a draft copy of the new Zoning Ordinance will be available at the Borough Office. Mrs. Keys stated that the minutes from the West Shore Cog were in the Council packets.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Ramsey distributed the monthly report and they were made part of the minutes. Mr. Ramsey announced that work has begun on the biking and walking trail in Willow Park.

Mrs. Rathbun announced that Council will break for a few minutes and then go into an executive session at 8:55 and return to regular meeting at 9:15 pm.

Mr. McLemore moved to pay vouchers totaling\$92,767.16, second by Mr. McBride approved by Council with Mr. Smith voting no.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 9:30pm.

E.J.Knittel

Secretary