

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 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:

Deborah Keys
Christine Rathbun
Richard A. McBride
James J. Ramsey
R. Burke McLemore, Jr.

Also present were Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager;
G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief;
Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor; Dylan P. Dayton, Assistant Solicitor;
Tim Maro, Assistant Borough Manager; and
Natalie Blackman, Recorder.

The minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2003 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. McBride, seconded by Mrs. Keys. The minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2003 were upon motion of Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morrow distributed copies of the Police Report. The Mayor also extended his thanks and congratulations to the Public Works Department and the Police and Fire Department for their efforts during the recent storm.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager distributed a copy of his report as well as the report of the Assistant Borough Manager. Both reports are accepted and made part of the minutes.

In addition, the Borough Manager distributed information from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation stating that they are giving plants being given away for use in wet areas and/or natural areas. The only cost to

the Borough would be pick up and planting, which will be done by Borough employees. Council authorized the Borough Manager to obtain the plants and use his judgment as far as location of the plants.

The Borough Manager also distributed information from PennDOT concerning items to be placed on its ten-year plan sometime in November.

Tim Maro discussed the Communities in Bloom award. He noted that it is an international competition, and although the Borough did not win, the judges were very impressed with Borough and the Borough was given special recognition for its recycling program. Mr. Maro stated that there were four volunteers who went to Canada to represent the Borough in this competition.

VISITORS

Helen Sarraf 430 Appletree Road requested the Borough check into the drainage on her property as it relates to Ordinance 865.

Wayne Weber, 371 North 19th Street asked questions concerning the Borough's website.

Kevin Marcy of 205 Pennsylvania Avenue requested the Borough check in to the property at 207 Pennsylvania Avenue, as he believes the owner is in violation of the BOCA code as well as other Borough ordinances. The Borough Manager was authorized to take a look at it and if warranted will site the owner of the property.

Catherine Brenner and Allison Miller of Girl Scout Troop 660 stated that are working on their Silver Award. The project they have in mind is to paint a mural on the underpass at the property at 24th and Willow Streets and hope to accomplish it by mid-2004. They want to mural to represent different aspects of the community and plan to request contributions from businesses and individuals. President Rathbun requested that the design be presented for approval. Council unanimously authorized the concept.

Suzanne Fickes of Mayfred Lane requested an update on soccer fields and traffic. She did report that there has been progress and extended her thanks to Council for their help.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

In the absence of Mr. Forrey, Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly reports and they are made part of the minutes. Copies of

the Lemoyne Municipal Authority meeting minutes were also distributed. Mr. Ramsey moved to authorize the payment to Johnson Construction in the amount of \$59,704.25 for work completed at the pumping stations, less a ten percent retention. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Keys and unanimously approved.

Mark Malarich of Gannett Fleming distributed copies of the Engineer's Report, which are made part of the minutes. Mr. Malarich gave a status report on the rehabilitation of the pumping station and it is expected to be completed by mid-November. The project on Market Street and Trindle Road is behind and it is expected that the contractor will request an extension of time to complete the project.

Mr. Malarich reported that the Public Works Committee held a meeting with some of the individuals affected by flooding to discuss potential solutions. A draft report was distributed to Council for review. Mrs. Keys requested Council review the report and then another meeting be scheduled to discuss any questions that may arise. It was also suggested that the public be given an opportunity to review the final report prior to the public meeting.

Mr. Malarich reported that there was a partially collapsed box culvert on Ms. Peterson's property that was partially repaired. The feasibility report suggests successions for a permanent repair for that area.

The last item concerns the Camp Hill Mall. The Borough requested the developer perform a supplemental traffic study for the Route 15 entrance. Gannett Fleming reviewed the traffic study and provided some additional comments to the developer's engineer for consideration. It was noted that any changes made to Chestnut Street would be at the cost to the Borough and not the developer. The Assistant Borough Solicitor asked who would perform the estimated costs of the improvements and it was stated that the most logical route would be to have the developer provide the Borough with an estimate for review and consideration.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. McLemore distributed copies of the 2004 budget for the West Shore Tax Bureau for review and discussion. Mr. McLemore moved to approve the budget as presented by resolution; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Keys and unanimously approved.

Mr. McLemore discussed the Borough's participation on the Capital Area

Transit – Corridor One Minimum Operating Segment which affects Cumberland, Dauphin, and Lancaster Counties. Christine Rathbun volunteered to represent the Borough on this project.

Mr. McLemore distributed copies of a request from the Camp Hill School District to enlist the Borough's assistance in changing the polling locations from the schools. President Rathbun drafted a letter addressed to the Cumberland County Commissioners requesting changing the polling locations from Schaeffer Elementary School and the Middle/High School to be effective November 2004 election. Mr. McLemore encouraged members of Council and the public to address their concerns to the School Board. Mrs Keys suggested alternatives to moving the polling locations be given to the School District and the County Commissioners. Mayor Marrow expressed his opposition to removing the polling locations from the schools. After much discussion, Mr. McLemore moved that the letter drafted by President Rathbun be forwarded to the Cumberland County Commissions in order to get the process started as requested by the School District and in the meantime, Council should explore every alternative with the School District. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mrs. Keys opposing the motion. Mr. McLemore suggested President Rathbun appoint an ad-hoc committee to revisit this matter with the School Board to explore alternative plans. President Rathbun requested Mr. McLemore and Mrs. Keys, with the assistance of Chief Ammons, jointly set a time to discuss the matter with the president of the School Board. President Rathbun also recommended that the citizenry should express their thoughts to the School Board and to Mrs. Keys or Mr. McLemore.

Mr. McLemore distributed for informational purposes a proposed non-substantial revision to the County Waste Management Plan.

Mr. McLemore stated that Act 205 of 1984 requires that the Chief Administrative Officer of each public pension plan inform the municipality of the plan's financial obligation for the following year. Council acknowledges receipt of the estimate for 2004, which reflects no obligation on the part of the Borough for either the uniform, or non-uniform pension plans.

Mr. McLemore also noted that the proposed budget for 2004 is in process and as of this time, it does not call of any tax increase.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. McBride distributed copies of the monthly Police Report and it is made part of the minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

In the absence of Mr. Smith, Mr. McLemore distributed copies of the monthly report. The Halloween Parade will be held October 28, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. and trick or treat will be held October 30, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. The tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 2, 2003 at 6:00 P.M.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Keys distributed copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Commission of September 16th and September 23rd. Mrs. Keys noted that Council received from the Planning Commission its comments concerning the proposed revised zoning ordinance. Mrs. Keys recommends a hearing be held on November 25, 2003 to obtain public comment. Mrs. Keys moved to direct the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing to be held November 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The Borough Manager stated that all comments would be received by that time from the Cumberland County Planning Commission. It was noted that the public would be invited to come to the Borough Offices beginning at 6:30 on November 25, 2003 to review the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLemore and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Keys noted that the monthly reports were distributed and are made part of the minutes. The next meeting to discuss any possible updates to the zoning ordinance would be held October 28, 2003.

Mrs. Keys noted that Lower Allen Township has provided the Borough with a courtesy copy of its proposed zoning ordinance concerning restriction of ground water.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report, which is part of the minutes. Mr. Ramsey also expressed his appreciation to the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for their outstanding work during the latest storm.

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of a request from Attorney Robert Myers who represents the owner of property located at 18 and 18 ½ Chestnut Street. The Borough Manager reported the on-going problem in

that area of water in basements on Chestnut Street Extended. The Borough Manager met with the homeowners and they are requesting a storm drain be installed which would then allow the water to be pumped into the storm drain since there is none there at this point. President Rathbun requested Gannett Fleming to make an assessment of the area and report back at the next Council meeting.

VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Mr. McLemore, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, vouchers totaling \$252,770.36 were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY