

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL  
CAMP HILL, PA 17011  
October 14, 2015**

President Peter Robelen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Steve Brodie  
Terri Edwards  
Richard Guerin  
Peter Robelen  
Carl Schultz  
Leigh Twiford  
Richard Woodard

Also present were Mayor and Fire Chief Mark Simpson, Police Chief Doug Hockenberry, Borough Manager Anne Shambaugh, Solicitor Steve Feinour, Borough Engineer Michael Mehaffey, Codes Enforcement Officer Chris Miller, Recreation Director Audrey Logar, and Nate Sterling as recording secretary.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 2, 2015 special meeting were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Woodard, seconded by Ms. Edwards, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simpson had nothing to report this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Sherry Bowman, 498 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street, introduced herself as the spokesperson for a group of residents requesting to be able to raise hens in their backyards which would require an amendment to the Borough ordinance as it currently requires one acre of land to be able to raise poultry. She stated the residents were seeking an amendment because having hens

could improve the quality of life and help with community-building. She provide Council with a handout including a signed petition. Sherry asked that some of group members speak:

- Cindy Orris, 225 North 19th Street, stated she desired hens for the ability to provide garden fertilizer, hormone-free eggs, and to help control pests that cause Lyme Disease.
- Josef Garrett, 129 North 19th Street, stated he grew up with chickens and he found that property values were affected positively in areas where chickens were permitted.
- Mark & Kim Hoover, 20 South 24th Street: Mark stated people should not be told what not to do and felt that Borough residents tolerate other animals such as dogs. He also requested that this issue not be “kicked into committee” and felt strongly that the issue would be made to come to a vote eventually. Kim stated there was no similar ordinance prohibiting chickens in the Boroughs of Mechanicsburg and New Cumberland (so by default it was permitted). She also felt that older children may take interest in gardening and raising chickens instead of sports.

At this time Ms. Bowman asked Council what the next steps would be to move forward with getting the ordinance amended. Mr. Brodie, as chairman of the Planning & Zoning subcommittee, advised them to provide as much documentation, studies, insight, etc. as possible regarding the issue as opposed to only a demand to have the ordinance changed. At this time there was brief discussion on the topic. Ms. Bowman felt that having a chicken would be comparable to having a medium sized dog on the property. Mr. Guerin questioned how a chicken would be able to assist in eating the grubs while remaining in the pen to which Ms. Bowman briefly described how owners commonly create runs for the chickens.

- Floyd Focht, 237 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked the Police Department for assisting in a recent parking issue near his home. He also asked Council for another update on the ongoing Shaffer Alley Storm Water issue stating that Lemoyne Borough was working on the problem. Ms. Shambaugh responded reminding Mr. Focht she had already spoke to him regarding this matter a few days ago. Also, Mr. Brodie asked Mr. Robelen to remind those in attendance that the Public Comment portion of the meeting was technically for comments only and should not be used as platform for a “grilling session” of Borough Council and staff.
- Kim Hoover, 20 South 24th Street, stated she had a prior conversation with Ms. Shambaugh regarding the restoration of the nature trail at Siebert Park and was concerned that the improvements had not yet been completed. Ms. Shambaugh responded that work on the detention basin was required first and was still in the works. Mr. Guerin commented that there are [landscape design] plans for the entire park but money still has to be allocated.
- Josef Garrett, 129 North 19th Street, invited everyone to his property to see his rain diversion implements and felt he could provide insight on alternative ways to address storm water issues that could save the Borough on costs involved with fees spent on engineers.

- Alyssa Bold, 109 North 34th Street, stated she wanted to address traffic her concern with the area behind the Good Sheppard School and Rite Aid being used as a cut-through during high traffic times. She had already called the Camp Hill Police for prior incidents involving confrontations with speeders. She proposed potential solutions: the first was an additional stop sign at the intersection of 34<sup>th</sup> & Hawthorne (making it a 4-way stop); the second solution being a 3-way stop at the Bedford Drive intersection. Chief Hockenberry requested her information so he could contact her to further discuss the matter and Ms. Edwards suggested the item be discussed at the next Public Safety committee meeting.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mayor Simpson stated the monthly reports for Police and Fire were in the packet and stated the Annual Chicken BBQ Fire Department fundraiser was once again a success.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Shambaugh stated the Treasurer's report for August 2015 was included in the packets.

### **HEALTH and SANITATION**

Mr. Guerin stated the monthly and engineer's reports were in the packet then requested approval for the following two payments:

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to request approval to pay Pennsy Supply \$164,249.24 for the 2015 Street Paving Project. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Ms. Edwards to request approval to pay Pipe Services Corporation \$26,512.22 for work completed on the Creek Road Sewer Basin rehabilitation project. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Guerin also anticipated the 2016 proposed sewer rates would be available next month.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Ms. Twiford read the list of announcements for upcoming meetings and made note that the Shade Tree Commission was still seeking new members for vacant seats.

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Woodard presented vouchers for payment.

- Motion made by Mr. Woodard, seconded by Mr. Guerin, to pay vouchers in the amount of \$1,286,469.79 Motion passed unanimously.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

At this time Ms. Shambaugh and Borough Engineer Mr. Michael Mehaffey provided an update on the 2015 Paving Project. Mr. Mehaffey expected Pennsy Supply to finish the 2015 Paving Project by October 30, 2015 before the weather became prohibitive to paving conditions. He also thought Penny might need to bring on additional crews to meet their obligation. Also, there was brief discussion on the Logan Street deficiency issue. Mr. Mehaffey said there were new core sample findings taken in the summer that seemed to indicate that the paving failure was likely due to water underneath the road. He stated the water was not traced back to PAW so it lead him to believe there could be a natural spring in the area.

### **PERSONNEL, POLICIES and PROCEDURES**

There was no report this month.

### **COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS RELATIONS**

There was no report this month.

### **PARKS and RECREATION**

Ms. Edwards stated the monthly report is in the packet and reminded Council and those present of the upcoming annual Halloween Parade being held at 7pm on Tuesday October 27, 2015. She also noted that responses for recipient candidates for the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award were due by Monday November 2, 2015.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

There was no report this month.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Brodie stated the monthly report is in your packet and informed Council and those present that the street cleaner had been breaking down repeatedly and thus there was great difficulty in being able to maintain the every-other-week street sweeping schedule.

Next there was brief discussion among Council and Ms. Shambaugh and Mr. Miller regarding the leave collection season and what Mr. Miller would be looking for as far as violations were concerned. Of mention were practices of placing tree limbs and yard debris curbside (which will not be collected by Public Works) as well also attempting to hide items in leaves pile (such as grass) which Mr. Miller would be issue warnings and citations for instances of this season.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT**

There was no report this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Eric Clark, 386 North 29th Street, expressed interested in the Shade Tree Commission inquiring about the meeting times. Council responded that if he was interested he could work out the meeting times with the only other member Mr. Bauman.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed into executive session to seek advice from the Solicitor and to discuss legal and personnel matters at 7:40 p.m.

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There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made:

- Motion made by Mr. Woodard, seconded by Mr. Brodie, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Sterling