

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL
CAMP HILL, PA 17011
January 13, 2016**

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

Mike Berney
Steve Brodie
Richard Guerin
Peter Robelen
Leigh Twiford
Kim Snell-Zarcone

Also present were Mayor & Fire Chief Mark Simpson, Police Chief Doug Hockenberry, Interim Borough Manager Sam Robbins, 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 Wednesday December 9, 2015 regular meeting were presented.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Pickering, 550 Devon Road, President of Camp Hill Aquatic Club was requesting full use of the pool facilities for two East Shore versus West Shore swim meets (also serving as a main fundraiser source) to be held on Saturdays July 16th and July 30th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. [which would impact ability for the normal pool pass-holding customers to attend the pool at that time]. At this time Council responded with a few questions regarding the urgency of the request based including the timing for a response, the fundraising opportunity, and the possibilities of having the meet at another non-public pool. The Council consensus was that the request to close the pool to the public on Saturday(s) vs. Sunday or any other day would be difficult to consider but it hoped to be able to vote on the matter next month.

- Kimberley Brennan, 360 Regent Street, spoke regarding the issue of chickens in the Borough. She offered some scientific and health statistics stating that based upon paperwork from the CDC regarding salmonella: there were 53 outbreaks of which caused 2,611 illnesses of which required 387 hospitalizations which resulted in only 5 deaths. She also felt that having chickens was no different than having dogs and just required maintaining the same common courtesy towards each other. Lastly she thought that health and waste concerns expressed regarding chickens were more directed to chicken farms and the industrial level.
- Lori Myers, 335 North 24th Street, also spoke regarding the chicken issue stating her daughter really wanted hens to be allowed in the Borough and missed farm fresh eggs. She also stated her experience with hen odor was never really an issue if their area was cleaned and maintained; she was more likely to smell scents of hay and the wood of the structure.
- Karla Vierthaler, 215 North 19th Street, briefly stated she is in favor of allowing chickens in the Borough but doesn't personally want them.

Mr. Robelen reminded those present that the Planning Commission would be meeting to discuss the matter [on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.]

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Simpson provided the monthly Fire Departments statistics and stated the monthly focus was on escorting Santa.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Robelen noted that Council subcommittee assignments had been made and the information would be forthcoming.

HEALTH and SANITATION

Mr. Robelen stated the monthly and engineer's reports were in the packet. At this time Borough Engineer Michael Mehaffey gave a brief update on sewer projects including Creek Road Station rehab and upcoming work being conducted by Pipe Services Corporation around the November and April Drive area pump stations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Twiford read the list of announcements for upcoming meetings and motioned for the following items:

- Motion made by Ms. Twiford, seconded by Mr. Guerin, to request approval of the 2016 Budget as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Mr. Guerin presented vouchers for payment and motioned for the following:

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Berney, to pay vouchers in the amount of \$1,000,610.17. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Mr. Guerin opened discussion on the proposed alternate pension plan which was being considered for new hires and would involve employee and employer contributions towards investment plans or a cash balance plan. Mr. Anthony Pinto from PMRS was present to answer questions. Council questioned whether switching the plan mid-year was acceptable to which Mr. Pinto advised it was preferable to switch the plan in timing with quarter changes and that there would be a progress report on last year available at the end of the current quarter. There was also discussion on the need to adopt an Ordinance adopting the restated PMRS contract. The following motions were made:

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Ms. Snell-Zarcone, to advertise for an Ordinance adopting a defined contribution plan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Brodie, to adopt an Ordinance adopting the restated PMRS contract for the existing retirement plans. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Brodie, to draft an advertisement of an Ordinance adopting a cash balance pension plan for new non-uniform employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robelen clarified that the last motion was to have the option of a cash balance plan.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Guerin opened discussion on two requests recently brought to the attention of Council: the first being a petition to accept the alley located in the 200 block between South 18th Street and South 19th Street; the second being a letter from the Ashford Way-Enclave at Camp Hill Condominium Association requesting Council to enact an ordinance accepting the public dedication of their streets.

For the first item regarding the petition request to accept the alley between South 18th & 19th Streets Mr. Guerin stated the opinion of the Infrastructure Committee was to not accept the alley and motioned for the following:

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Ms. Twiford, to deny the request to accept the alley between the 200 block of South 18th & 19th Streets. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Mr. Guerin made a motion regarding the second request to publically dedicate the streets affiliated with the Enclave:

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Ms. Snell-Zarccone, to not enact an ordinance accepting the public dedication of the Ashford Way-Enclave streets.

There was much discussion on this matter. Mr. Robbins spoke to some of the concerns he had on behalf of the Borough and the Public Works Department with accepting and therefore maintaining the Enclave's streets including the substructure of the Enclave's roads (not built to normal street specification including road durability and width) as well as landscaping boulders on the property and tight turn around spaces (would interfere with snow plow operations). Mr. Feinour was asked to give his opinion on the matter. He stated that the request was not uncommon and the Borough could accept a non-standard road but would not be able to receive Liquid Fuels income for the road and the material used to construct it could have a great impact on long term repair costs. Council consensus was that the original Enclave owner/builder had the initial opportunity to construct the road to standard specification but chose to not do so at the time therefore it was difficult for Council to be willing to accept the streets as request. The major dissenting opinion was Mr. Brodie who stated the Enclave property owners were still tax payers in the Borough and he thought that Public Works could come up with a list of items that could be addressed in order that Borough could accept the roads as was being requested.

After a call to question motion passed 5 to 1 with Mr. Brodie opposed.

PERSONNEL, POLICIES and PROCEDURES

There was no report this month.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

Ms. Twiford stated there was no report this month and that the focus was on hiring a consultant to assist with Business Development in the Borough.

PARKS and RECREATION

Ms. Twiford stated the monthly report is in the packet gave mention to the list of new classes being offered and the good response for them so far.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Brodie stated the monthly report was in the packet presented the following two motions regarding positions on the Zoning Hearing Board:

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Ms. Twiford, to appoint Kirk Sohonage Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Guerin, to appoint Kendrick M. Gordon as First Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Brodie stated the monthly report was in the packet and made the following motion regarding and agreement with Cumberland County to share the use of waste processing equipment.

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Ms. Twiford, to allow authorization to enter into an agreement with Cumberland County to share the use of waste processing equipment.

Mr. Robbins clarified that this agreement was for the purpose of renting a grinder processing the yard waste at the compost facility. Ms. Twiford inquired if there would still be unwanted compost to which Mr. Robbins replied there would be and he was looking to find a hauler service to remove it. Ms. Snell-Zarcone requested a brief update on the status and operations of the Yard Waste & Composting Facility at Public Works. Mr. Robbins informed her that the site was currently shut down due to it being full and mentioned some challenges such as not being able to monitor the site full time, foreign objects being included with the waste that damage the processing equipment. Mr. Guerin added there were certain challenges related to union rules on who could be hired to monitor the site. Ms. Zarcone thought Mr. Seppi Garrett might have some helpful solutions. Mr. Berney inquired about the \$20K cost, insurance and logistics of using the grinder. Mr. Robbins replied unfortunately it would have to be manned in the cold of winter and it used approximately 20 gallons of fuel an hour but that having it for that price for 3-4 weeks should be enough time to complete the task successfully. Mr. Robbins concluded by mentioning the study the Borough could participate in that would provide an analysis and report of the processing/site and offer solutions and grant opportunities for improvements to the site.

After call to question motion passed unanimously.

BOROUGH/SCHOOL DISTRICT

At this time there was brief discussion regarding the status of Schaeffer Elementary School. Mr. Guerin stated the Borough had been given possession of the property now from the Camp Hill School District and was working on determining the specifications for demolition and there was a chance the building might need to be condemned. Mr. Robbins and Mr. Miller were scheduled to evaluate the site in coming days and Mr. Guerin expected an RFP would be available by next month. Mr. Robelen added that he very recently was approached with a request by an individual to purchase the property. Mr. Feinour reminded Council that based upon the terms of agreement the site has to have a “recreational use” or the property would be returned to the School District. Council consensus regarding this particular offer and any future offers would be to hear them but since it was very late in the game to not deter from the plans already set in motion for the site.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sherry Bowman, 498 North 25th Street, [representing a group of residents requesting chickens be allowed in the Borough] gave a brief update on the status of the pro-chicken resident group stating there was a new FAQ document available and they would be

presenting on Tuesday, January 19th at the Planning Commission Meeting. She also stated there was a positive turnout at a Q&A Session held recently at Cornerstone Coffee. She had some new documents to distribute to Council. Mr. Brodie requested that going forward she simply provide all of the information at once when she presented to Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into executive session to seek advice from the Solicitor and to discuss legal and personnel matters at 8:08 p.m.

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

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Ms. Snell-Zarcone, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Sterling