

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL
CAMP HILL, PA 17011
February 10, 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: Sam Robbins, Interim Borough Manager & Director of Public Works; Steve Feinour, Solicitor; and Nate Sterling as recording secretary.

Present in audience: Michael Mehaffey, Borough Engineer; Chris Miller, Codes Enforcement Officer; and Audrey Logar, Recreation Director.

Before the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silent Reflection Mr. Robelen informed those present that Police Chief Hockenberry and Mayor Simpson were assisting with personnel matter. He also commended Mr. Robbins and the Public Works crew for their efforts in addressing the record setting snow fall. All in attendance applauded this commendation.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Monday, January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting were presented.

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

The minutes of the Wednesday, January 13, 2016 regular meeting were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Ms. Snell-Zarcone, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bruce Bigelow, 20 South 26th Street, commended Public Works for their efforts with the recent snow storm cleanup. Applause followed.
- Dr. Curtis Goltz, a non-resident, property owner, and partner of OIP, presented a formal request to purchase the Schaeffer Elementary School property with the intention of remodeling the existing structure to be used as his primary residence. Mr. Goltz stated he had experience in construction and remodeling non-residential buildings into homes. Mr. Robelen explained that the Borough could not sell the property to Mr. Goltz since by the agreement that the property could only be used for recreational use and or else the property would have to be returned to the Camp Hill School District. Mr. Goltz stated he understood that and was seeking any guidance and advice to help that process occur. Council asked some additional questions about Mr. Goltz's plan for the property to which he responded it would be a single-family dwelling, he was ready to move forward as soon as possible, and he was desiring to have some of the exterior land for a back yard but not the entire greenspace or playing fields which he indicated could likely still be used by the community.
- Tom Sexton, 255 North 29th Street, expressed general concerns with paving in the Borough and cited the specific example of 2800 Market Street where pervious parking was added to the front of the property. Mr. Miller providing a response to this example stating 5 different plans were submitted to address parking for this property and the plan implemented also included removing impervious structures from the rear of the property such as a shed. Mr. Sexton stated he hoped paving like that generally would not be allowed in the Borough and suggest alternatives such as regional shared parking lots.
- Frank Swit, 44 North 30th Street, stated he had attended the recent Planning Commission Meeting regarding chickens in the Borough and felt the current group requesting chickens would be conscientious about the matter but feared that future chicken owners would not be which would ultimately lead to a decrease in property values for properties neighboring chicken owners so he was requesting that Council seriously and fully consider the issue to which Mr. Robelen assured him that time would be taken to be thorough on the matter.
- Ian Gabig, formally presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project which would involve adding official markers for the Cross Country course used in Siebert Park. The markers would appear on trees or on wooden posts and would eliminate the need for temporary or spray paint markings. Also, it could serve as an alternative running course for those non-residents not issued track passes. Ian stated the plan included building a shadow box to house a map of the course and if approved planned to start work in April or May and finish in June. Council consensus was the have Parks & Recreation discuss the project and to make a recommendation for the March meeting.
- Eliana Mallah, 2203 Parkside Rd, a 5th Grade student attending Eisenhower Elementary presented a tree planting project idea for the playground and field area of her school. She was kindly encouraged by Council to approach the Camp Hill School Board as it would be the appropriate place for the request to be made.

- Brad Harrington, formally presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project to create a living memorial in honor of Jack Schelhaus, former Troop Master and resident of Camp Hill Borough. The proposal distributed contained plans for three trees planted and a bench installed at Willow Park. He had already consulted with Pat Bowman on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission and Ms. Twiford informed Council that a Willow Park meeting was scheduled in two weeks which would include discussion of the approval of the project.
- Beth Berney, 11 North 30th Street, provided Council with printed copies of an email she sent to Mr. Robelen & Mr. Robbins on February 10, 2016 regarding her opposition to the request to change the ordinance regarding chickens in the Borough. The email stated her opinion and also provided five links to websites containing information on related issues of Salmonella, Avian flu in humans, and smells and environmental impacts from chicken feces. Mr. Brodie reminded those present to attempt to direct all information regarding this matter to be directed to a single source so Council could receive all the information at the same time.
- Rocki & Jodi Anlakh of 4318 Ethel Street in Harrisburg were both present with the daughter speaking on behalf of her mother and father (not present) being interested in purchasing Schaeffer Elementary School for the purpose of renovating and using the existing structure as a gathering place for weddings and other religious and community events. The response and ability for Council to even consider this offer was the same as stated above with Mr. Goltz. Mr. Berney questioned both Mr. Goltz and the Anlakhs as to why at this “late in the game” was there suddenly an interest in purchasing this property. Mr. Goltz responded that he had not previously known about its availability and would have acted sooner had he known.
- Mary Belarbi, 426 Parkside Road, spoke regarding ongoing issues with traffic not stopping at the intersection of 22nd Street & Chestnut Street and stated she was almost hit by a “habitual stop sign runner”. She was inquiring what could be done and the possibility of a traffic study. Mr. Brodie encouraged her to call Chief Hockenberry to discuss the matter since he was not present at the meeting.

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. Brodie reported in the absence of Mayor Simpson and Chief Hockenberry that the monthly Fire and Police Department reports were in the packet and motioned for the following agenda item appointing Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators [to Mr. Ward Adams]:

- Motion made by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Berney, to appoint the following individual as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators:
 1. Doug Hockenberry, Police Chief
 2. Chris Miller, Codes Enforce Officer
 3. Mark Simpson, Mayor & Fire Chief

Mr. Guerin inquired as to if the names were read and listed in a hierarchy to which Mr. Brodie responded that he believed they were. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Robbins stated the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 2015 was in the packet and then gave public credit to Dr. Robert Myers for donating the use and his time and manpower to operate his personally-owned heavy equipment to assist in the massive snow removal process. Mr. Robbins then read a Proclamation of Appreciation which was approved by general acclaim.

HEALTH and SANITATION

Mr. Guerin stated the monthly and engineer's reports were in the packet and made a motion for the following payment:

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Brodie, to approve payment to Mr. Rehab, Inc. in the amount of \$79,354.23 for work completed on the Creek Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Borough Engineer Michael Mehaffey gave a brief summary on reports of odor complaints along the force main conveying Camp Hill Borough and Hampden Township wastewater to the Hampden Township WWTP. Mr. Mehaffey stated data was still being collected to help determine a baseline but chemicals could be added to help mitigate the odor. Mr. Guerin stated the chemicals could cost approximately \$35K annually and Mr. Robbins added that there was an opportunity to purchase them through the CAPCOG but it was not required. Mr. Mahaffey expected to be able to provide more information next month.

Lastly, Mr. Guerin stated the Borough recently received a letter of approval from DEP indicating that the Borough had completed all the Corrective Actions and that all the obligations under the Consent Order Agreement (COA) had been terminated.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Twiford read the list of announcements for upcoming meetings

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 \$572,128.86. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Mr. Guerin opened discussion on the proposed changes in the retirement age and the vesting period in the Borough's Pension Plan for newly hired employees. The recommendation was to set the retirement age at 62 with a five-year "cliff" for vesting to take effect sometime after the March meeting. This would need to be advertised and approved at the next meeting.

- Motion made by Mr. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Berney, to advertise an Ordinance changing the Borough's Pension Plan for new hires to implement a retirement age of 62 and a to include a 5-year vesting period. Motion passed unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Guerin provided a brief update on the multi-unit structure located at 2939 Yale Avenue (formerly known as the Peterson property) stating that the collapsed carport had been removed and the culvert channel was cleaned out on both sides and was working properly.

PERSONNEL, POLICIES and PROCEDURES

There was no report this month.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

There was no report this month.

PARKS and RECREATION

Ms. Twiford stated the monthly report is in the packet and also gave mention that the Camp Hill Police Department would be donating their time to assist with the second annual "Papa John's Papa Race" scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 9 a.m. with proceeds to benefit the Central PA Food Bank. This is done in kind and in appreciation for the many pizzas Papa John's regularly donates to National Night Out hosted by the Camp Hill Police Department.

Ms. Twiford was pleased to announce that online registration for Recreation camps, programs and facility rentals through ActiveNet would be launched on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The Recreation Department was excited about this and would be considering implementing it for pool pass registration for the 2017 season. Also, Ms. Twiford mentioned that a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) class informational and demonstration session would be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 with additional information in the packet and website.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Brodie stated the monthly report was in the packet and provided an update on the status of the request to change the ordinance regarding allowing chickens in the Borough. He stated Council is aware of the passion on both sides of the issue and cautioned that the decision would not be a result of the loudest and most mobilized-effort but the issue would get a complete hearing. Mr. Brodie stated that he sent a letter to the Planning Commission in which he recommended that they draft and submit for review to the Council Planning & Zoning subcommittee either a completely new ordinance allowing chickens or a list of suggested changes to the current ordinance. Mr. Brodie stressed this process would take time and public hearings would advertised and held. Mr. Guerin informed Mr. Brodie that he had a list of questions regarding the matter that he would like answered by the Planning Commission to which Mr. Brodie requested that all Council members provide him with their list of questions.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Brodie stated that the monthly report was in the packet and made note that the total costs incurred by the Borough in response to winter storm Jonas was estimated to be \$64,000. He also made note of a letter issued by Dr. David Reeder on behalf of the Camp Hill School Board which thanked the Borough, staff, and the leadership of Chief Hockenberry and Sam Robbins for their assistance in dealing with the snow storm. Mr. Brodie requested applause be given at this time.

Mr. Guerin stated the Borough would be applying for storm reimbursement grants being offered.

Mr. Berney offered thanks to the residents of the community as well a special mention of Michael Vogel who assisted many residents in clearing snow from their sidewalks.

Ms. Snell-Zarcone stated she observed that the Camp Hill High School / Middle School parking lot was completely cleared of snow but then blocked-off with barricades. She was inquiring to if if this areas could be used as temporary parking for residents to help facilitate in clearing the snow from the streets and inquired if there was an overall strategy or plan to deal with parking issues in the event of heavy snow storms that included notifying people to move parked cars. Mr. Robbins responded that after this storm (his first with the Borough) he had a list of possible improvements to review with Chief Hockenberry and Mr. Miller in Codes Enforcement. He also clarified that for Storm Jonas the strategy was to clear the “Safe Routes To School” streets first and flyers were used in certain areas to notify residents the Borough would be clearing snow. Mr. Berney who assisted with the distribution of flyers and thanked Mr. Robbins, Mr. Miller and Chief Hockenberry for doing a phenomenal job.

BOROUGH/SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Guerin informed Council that Borough had now received the second annual installment payment from the Camp Hill School District designated for future stadium maintenance and repairs and suggested that the Borough may want to designated a way to separate these funds such a separate bank account. Council consensus was this was a good idea and Mr. Robbins replied that he would have Mr. Madden, Finance Manager take care of the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rick Trynoski, 249 North 19th Street, Planning Commission Member (stating these comments would be his personal opinion) was glad that Council realized the importance of such a major potential change to the Code in regards to the matter of chickens so he suggested implementing an online-survey to gather feedback on the matter. He mentioned using a service such as SurveyMonkey.com and restricting it to resident responses only.
- Kathy Shank, 307 South 24th Street, stated she was in favor of Boy Scout Ian Gabig’s Eagle Scout project proposed earlier in the meeting. She noted that the Goddard Trail is great however it’s on streets and Ian’s plan creates a different running experience being off-street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into executive session to seek advice from the Solicitor and to discuss personnel matters, litigation, and a real estate matter at 8:10 p.m.

Council returned to Public Session at 9:04 p.m.

Mr. Robelen stated litigation matters, personnel, and real estate were discussed within the Executive Session.

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

- Motion made by Ms. Snell-Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Brodie, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Sterling