

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 14, 1999

2145 WALNUT STREET PROSSER HALL

CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

The meeting was called to order by Council President Murren at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Russell W. Christie

Bea Kistler Philip J. Murren

John J. McKee Christine Rathbun

Douglas L. Morrow Jeffrey Smith

Also present were, Bruce Z. McLanahan, Mayor, Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager, G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief, Stephen Pandolf, Zoning Officer, Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor and Maronetta F. Miller, Recording Secretary.

President Murren announced that there is an appeal from Mr. And Mrs. _____ concerning a zoning violation and the meeting will begin with testimony from the residents.

The minutes of March 10, 1999 were unanimously approved as corrected upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rathbun. The minutes of the Special Meeting of March 17, 1999 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor distributed copies of the monthly Police Report, which are made part of the minutes. The Mayor reported that he just came from a very successful DARE Program Graduation of 5th Grade students from Hoover Elementary which was attended by First Lady Michelle Ridge. Other members of

Council were also present as well as the Chief of Police.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager also distributed his monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. It was noted that a hearing would be held on April 22, 1999 in Cumberland County Court before Judge Bayley at 3:45 p.m. to consider the sale of the borough buildings. The Borough Manager noted that a workshop session with Bruce Barnes concerning the refinancing of the general obligation bond and the notes for 1999 is tentative scheduled for April 21, 1999, at 5:30 p.m.

The Borough Manager stated that there is now on record a preliminary plan of the cemetery properties, which is the first complete record of the land. information.

Solicitor was asked to research the issue regarding designating the library as an educational facility and therefore permitted in any zone in the Borough.

President Murren extended the gratitude of Council to the Public Arts Committee for spending their volunteer time in preparing the planting plans relating to the Fire Department which is part of the Council packets

VISITORS

Wanda Overmyer of Princeton Avenue acknowledged receipt of correspondence from PennDOT relating to a meeting on April 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. concerning the sound barriers. President Murren encouraged Mrs. Overmyer and all of her neighbors to attend the meeting since the installation of sound barriers along Rt. 581 in Camp Hill will be discussed

Jim Kutro, of Pennsylvania Avenue also discussed the meeting scheduled for April 28, 1999 noting that different neighborhoods received different letters from PennDOT concerning the installation of sound barriers. President Murren directed the Borough Manager to obtain copies of all of the letters, which the residents received.

William Witter 75 Second St. West Fairview requested clarification concerning Act 44 Building Permits. The Borough Solicitor said he would look into the matter and have a response for Mr. Witter by the next day.

Kevin Rusch discussed the upcoming Annual HealthAmerica Race to be held May 8 1999, at 8:00 a.m. He noted that the YMCA is the major sponsor and certificates of insurance will be provided, as has been

done in the past. Upon motion of Mrs. Kistler, seconded by Mr. Smith the Annual HealthAmerica Race was approved, subject to proper certificates of insurance being presented and coordinating with the Chief of Police. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Luther McClelan of Crestview Court, thanked Council for removal of the dead and decaying trees near his home and inquired as to when the work may be completed. The Borough Manager noted that it is on the agenda.

Mr. Kutro extended his thanks and congratulations to Council for the work done in trying to alleviate the drainage situation near Princeton Avenue.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Christie distributed copies of the Sanitary Sewer Reports. The Engineers Report was also distributed. Mr. Pillion anticipates opening bids concerning the 1999 project on May 10, 1999 and make a recommendation to Council at the May 12, 1999.

Mr. Pillion noted that he has not received any revised plans from the Library to make sure it complies with the comments which were outstanding as of the last meeting.

The Borough Manager noted that there is a charge of \$21,456.41 for additional work on Harvard Avenue, which Rogele has completed. Mr. Christie moved to approve payment to Rogele for work completed on Harvard Avenue for sewer work. The same was seconded by Mrs. Kistler and unanimous approved.

Mr. Christie distributed copies of the Lemoyne Municipal Authority Minutes from March 3, 1999 for Council's information.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mrs. Kistler distributed copies of the monthly report which is made part of the minutes.

Mr. Pandolf reported on the various zoning approvals and variances which have been granted in the Borough.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Copies of the ordinance relating to the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights as advertised was distributed to Council for action. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the purpose of the Ordinance. Mrs. Rathbun moved to adopt ordinance as properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow and unanimous approved by polling Council.

President Murren reported that Messrs. Morrow and Smith would serve as Council's appointees to the Tri-County Outreach meetings. Upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Commission was unanimously directed to make an appointment from its members for the third representative to serve.

Cumberland County has notified Tax Collector that reports for unpaid tax records for the years 1994 through 1998 reports are missing. The auditors have confirmed that the reports have been sent. However, the County has requested a papertrail to confirm the timely filing of the reports.

Mrs. Rathbun reminded Council Members to complete and return the State Ethics Commission form by May 1, 1999.

Mrs. Rathbun reminded Council members of the noise barrier meeting to be held April 28, 1999 at Sporting Hill School at 7:00 p.m.

The Borough Manager discussed the Borough's Y2K Action Plan The Borough Solicitor was authorized to draft an Ordinance adopting the same, subject to modification for upgrading and notify the Lt. Governor that we have such a Plan. The same was moved by Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mrs. Kistler, and unanimously approved.

There was discussion concerning lowering retirement age for non-uniform employees from 60 to 58 and lowering the vesting period from 12 to 10 years. Upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Borough Solicitor was unanimously authorized to prepare an ordinance for advertisement for action at the May, 1999 meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. McKee distributed copies of the monthly Police Report which is made part of the minutes. There was discussing concerning installing sign relating to pedestrians having the right of way in walkways. Chief Ammons noted that there is a plan to install approximately eleven signs near walkways.

It was noted that a new Camp Hill Battalion of the Fire Police was sworn in by the Mayor consisting of approximately fifteen members.

Mr. Morrow thanked Chief Ammons , Officer Hockenberry and the Mayor for the fine DARE Program.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Smith distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. Two proposals have been received by the Director relating to playground equipment in Siebert Park; however they are waiting for final word on a grant.

Mr. Smith distributed copies of correspondence from the Camp Curtin Historical Society concerning the Fourth Annual Civil War Days to be held June 19 and 20, 1999 in Willow Park requesting use of the Borough Facility and Willow Park. Mr. Smith moved to grant them permission to use the facilities subject to the usual stipulations, insurance, etc. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rathbun and unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith reported that he spoke with Ms. Fickes and the President of the Soccer Club concerning the incidents at Derry Field about possible ways of remedying the situation. Mr. Smith also found out that Baseball Clubs use it for practice. The President of the Soccer Club indicated he would speak with the coaches in the soccer club and request them to emphasize to respect private property, keeping children and parents off of the private property. It also appeared that there is not much room between Derry Field and the private property. Mr. Smith recommends send letter to the Soccer President and the Baseball Club President emphasizing to the coaches to keep off private property and request that they not use the north side of the field. It is also his recommendation that Council install signs stating the southside of the field is to be used and also put a painted line that would indicated the same. It was pointed out that since the Borough does not own the land permission would have to be obtained from the Farm Bureau to plant a buffer. Mr. Smith reported that Mrs. Fickes was pleased with the recommendations.

Borough Manager stated that Gov. Ridge has been invited and tentatively accepted to be in the Camp Hill Memorial Day Parade. The speaker is Thomas Kuhns, of the 193rd Air National Guard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Morrow distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes.

The recommended street-paving program for 1999 was discussed by the Borough Manager. The Borough Solicitor stated that in order to use funds from the sewer funds for some of the paving, a resolution authorizing the transfer must be entertained. It was noted that the rationale for utilizing some of the sewer funds is that some of the streets were dug up to replace the sewer lines and so some of the paving can be allocated from the sewer funds. Mr. Morrow moved to delete paving elements from the 1998 sewer contract and apply the funds saved by virtue of those deletions to a pool of funds which

would also be supplemented by liquid fuels budget funds and applied toward the proposed 1999 street resurfacing program. The same was seconded by Mrs. Kistler and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Morrow stated that his company, Tuckey's, has made the flower pot hangers for Carlisle Borough at a cost of \$35 to \$40. Mr. Morrow has contacted Mr. Greg Sutliff, who has generously agreed to provide funds for 40 brackets to be made and installed on 40 lightposts in the Borough of Camp Hill. Mr. Morrow stated that he will also contact other business in the Borough to contribute toward the purchase of the watering devise which costs approximately \$2,500.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The public portion of the meeting recessed to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:50 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 10:05 p.m.

VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Mrs. Rathbun, seconded by Mr. Morrow, payments of vouchers totaling \$114,386.79 was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY
