

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL  
CAMP HILL, PA 17011  
January 13, 2010**

President McLemore called the public meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were:

Deborah Donahue  
Don Edwards  
Richard Guerin  
Burke McLemore  
Carl Schultz  
Aubrey Sledzinski

Also present were Police Chief Ammons, Mayor Mark Simpson, Solicitor J. Stephen Feinour, Borough Manager Gary M. Kline and Borough Secretary Anne Shambaugh.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular council meeting were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Sledzinski, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 9, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 4, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor stated he would have office hours at the following times: Mondays between 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Thursdays between 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. February hours will be forthcoming.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. McLemore stated he is looking forward to serving the Borough.

- Mr. Thieblemont welcomed everyone, especially Mark Simpson as the new mayor.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Mr. Sledzinski introduced Kirk Stoner from the Cumberland County Planning Commission. Mr. Stoner requested Council approve a resolution to pursue a grant in conjunction with the Imagine West Shore Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Stoner stated \$30,000 would be received from DCED, \$20,000 from CBDG and each of the three municipalities would contribute \$5,000.

- Motion made by Mr. Sledzinski, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the resolution to pursue grant funding in conjunction with the Imagine West Shore Joint Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Mr. McLemore introduced the three candidates interested in completing Dave Buell's term: Peter Robelen, Susan Smith and Richard Woodard. After a brief introduction, each candidate gave a brief summary of themselves including their qualifications, interests, and goals for the position as council member.

Ms. Donahue asked the candidates what they believed to be the most pressing issue in the Borough.

Mr. Woodard stated the sewer facility and working with Lemoyne to continue the relationship. He stated he is friends with the President of Lemoyne Council and would recommend working closely with them.

Ms. Smith stated she believed the aging infrastructure within the community as well as the Chesapeake Bay initiatives were the most important.

Mr. Robelen stated he agreed with each of the responses but stressed the importance of continued cooperation with Lemoyne regarding the sewer treatment plant.

Mr. Sledzinski asked the candidates how they would resolve and/or pursue the sewer and sidewalk inspection ordinances.

Mr. Robelen stated he has mixed emotions. On one hand he resents the imposition as a property owner but welcomes the need to have it fixed. He stated he is not sure how to come to a consensus but agrees with the spirit of the notion to make changes and address outstanding issues.

Ms. Smith echoed the "thorniness" of the issue. She stated it is appropriate for a municipality to have standards and maintain them; however, this Borough has a history of not enforcing the standards. She stated the Borough should pursue additional public monies and work with the residents on other solutions including timing of the requests.

Mr. Woodard stated he does not support the ordinances and was a leader for the opposition of passing these earlier. He stated he was a primary person in circulating flyers against the

ordinances in October and November. He stated he supported the council members in their efforts during the election, just not the ordinances.

Mr. Sledzinski asked if the candidates had any hobbies.

Mr. Woodard stated he spent 13 years in real estate and pursuing fund-raising efforts for “faith-based” charities.

Ms. Smith stated she is a single mother and business owner and does not have much time for her own hobbies. She supports the hobbies of her children and her handicapped brother.

Mr. Robelen stated he is a licensed commercial instrument flyer and pursues his love of aviation every chance he gets.

Mr. Edwards asked about the ongoing relationship between the Borough and the School District.

Ms. Smith stated she is interested in developing relationships rather than indulging in political spats between the “players.” She stated she means no disrespect to either side but believes there is a better way to solve this discord that can better the community and its members.

Mr. Robelen echoed Ms. Smith’s remarks stating he does not understand why people who have known each other for years cannot come to an agreement. He stated he believes there are real issues that are a result of political bodies – not the individuals.

Mr. Woodard stated a number of residents moved to the Borough for the school district. He stated he would suggest reaching out working closer with the School District and Lion Foundation.

Mr. Schultz stated the three individuals were an impressive group of candidates and asked if they thought there were any other important issues than the WWTP and infrastructure.

Mr. Robelen stated he believed improving the relationship between the School District and the Borough should be a top priority.

Mr. Woodard stated the construction of the new school and performing arts center should be a top priority.

Ms. Smith stated the Borough should pursue additional resources and look for funding sources for the future such as “greening” opportunities and conservation.

Mr. McLemore asked what the candidates thought about the economic growth and viability of Market Street.

Ms. Smith stated she believes the Borough should not rely on historic features of the downtown area but focus on commercial growth and opportunities. She stated the Borough

should pay attention to the appearance of Market Street including the utility services, signage, sidewalks, etc. She stated additional parking for clientele should be pursued as well.

Mr. Robelen stated he is on the Market Street Design Review Board and they have requested changes in the signage requirements to provide unity in this corridor. He stated it is very contentious when reviewing aesthetics of these businesses and residences because it is not easy; however, it is something that needs to be done.

Mr. Woodard stated he salutes Lou Thieblemont for his approach to welcoming new businesses to the community. He stated the Borough should continue to reach out to new businesses in an effort to improve the downtown area and its appearance.

Mr. Guerin asked Mr. Woodard how he believes his relationship with the President of Lemoyne Borough Council would help and/or hurt Camp Hill.

Mr. Woodard stated Dr. Judson is a great leader and he is excited at the prospect of [Mr. Woodard] possibly being on Council. He stated he believes the relationship would benefit the two Boroughs.

Mr. McLemore thanked the candidates for their interest in serving their community. He stated there would be a special meeting of Council on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the candidates and make an appointment.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The mayor presented the Police and Fire reports.

- Motion made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Sledzinski, to create two (2) handicapped parking spaces at the following locations: 33 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 226 S 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Ammons stated he reviewed both locations and concurs with Mr. Edwards' recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Kline presented the Treasurer's report for November 2009 detailing all financial transactions for that time period.

### **HEALTH and SANITATION**

Mr. Sledzinski presented the monthly report and Engineer's report to Council.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Mr. McLemore read the monthly meeting announcements.

## **FINANCE**

Ms. Donahue presented vouchers in the amount of \$511,526.82 for payment.

- Motion made by Ms. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to pay vouchers in the amount of \$511,526.82. Motion passed unanimously.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mr. Kline presented the engineer's report.

Mr. Kline requested approval to pay Utility Services Group in the amount of \$3,718.73 for the work completed on the 2009 Sewer Televising project.

- Motion made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve payment to Utility Services Group in the amount of \$3,718.73. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL, POLICIES and PROCEDURES**

Mr. McLemore introduced the Borough's Codes and Zoning Officer – Jonathan Reisinger. Ms. Donahue stated she had the privilege to interview Jonathan and is excited he is on board.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Schultz stated there was no report this month.

## **PARKS and RECREATION**

Mr. Edwards stated the monthly report is in your packet.

Mr. Edwards announced the winners of the Door Decorating contest as Barb and Kevin Moody – first place and Todd Pejack – second place.

- Motion made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Guerin, to approve the use of Prosser Hall by the District Attorney's Office of Cumberland County on June 4, 2010 for a training class with the rental fee waived. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Guerin stated the monthly report is in your packet. He stated 3,000 tons of leaves were collected in 2009 and approximately 34 tons of anti-skid was used. He stated the Public Works department did a great job with the December snow.

Mr. McLemore read the committee assignments, a copy of which is incorporated into these minutes. Mr. Guerin asked to serve as the Borough representative to the School District and Mr. Edwards will serve as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Matt Tenney, MT Construction, stated he has been fortunate to do work in the Borough. He stated he has the opportunity to build 12 townhomes on the Wilson/Cordier subdivision and believes he received grief when bringing the plans to the Borough. He wants to see the project happen and wants to know if he can get help from Council. Mr. McLemore stated the plan was originally approved 10.5 years ago and several codes have changed. As such, the plans must be updated to meet the new codes since the project did not move forward during that time. Mr. Tenney stated the project will cost him an additional \$70,000 since it was not approved prior to January 1, 2010. Mr. McLemore stated he understood his concern but the Borough’s change in ordinance did not necessitate the increase in cost.
- Bruce Bigelow asked if there was any decision or news on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. McLemore stated there was nothing new.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed to executive session to obtain legal advice from the solicitor and discuss legal matters at 8:15 p.m.

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Borough Council returned to public session at 9:31 p.m.

- Motion made by Ms. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to change the no-left turn sign at S 17<sup>th</sup> Street from 6 am to 6 pm to 12 pm to 6 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss,

- Motion made by Mr. Sledzinski, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Shambaugh, Borough Secretary