

**CAMP HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP
2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL
CAMP HILL, PA 17011
October 22, 2014**

The workshop began at 6:00 p.m. Present were:

Steve Brodie
Terri Edwards
Richard Guerin
Peter Robelen
Carl Schultz
Leigh Twiford (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

Also present were Police Chief Hockenberry, Mayor Mark Simpson, Borough Manager Anne Shambaugh, Finance Director Raymond Madden, Recreation Director Audrey Logar, Borough Solicitor Steve Feinour, and Sewer Billing Clerk Nate Sterling as recording secretary.

Bruce Bigelow, 20 S 26th Street addressed Council on behalf of himself and neighbors to explain the ongoing storm water situation caused by Willow Park and the culvert behind their homes. He expressed two specific requests to Council to address in the new budget:

1. Address the area of the culvert already collapsed (now covered by a steel plate).
2. Televisé the entire culvert to determine all other areas of repair needed.

Mr. Bigelow also explained that the storm water issues was actually made worse for him when repairs were made to Willow Park. When the culvert was still collapsed on the North side of Market Street storm water was being contained at Willow Park, after repairs that water now passes through as intended but unfortunately further down the culvert the storm water overflows into Mr. Bigelow's and his neighbors' basements.

Mr. Schultz reminded council that addressing storm water issues is listed as an objective of the Strategic Plan.

Chief Hockenberry explained some of the safety and concerns of the steel plate portion of the culvert including children going through it to explore it.

Discussion continued regarding the issues of public/private property access involved with a repair project attempt. Mr. Brodie asked Mr. Bigelow to clarify that the main concern was not the culvert itself but the overflow of storm water getting into Mr. Bigelow's basement. Mr. Bigelow confirmed that and replied to Mr. Brodie's question that it affected at least ten homes.

Mr. Bigelow left after this discussion ended around 6:20 p.m. and at this time Mr. Feinour spoke on matters related to Stadium Maintenance Agreement between the Borough and School District. Mr. Feinour addressed a proposed change where the School District would pay half of the first \$20,000 of fundraising, that first \$10,000 being the assumed obligation of the School District, of

which the Borough could have for unrestricted use but then all net profits from additional fundraising would go to the Lion Foundation for holding in the Maintenance Fund. Discussion continued. Ms. Edwards questioned whether it would be better for the Borough to create a separate non-profit group to hold/invest the maintenance funds instead of the Lion Foundation. Also, council requested the Mr. Feinour work with the other parties involved to clearly define what a School District "event" was as Borough Council did not feel that a sports practice would constitute an "event". Clarification was needed to estimate of how many "blackout dates" could be used by the School District which in turn would help determine how often the Borough would be able to hold events that would generate net income for maintenance.

Mr. Feinour left at 7:10 p.m. at which time Ms. Shambaugh oriented discussion toward the minor funds budget items.

Storm water repairs issues were discussed again including prior issues and potential new projects. Mr. Brodie questioned whether there were any projects that could still be completed in 2014 as much of designated money was not spent. Council members from the Health and Sanitation Sub Committee clarified that the main issue for these projects are the private property access/financial obligation and responsibility issues that still need to be determined.

Ms. Shambaugh summarized that all of the Parks & Recreation special request items discussed earlier such as the Gator, the dog waste bag dispensers, tennis practice items, and the trail upgrades costs combined would come in at about \$43,500. She explained that a new pavilion with lights at Fiala Field would cost approximately \$30,000. A suggestion was made that the Eagle Scouts might be able to build one for cheaper as one of their service projects.

Budget expenditures that were adjusted or reduced were the following: lighting at parks reduced from \$40,000 to \$15,000; Mr. Schultz proposed a reduction in the request for the Economic Development Office / Business Community line items from \$150,000 to \$100,000; the tree replacement plan for Siebert Park was estimated at \$30,000 but Mr. Guerin proposed staggering the replanting of trees over a 5 year plan (this would help with costs and the trees would vary); and the consensus was not invest in gate/security system for the yard waste drop-off at the Public Works facility as the additional yard waste is actually revenue generating. Also, Ms. Shambaugh believed there is an opportunity to receive a DCNR grant for work needed at Willow Park.

Mr. Madden responded to questions about the Cemetery Fund explaining that the Borough still does not have access to the bank trust money and only receives the annual interest on the account. He suggested that Mr. Feinour be directed to petition the courts to completely turn over rights to this bank account to the Borough as the Borough owns and maintains the cemetery.

Ms. Shambaugh explained the current loan/grants process and eligibility offered to residents required to make sewer lateral repairs. The consensus was to increase the number of grants available to residents in 2015.

The final items of discussion were on multiple year budget items such as the infrastructure repairs required by the Consent Order Agreement issued by DEP and comments on the handout

Ms. Shambaugh provided regarding potential long term budget deficit and when a tax increase might need to occur.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Sterling