

**REGULAR MEETING
CAMP HILL
BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silent Reflection
Roll Call

Mike Berney
Rich Guerin
Peter Robelen
Carl Schultz
Leigh Twiford
Zachary Williard
Kim Snell-Zarcone

President Robelen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. Berney made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018. Mr. Schultz seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Simpson awarded a Proclamation from the Borough of Camp Hill to Caitlyn Harper and Jonice Storer, both students of Camp Hill High School, honoring them both for their Girl Scout Gold Award. Both Caitlyn and Jonice were awarded the Girl Scouts highest award, the Gold Award, for starting community projects. Caitlyn's Gold Award Project was starting a Culture Club. Jonice started a Pet Pantry as her Gold Award Project. **Congratulations to Caitlyn and Jonice!**

Chief Simpson then introduced the Interim Police Chief, John Kidman. Chief Kidman honored two Camp Hill police officers, Ryan McClure and Trish Moench, with the Life Saving Award. Officer McClure saved a woman's life after she overdosed on heroin. Officer Moench, who is also an EMT, saved a man's life after a heroin overdose also. This is her 3rd time saving a life while on duty. **Congratulations to both Officer McClure and Officer Moench!**

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Susan Gilius, 18 S. 27th St.** - Ms. Gilius wanted the Council to consider doing a resolution to support an independent citizen committee for political redistricting. She feels that the voters should choose the politicians rather than the politicians choosing the voters.
2. **Adele Richardson, 1910 Enfield St.** – Ms. Richardson thought the resolution addressing gerrymandering was to be on tonight’s Council Agenda. She hopes an appropriate committee will be addressing this problem for the March agenda.
3. **Lesly Barnes, 2322 Logan St.** - Ms. Barnes feels that a Tenant/Landlord Registration be required in Camp Hill Borough. She stated that a recent issue with a menacing dog on her street coupled by an absentee landlord has brought this issue to light about landlords who live too far away to address problems with their tenants. A registration would require an emergency contact be within a 50 mile radius to address such problems quickly in the future, per Codes Enforcement Officer, Chris Miller.
4. **Margaret Connors, 223 N. 23rd St.** – Ms. Connors feels that the dog ordinances should be changed to address a dog that is dangerous to the community but has yet to bite someone. She also witnessed the menacing dog/absentee landlord issue and feels the Borough should look into addressing this problem.
5. **Chris Corrigan, 3025 Mayfred Ln.** - Mr. Corrigan wanted to know why all Camp Hill Borough committee meetings are not public. He feels they should be advertised and if they aren’t open to the public it is a direct violation of the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Simpson provided both the Police and Fire Department reports. In the month of January, Camp Hill Police had 846 calls and Camp Hill Fire Department had 27 calls.

Mr. Berney reported that Chief Kidman had researched 8 or 9 other written policies followed by other municipalities for their towing procedures. He then wrote a towing policy for Camp Hill Borough that addressed various situations requiring towing. It will also require a directive be put into place after a towing business/businesses are chosen, and the police department would follow that directive. The directive will also give the public the ability to choose their own towing business first, as long as that business can arrive at the scene within a reasonable time limit. Towing businesses on the directive will follow an odd/even month rotation and to be considered must meet various criteria. A Request For Proposal will be drafted and placed on Camp Hill Borough’s website and two towing businesses who meet the qualifications will be

chosen for the directive. Mr. Berney moved to adopt/approve the Towing Policy. Mr. Schultz seconded and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Berney reported that \$150,000.00 was budgeted over 5 years for new police cars. Chief Kidman reported that he had a proposal from Hoffman Ford to replace 2 Chevy Impala police cruisers with 2 new Ford Explorer vehicles. The lease cost per vehicle is approximately \$12,500 per year, at a cost of \$25,798.21 for both. Those figures were for a 4 year lease for both cars with a buyout at the end of each lease for \$1.00. The cars would last approximately 8-10 years. Mr. Guerin asked if Chief Kidman got any figures for hybrid Explorer models. Chief Kidman is going to get those figures. A motion to approve the purchase of two non-hybrid vehicles was made by Mr. Berney. Mr. Schultz seconded. Ms. Snell-Zarcone voted nay but the motion passed due to a majority vote from the rest of the council.

The Personnel, Policies and Procedures committee met with the Chief of Police Association in order to have them assist the committee in the hiring of a new Camp Hill Police Chief. A system has been created by the association that elevates the level of applicants, therefore helping the committee make the best choice possible. They hope to get at least 6 qualified applicants and narrow it down to interview between 1-6 people. Mr. Berney made a motion to approve the \$5000.00 fee to employ the Police Chief Association to help them hire a new chief. Mr. Williard seconded. It passed with all in favor.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dennis apologized to the Borough of Camp Hill for a poor decision that led to a charge of driving under the influence. Mr. Dennis is committed to working hard to regain the trust of elected officials and the community.

FINANCE

Mr. Williard made a motion to approve the Vouchers for January in the amount of \$401,814.39. Mr. Berney seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Attorney Feinour reported that the settlement in the NF Leasing, (Neil Funeral Home) Tax Assessment Appeal needs to be approved. It has already been approved by Cumberland County, Tax Assessment Board and Camp Hill School District at a \$1.7 million agreed amount. Mr. Williard made a motion to approve the stipulation of settlement in the NF Leasing Tax Assessment Appeal. Mr. Schultz seconded and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Scott Staiger, of Consolidated Properties, stated that his company got the appraisal from Clouser Appraisals for the .09 acre strip of land owned by Camp Hill Borough on 32nd St. and Chestnut St. The appraisal came in at more than \$1500.00. The land will now be bid upon via public bid process. Mr. Staiger asked that the council not be bound by the highest bid on the land but on the intent by a

company/individual for the best decision made for a business to be placed on the land to benefit Camp Hill Borough. The parcel number for this land is #01210273437-EX. Mr. Williard made a motion to bid the property via public process and Mr. Berney seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

PERSONNEL, POLICIES, PROCEDURES

No report.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

Mr. Schultz reported that the Borough was had advertised for a part-time Downtown Coordinator/Executive Director position on Camp Hill Borough's website and 6 or 7 candidates resumes were very good. A hiring process will begin at a later date.

Mr. Schultz stated there was one very successful Market Streetscape and Improvement meeting on January 25th with Simone Collins Landscape and Architectural firm. It was well received by stakeholders and the next meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Twiford reported that pool passes are on sale now. She also gave dates for the following events:

BUNNY EXTRAVAGANZA-MARCH 16TH AT 6:00 P.M.

KITES FESTIVAL-MAY 20TH AT 12:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE-MAY 28TH AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMORIAL DAY DASH-MAY 28TH AT 8:00 A.M.

Ms. Twiford made a motion to approve the 5K Memorial Day Dash and banner hung in Seibert Park sponsored by the Junior Civic Club and held on May 28th. Ms. Snell-Zarcone seconded and the vote passed with all in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Officer Miller reported that there have been more aggressive dog incidents in the borough recently. With absentee landlords and residents walking dogs without leashes, this has compounded the problem. He recently was confronted with an aggressive dog and has received batons for himself and Officer Brenner so they can better protect themselves on calls. He stated it is very difficult to get a Dangerous Dog guilty charge if there isn't a bite report. Unfortunately, the propensity for a dog to attack does not equal a guilty charge. However, he has been quarantining dogs that he believes to be dangerous to their homes and yards, using an ordinance already in place in Camp Hill Borough.

He stated that we need to amend our building codes in the borough, per new legislation from classes he just attended. Officer Miller also reported that there is a problem with overcrowding

in many rentals in Camp Hill. There is a code against boarding houses in the borough. He feels that we should follow the Act 90 legislation and prohibit those landlords not in compliance with codes from getting permits, etc. in the borough. He would like to implement a Residential Rental Registration program that would require all landlords to register their properties for a nominal fee each year. That would help to keep updated information on all rentals and units, along with a close contact requiring someone be available for an emergency. The Residential Rental Registration will be tabled until more information is obtained.

Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-2017 pertaining to fence/wall setbacks. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Ms. Scherkoske, Chairperson for the Planning Commission Committee spoke about 2910 Dickinson Avenue. She said the committee and borough engineer looked at comments and concerns at the January 23rd meeting. The applicant/resident wishing to merge the two lots will be meeting those conditions. Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve the Reverse Subdivision at 2910 Dickinson Avenue with fulfillment of requirements made by owner and Mr. Schultz seconded. It passed unanimously.

Adam Davis, engineer for Quattro Development Group, addressed concerns about the plan for new development by Quattro Development at the V.A. Clinic Site at N. 32nd St. These concerns focused on turning lanes, increased traffic flow, PennDot traffic study vs. low impact traffic study, impact on adjacent neighborhood and cell tower renovation. Council asked that the developer attend the February 20th Borough Planning Commission meeting as a means to solicit public comments about this plan for the V.A. Clinic. After those comments are noted and specific questions council is requiring the Quattro Development to answer, a decision will be made at the March 14th council meeting. Ms. Snell-Zarcone made a motion to table the action on the plan by Quattro Development and Mr. Berney seconded the motion. It passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Snell-Zarcone stated that snow removal and sewer issues were all taken care of recently and gave thanks to the Public Works Department.

BOROUGH/SCHOOL DISTRICT

No report.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Snell-Zarcone reported it was great to see Camp Hill Police officers honored tonight and thanked Chief Kidman for making that happen.

Mr. Guerin would like to see more information about the increase in numbers of heroin overdoses in Camp Hill Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Scott Staiger, Consolidated Properties-** Mr. Staiger suggested the Borough contact PROA and CARPOA for suggestions for the proposed Tenant Rental Registration program.
2. **Susan Gulus, 18 S. 27th St.** - Ms. Gulus asked what committee will the resolution about political districting be given to? She was told the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

President Robelen announced an Executive Session to discuss a personnel and a pending litigation matter. Council reconvened and President Robelen announced that Council discussed a personnel matter and the pending Right To Know matters in Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:20 p.m.