

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CAMP HILL
BOROUGH COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

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

Bonnie Bentz
Richard Guerin
Alissa Packer
Carl Schultz
Leigh Twiford
Erin Vroman
Zach Williard

Ms. Twiford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Council members were in attendance except for Mr. Williard.

MINUTES

Ms. Packer made a motion to approve the May 13, 2020 Borough Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Vroman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Packer made a motion to approve the May 28, 2020 Borough Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Guerin seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Simpson gave his report during the Public Safety part of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Twiford gave an update on the Chick-fil-A argument. May 22nd Camp Hill Borough attorneys, Ron Lucas and Josh Bonn filed a brief to Cumberland County with regard to Michael Serluco doing business as consolidated properties versus the Borough of Camp Hill, docket number 202000747. On May 28, McNees, Wallace and Nurick filed a brief on behalf of consolidated properties. Judge Placey will hear the arguments from the attorneys on June 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The judge will make his decision after he hears the arguments. It may be weeks or months until the Borough learns of the decision.

Ms. Twiford led a discussion on the Merion Road Walkway. A preliminary estimate of \$300,000 was given. Mr. Schultz suggested that it be assigned to a committee and to get more information on the project. Mr. Dennis stated that he and Mr. Hess met with Tri-County to have a pre-grant application meeting, relative to the Eisenhower walkway, as well as Creston Road improvements. One of the improvements that HRG is researching right now would be to make a "do not enter" for traffic on Creston Road into the neighborhood and then to create a concrete surface into the right of way to allow people to walk into that neighborhood safely. There are

some issues relative to working with Penndot. The Public Works Committee will work to get more information on these projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Miller thanked Council for having the engineer take a look at the path. She noticed the lot was still for sale where the potential path can go. She stated that she is glad that the Borough is looking at not only the path, but at the Creston Road intersection as well.

Jennifer Hoover stated that she agrees with Ms. Miller and she thanked Council for having the projects at Creston Road and the Merion Road walkway sent to the Public Works Committee. She stated that while it sounds like a lot of money for the projects, she encouraged everyone to take it in larger context as a percentage of the total budget. She stated that the number in the larger scope of things is worth the investment to provide safety to students and pedestrians. She suggested adding additional references and citations back to relevant Borough code or statutes on the procedures on the agenda for this meeting. She thanked the Chief and the Mayor for expressing their commitment on behalf of the department to assure safety and for their responsiveness to her questions. Ms. Hoover stated that she noticed that there was no statement on the Borough website, the police website, or on social media in light of tragic events, so she encouraged the statement be added to the websites.

Chris Courogen thanked Chief for his message and for being transparent. He asked how many people would benefit from the path, as that is a lot of money to spend there. He asked why it is not required of residents to put sidewalks in front of their homes. Mr. Courogen also stated that he felt the grant funding that is being awarded to the church is a misuse of tax dollars, since they don't pay taxes, they should not benefit from the resident's taxes.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Simpson thanked residents that sent emails to the Police Chief and himself over the past couple of weeks, as they asked good questions. He stated that the police station is currently reviewing the Use of Force Policy and he stated that it is pretty sound, but they do need to add duty to intervene if another officer is doing something they shouldn't, so that is in the works.

Ms. Vroman added that the next Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Zoom on June 25th at 4:30 p.m.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dennis stated that he will keep Council informed on the funding of the Merion Road and Creston Road projects. There is a 20% match that can be used towards the construction. The Borough will continue to work with the engineers and with Penndot on these projects.

He spoke on behalf of the parks and recreation department as the county will move to green on Friday. He stated that the turf and basketball courts will be open at the parks on Friday. Signs will be updated at the parks. The cleaning of the playground equipment will be done by Tuesday, allowing it to be open starting Wednesday of next week. No bathrooms will be open at

the parks for now, but there are porta johns at the parks in the meantime. He stated that the pool will be opening on June 19th, with precautions in place.

FINANCE

Ms. Bentz made a motion to approve the payment of checks for May 2020 in the amount of \$521,790.91. Mr. Guerin seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Bentz stated that the Public Works Committee met yesterday and discussed three items. The planting plans for the compost areas has come to agreement and will be planted in the fall. The request for medallions to be placed on the columbarium was discussed and is being researched. The pesticide use in the Borough is being experimented with different kinds of weed killers that do not include glyphosate. Mr. Robbins is currently evaluating the best possible options with his crew.

Ms. Bentz made a motion to approve the sanitary and storm sewer cleaning and inspection contract. HRG has reviewed and recommends approval of Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$21,447.16 to Pipe Services Corporation with a remaining work order balance available of \$469,272.90. Mr. Guerin second the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Bentz made a motion to approve the 2019 Sewer Rehab project. HRG has reviewed and recommends approval of Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$57,072.44 to Wexcon, Inc. with a remaining contract balance of \$15,323.75. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Bentz made a motion to approve the 2019 Stormwater improvements contract. HRG has reviewed and recommends approval of Application for Payment #4 (Final) in the amount of \$2,250.00 to MacMor Construction LLC with zero balance remaining. Mr. Guerin seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS RELATIONS

Mr. Schultz stated that there will be a Community and Business Relations Committee Meeting on June 12th at 5:30 p.m. He stated that there was a very small number of businesses that closed and there are some new businesses that will be opening up soon. There is additional COVID funding available for small businesses that the Downtown Association will be working on making sure Camp Hill businesses can benefit from that. He made a statement in regards to the statement about the funding for the church that the programs is geared to provide improvements to the street. Mr. Stinnett added that it would violate the church's right to not grant the funding.

PARKS & RECREATION

Ms. Vroman stated that things have been constantly changing but that Ms. Logar has done a great job of running with it.

Ms. Logar made a comment that the Box Lunches will be starting in July. The musician will be playing, but it will be “bring your own lunches.”

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Guerin shared that nineteen permits needed to be approved on Monday morning, so things are moving there. He stated that the committee will be starting the public meetings for the zoning revision and continue work on the SALDO.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Packer shared that Council put together a policy manual to better define how Council will work together and how Council will work with the Borough manager and Borough staff. They wanted to create a document that laid out expectations for each other, so that they can all work well together. When it is agreed upon it will be passed as a resolution. The goal is to bring it to Council to be passed as a resolution in July. The manual can be amended as needed and is there to be a guide for Council.

Mr. Schultz added that it is the goal to continue transparency with the public.

Ms. Vroman asked what the plan is for recording meetings. Mr. Dennis shared that there is an individual that will be recording the July Council Meeting and he will be posting to the Borough Youtube page.

BOROUGH/SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Guerin shared that the track and turf will be used for sports practices starting June 15th. He shared that the SALDO review will be continuing at the next Planning Commission meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Guerin thanked both Chief Simpson and Chief Margeson for all of their work and for their efforts in evaluating our police policies and procedures.

Mr. Schultz stated that it is great that the SALDO review will be continuing. He stated that it would be appreciated if Mr. Guerin could give updates in case others are not able to attend the meetings.

Ms. Vroman said thank you to the residents who gave public comments and thanked the residents who attended the meeting. She also thanked Chief, Mayor, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dennis, and Ms. Logar for all of their hard work over the past few months. She asked the

public that if they do plan to congregate as a community for a cause if they could communicate to Council by emailing council@camphillborough.com so that all of Council receives the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Courogen asked for the cost amount for the video recording of Council meetings and stated there may be a cheaper option. In response to his earlier comment regarding the church that is receiving the grant, that he feels that resident tax dollars shouldn't go towards any non-profits or to help downtown businesses.

Brett Miller clarified that the Merion Road Path was being referred to Public Works and not Public Safety and asked when the next Public Works meeting will be happening. Ms. Twiford confirmed that it is Public Works. Ms. Bentz stated that she will schedule a meeting and will post the date. Ms. Miller stated that she is concerned about the lot still being for sale. Mr. Dennis shared that he did talk to the property owner, so he knows of the Borough's interest and intentions.

Jennifer Hoover asked if the videos of the Council Meetings will be live or archive videos and she asked how quickly the videos would be posted. Mr. Dennis clarified that the videos would be archive and will be posted 24-48 hours after the meeting. She stated that regarding the continuation of SALDO, the legal briefs filed by Council pointed out several things and she would just encourage the briefs to be reviewed during the continuation of SALDO. She stated that regarding the procedures manual, if there can be an explanation as to why or why not there is an additional reference back to statute of Borough code that would be appreciated. Mr. Stinnett stated that we already do have the statute of Borough code, so that is already in place and being followed, so he would recommend that Council not include that in the procedures manual.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vroman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bentz seconded the motion. Ms. Twiford adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.