

## **AUGUST 15, 2016 SECOND MONTHLY MEETING**

The second monthly meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council was held at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call. Also in attendance were Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent, and Marion Perez, Borough Clerk.

### ***Approval of Previous Minutes***

It was noted that under the Mayor's Report it should read that he attended the "Wall that Heals". Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Payment of Bills***

Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to authorize the payment of bills. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Public Presentations***

None

### ***Engineer's Report***

Mr. Falencki was not present. Bill Ford reported that the White Birch Street project may start the week of August 22.

### ***Solicitor's Report***

No report

### ***Secretary's Report/Communications***

The contract documents for the James Street Project were received. Ms. Jenzano made a motion authorizing the Council President and Mayor to execute on behalf of the Borough. Mr. Halvorsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary reported when drafting a letter to Eagle Disposal notifying them of Council executing the two, one-year extensions of the solid waste collection contract, it was noted that the original contract award included a \$2.10 per ton rebate to the Borough for recycling. To date, these payments have not been made. Secretary read a letter she had drafted notifying Eagle of their failure to submit the recycle rebate during the term of the current contract and that it could affect the two, one-year extensions. Council concurred to send the letter to Eagle Disposal.

### ***President's Report***

Ms. Curtis thanked Mr. Ford for his efforts on behalf of the Borough to obtain the PEMA reimbursement for the 2016 winter storm Jonas.

### ***Mayor's Report***

No report.

### ***Old/Pending Business***

Tree City – Council reviewed Dr. Schonebaum's request for Honey Brook Borough to be a Tree City. Dr. Schonebaum stated that the street trees would not be applicable in the Borough. His intent is to see trees preserved or replanted when one is lost. There was discussion regarding impact on private property. It was noted that the Planning Commission was waiting for buy in from Council before beginning to review. Ms. Jenzano stated that she does not believe that we have any public trees. Mr. Halvorsen also stated that he does not like to tell people what they have to do on their property; however, he feels the education piece of the program is good. Mr. Mimm and Mr. Ott voiced the same concerns as Mr. Halvorsen. Ms. Jenzano stated that she does see people planting trees. Mr. Florio noted that a bad fungus has impacted many trees in Waynebrook Village. Council requested that the Code/Ordinance Committee look into the matter.

Police Chief's Association Conference – Mayor Mulhall reported that the estimated costs associated with the Chief attending the National Police Chief's Conference is \$1,800. Ms. Jenzano made a motion to approve Chief Ely attend the National Police Chief's Conference. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Complaint Follow-Up – Council discussed Felix Colon's concerns noted at the August 1 meeting. Council requested Mr. Ford to contact LTAP to see if they could do a traffic study and to again notify Mr. Colon that the residents could purchase two "Watch Children" signs if they wanted for an estimated cost of \$188. Ms. Jenzano recommended police presence at the times noted of greatest concern and placement of the speed sign in that area. President Curtis stated that she would send a letter to Mr. Colon of Council's planned action.

### ***Public Presentation***

John King, Honey Brook Community Church – Mr. King was present to review the required escrow that will need to be posted when the final plan is approved. He confirmed that one escrow for the stormwater improvements will be posted with the Township and one escrow for the parking improvements will be posted with the Borough.

Mr. Mimm questioned the appearance of the flower boxes at the Northeast corner of 322 and 10 with regards to responsibility.

Council was reminded of the NIMS training scheduled for August 31.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo  
Borough Secretary