

NOVEMBER 21, 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 Marion Perez, Borough Clerk; and Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting was approved on a motion by Ms. Jenzano. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to authorize payment of bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

Dawn Robb, representing the Honey Brook Fire Company, inquired about interest from the Borough on a joint celebration recognizing the Fire Company's and Borough's 125th anniversary. She advised that they were looking at August 5, 2017. Ms. Curtis advised that Council had discussed participation at Council's last meeting and were planning on forming a Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee was asked to advise their interest to President Curtis.

Communications

Letter was distributed to Council from the Honey Brook Community Library thanking Council for their donation.

Letter was distributed to Council from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. regarding the NCCMA's Cupola Pump Station Expansion project located within Honey Brook Township. This letter was sent in accordance with PA Act 14 advising of the NCCMA's intent to file an application with PADEP for a water quality management part II permit for their proposed pump station expansion project.

President's Report

No report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mulhall wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Old/Pending Business

Consideration to purchase a new backhoe – Mr. Ford introduced Jeff Dague from Ransome CAT to answer any questions. Mr. Ford reviewed the cost of a new backhoe in the amount of \$114,713 and the options to purchase or to finance. Ransome is offering \$17,000 in trade in. Mr. Ford recommended putting the current backhoe on MuniBid with a minimal bid price at \$17,000. If we would not sell our backhoe for above \$17,000, we could take Ransome's trade in offer. Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, second by Mr. Ott, to purchase a new backhoe from Ransome at a maximum cost of \$114,713 contingent on selling the current backhoe for more than \$17,000 on MuniBid or at a minimum cost from Ransome of \$97,713 reflecting a trade in of our current backhoe. The motion passed with Mr. Rosciolo voting nay.

New Business

First Aid Training – It was noted that EMC Jon Carter and Deputy EMC Maria Downey are both certified in CPR/First Aid training. It was recommended to hold a training class for Borough staff who are not certified.

Plowing for Library – Ms. Jenzano inquired if the Borough plans to continue to do snow removal for the Library this winter. After discussion, Ms. Jenzano made a motion to continue to plow snow for the Honey Brook Community Library this winter. Mr. Halvorsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PECO Green Region Grant – Ms. Jenzano advised that the estimate for the project discussed came in higher than expected. With the 50% match required, it was suggested to hold off until the 2017 grant round.

2017 Budget

President Curtis reviewed the proposed budget which incorporated a tax increase from 1.5 mills to 1.8 mills. The budget included an additional police (8 hours) shift from 2016; increase for part-time police and public works employees; and funds for road improvements/match for additional grant funding. Mr. Halvorsen noted that Council must continue to increase funding for MS4 requirements. Mr. Florio advised that the Borough must begin to plan to replace the CCSWA contributions.

Ms. Jenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to authorize advertisement for public inspection of the 2017 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the real estate ordinance in the amount of 1.8 mills for 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary