

**NOVEMBER 6, 2017**  
**FIRST REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

The first monthly meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council was held at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call except Jeanne Jenzano. Also in attendance were Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Kim Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent; Anthony Campbell, Zoning and Code Officer; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

***Public Hearing***

Ordinance No. 242-2017 was presented. A discussion ensued regarding whether a fence under 24 inches is considered permanent. Mr. Campbell explained that the ordinance covers what fence height is considered permanent.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:08.

***Approval of Previous Minutes***

Mr. Florio made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017, seconded by Mr. Ott. The motion passed unanimously.

***Payment of Bills***

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to authorize the payment of bill presented as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

***Public Presentations***

Reuben Schonebaum, 910 Maple Street, presented PA State Statute 214 in relation to having a menorah outside the Borough Hall along with a holiday tree. Mr. Mulhall stated that the West Chester Court House has both a tree and menorah and sees no reason why the Borough shouldn't. Ms. Curtis asked what the price of purchasing a menorah would be, Mr. Schonebaum stated the cost is approximately \$300. Council members ensued in a conversation that this was not included in the budget. Ms. Venzie said she will see how the Court House handled this.

***Engineer's Report***

Mr. Falencki stated that for the Suplee Road project, Honey Brook Township is authorizing Chris Falencki to also prepare their design for them to review and approve. The Township will be billed accordingly.

All other projects are moving along.

Mr. Falencki left the meeting at 7:25.

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

Ordinance #242 was presented for approval. Mr. Florio made a motion to adopt Ordinance 242, an ordinance amending the Borough of Honey Brook Code of Ordinances to clarify Borough Council meeting times within Chapter 1, to amend certain permit responsibilities and garage sale provisions within Chapter 13, to prohibit yard waste disposal in Borough Streets as set forth in Chapter 20, to clarify fence permit fees in Chapter 27/Zoning, to provide for severability and repealer provisions, and for codification and an effective date. Mr. Halvorsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Campbell stated the Fee Schedule needs to be revised; Ms. Venzie said the revisions will be presented at the next Council meeting.

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

No report.

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

Ms. Curtis stated that the Halloween Parade went well and thanked the Lion's Club all those involved making it a success.

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

Mr. Mulhall encouraged everyone to get out and vote on Election day. He also said that he received a letter stating that FEMA has accepted Honey Brook Borough into the Flood Insurance Program.

### ***Monthly Reports***

*Treasurer's Report* - No report. Monthly P&L report was distributed.

*Tax Collector's Report* – The County collected \$670.90 for October

*Police Chief's Report* - No report (Chief unavailable).

*Public Work's Report* - Mr. Ford reported that the Borough will be getting reimbursed from PP&L for the lights that have not been working on Horseshoe Pike.

*Planning Commission* - No report

*Code/Zoning/Bldg Officer's Report* - Mr. Campbell stated the Honey Brook Community Church building is at a standstill and building will resume in the spring. He also stated that there are

many empty store fronts in the Borough and inquired if anyone is working on soliciting for businesses to come to the Borough.

### ***Committee Reports***

*Park & Recreation* – Ms. Jenzano reported that the events are done for the year.

*Code & Ordinance* - It was suggested that \$1,000 per year be added to the Budget for codification of ordinances for General Code. This will be in addition to the yearly fee already in the budget for maintenance fees.

*Finance* - The 2018 budget will be presented at the next Council meeting.

*Public Works* - no report

*Personnel* - no report

*Police* - no report

*WCC/COG* - Mr. Florio reported that the County Commissioners will be attending the next meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

### ***New Business***

Ms. Curtis said the Police Chief Contract was reviewed at the Executive Session. A motion to accept the contract and present it to Chief Ely for signature was made by Mr. Ott and seconded by Mr. Florio. The motion passed with Mr. Rosciolo voting nay.

### ***Public Presentation***

Reuben Schonebaum pointed out a typo on page 5 of the P&L statement for Liability Insurance. Ms. Curtis said the mistake is noted, she will check with Ms. Rambo and it will be corrected.

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

Janis A. Rambo, Borough Secretary

*From notes taken and transcribed by Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk*

