

DECEMBER 18, 2017 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 Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Kimberly Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent; Chief Patrick Ely; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

President Curtis noted that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation matters.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting. Mr. Florio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Halvorsen questioned the invoice from Cozen O'Connor. Treasurer advised she only processed the current invoice for recent work performed and not a past due amount showing on the invoice which the Borough was told would be credited. After review of the invoice, Mr. Halvorsen said the current charges were warranted.

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

Public Presentations

Marc Richard, 464 Arch Street, recognized a group of children who were present who helped clear snow on sidewalks and driveways during a recent snowfall. He stated that they cleared the snow without being asked and without expectation of being compensated. Council and the audience gave them a round of applause for their citizenship and good work. Mayor Mulhall stated that he would issue a proclamation.

John McHugh, representing the WCCCOG, presented Bill Ford with plaque recognizing his assistance to the local community on behalf of the COG.

Reuben Schonebaum stated that the Honey Brook Partnership distributes welcome bags to new residents and he feels it would nice if the Township and Borough would work together to develop a joint map.

Secretary's Report/Communications

No report.

President's Report

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mulhall thanked Councilman Ron Rosciolo for his service the last four years and thanked him for his time serving the Borough.

Old/Pending Business

Waynebrook Village Basin – Based on the Technicon report provided to Council, Council concurred that the HOA needs to develop a plan to have the detention basin work properly to include addressing the blocked bypass piping and in the Spring to address and clean up the rip-rap. Council stated that they would waive the emergency spillway.

Mr. Bree stated that he disagrees that the water is coming from Waynebrook Village and that it is the Borough's water that is causing the issues. He believes 99% is coming from the Fire Company and Routes 322 and 10.

Council requested that a plan be presented to Council within 45 days.

UCII Inventory List – The current list was reviewed. No new items were requested to be added.

Shenberger Plan – Mr. Falencki stated that he received revised final plans. After reviewing the current submission with Council, Mr. Mimm made a motion to approve the Shenberger Subdivision and Land Development plan contingent upon satisfaction of the items listed in the Weiser Engineering Consultants' review letter of December 15, 2017 (attached – addendum A). Mr. Halvorsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Suplee Road Sidewalk Project – Mr. Falencki reviewed the current proposed work. He stated that he is proposing to eliminate the driveway on Suplee Road to the Jim Ford property at the intersection of Suplee and Horseshoe Pike. Another drive is proposed to be widened. Council concurred with recommended design.

Authorization to advertise annual reorganization meeting – Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to authorize the Secretary to advertise for the Reorganization Meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Authorization to sign Contract Extension for VPP Grant (Zoning Rewrite) – Mr. Ott made a motion to accept the contract extension for the VPP grant to July 31, 2018. Mr. Florio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Consideration to adopt a Resolution to oppose House Bill 1620 entitled “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill” - After discussion, Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to adopt Resolution 2017-09, a resolution opposing House Bill 1620 entitled “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration for additional funding for zoning update – It was reported that the Brandywine Conservancy is requesting more money to finish the zoning update. They are anticipating an additional \$12,000, of which the Conservancy will cover \$2,000 and therefore the Township and Borough would be responsible for \$10,000. Mr. Falencki noted in his eMail to the Borough of December 9, that the Honey Brook Township Manager reported to him that the Supervisors are not in favor of paying more money. After a lengthy discussion, Council concurred not to give additional funds at this time.

2018 Budget

The 2018 Budget was presented for adoption as well as an ordinance setting the 2018 tax rate at 2.0 mills.

Jim Bree, Waynebrook Village, asked if there is any possibilities of cuts. He stated that he understood the proposed budget included additional police shifts. Ms. Jenzano stated one additional eight-hour shift has been added to the 2018 budget. Mr. Ott advised that evidence must now be driven to Harrisburg as they can no longer take it to Lima. A trip back and forth could take up an officer’s eight-hour shift.

Mr. Halvorsen stated that Honey Brook has the seconded lowest Borough tax rate in the County, and the lowest with a police force.

Ms. Curtis stated it is her intention to appoint a committee to look at ways to attract business into the Borough and increase revenue. Dr. Schonebaum and Mr. Halvorsen both asked to be on the Committee.

At this time, Ms. Venzie opened a public hearing to present the Ordinance for the adoption of the real estate tax rate for 2018.

Ms. Venzie noted that the proposed ordinance was properly advertised and a copy sent to the Chester County Law Library for public inspection.

Mr. Florio made a motion to adopt Ordinance 243, an ordinance setting the tax rate at 2.0 mills for 2018. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Rosciolo voting nay.

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to adopt the 2018 budget as presented. The motion passed with Mr. Rosciolo voting nay.

Public Presentations

None.

Ms. Curtis again thanked Mr. Rosciolo for his service and time to the Borough. There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary