

DECEMBER 4, 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 James Mimm. Also in attendance were Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Kim Venzie, Borough Solicitor; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

President Curtis advised that Council met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss litigation matters regarding the Barkman Landfill lawsuit.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Florio made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2017, seconded by Mr. Ott. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

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

Public Presentations

Robert Shoemaker, Waynebrook Village – Mr. Shoemaker stated that after listening to the report give at the last meeting regarding the stormwater management issue of Waynebrook Village, he stated that he feels that 90% of water passing through Waynebrook Village is from the Borough, not Waynebrook Village. He stated that Route 10/322 is the highpoint of the Borough and that water from the Waynebrook Hotel and the firehouse help contribute.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Falencki stated the Shenberger plan has been submitted as final. He stated that the final plans do not show the sidewalk back from curb as agreed at the meeting when the preliminary plan was reviewed. He said the final plan has it next to the curb. The final plan does not include the hydrant and inlet as agreed on the preliminary plan. Mr. Halvorsen inquired if it was ADA compliant. Council concurred that they want to see a corrected plan.

Mr. Falencki stated that he has completed the survey for the Suplee Road sidewalk project. We are still awaiting County grant award paperwork.

It was requested that Council review the UCII list to see if any project should be added.

The County is reversing their action on the 4815 Horseshoe Pike Subdivision.

Mr. Falencki departed the meeting at this time.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Venzie reviewed the Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement between Honey Brook Township and Honey Brook Borough. She noted that an ordinance will need to be developed and advertised authorizing the Agreement. Ms. Jenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to authorize the Solicitor to proceed to develop and advertise the required ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications/Secretary's Report

Secretary reported that the Gerrymandering resolution was mailed to the officials listed in the Resolution as requested at the last meeting.

The Resolution regarding category 4 casinos was mailed to the Gaming Authority.

Secretary reported that she had a Liquid Fuels audit on November 27, 2017 and that there were no findings. Written report should be forthcoming.

Secretary reported that she was able to conclude the Pension audit on November 27, 2017 as well. A conference call exit interview was scheduled in the next few days.

Letter was sent to Cozen O'Conner advising the Borough's continued representation for the Barkman Landfill matter with their firm.

Letter was read from Weiser Engineering Consultants, LLC thanking the Borough for the appointment on 2017 and looks forward to the opportunity to work with the Borough in 2018. The letter noted that the 2017 rate will be offered for 2018.

Letter was received from the Office of the Governor noting Robert David Esposito, Jr.'s confirmation as Emergency Management Coordinator for Honey Brook Borough.

President's Report

No report

Mayor's Report

Mr. Mulhall noted that a menorah lighting would be held on December 12 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Schonebaum.

Monthly Reports

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

Tax Collector's Report – The County collected \$1.273.21 for November

Police Chief's Report – The monthly report was distributed.

Public Work's Report – No report as Mr. Ford has been ill.

Planning Commission – It was noted that the Planning Commission is in the final steps of the zoning task force.

Code/Zoning/Bldg Officer's Report – The list of 2017 permits to date was distributed.

Committee Reports

Park & Recreation – Ms. Jenzano reported that the last event of the year, the annual tree lighting, was held on December 3 and thanked all that helped make the event possible.

Code & Ordinance – Mr. Florio advised that there was no meeting in November and that there would not be a meeting in December.

Finance - Budget review is on the agenda.

Public Works - no report

Personnel - no report

Police - no report

WCC/COG - Mr. Florio reported that two of the three County Commissioners were at the last COG meeting. They noted no County tax hike for 2018. Mr. Florio stated he would like Graham Copeland to attend an upcoming meeting regarding filling storefronts in the Borough. He noted that there were four awards presented and that one was to Bill Ford who unfortunately could not attend.

Old/Pending Business

Mr. Ott noted that a light that has been out for a while still has not been replaced.

New Business

Mr. Shoemaker inquired if the Early Learning Center has corrected the issues for which they were cited. Mr. Halvorsen advised that he would look into that.

2018 Budget

The proposed 2018 budget was presented and reviewed. Treasurer noted that all line items pertaining to the MultiModal grant for sidewalks has been taken out of the proposed budget upon learning that the Borough would not be receiving the grant. Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for public inspection and for the taxing ordinance to be prepared and advertised by the Solicitor's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentation

Jim Bree, Waynebrook Village, questioned a comment by Mr. Halvorsen regarding costs associated with the landfill. Mr. Halvorsen clarified that he was noting the Barkman Landfill, not the Chester County Solid Waste Authority.

Reuben Schonebaum, 910 Maple Avenue – Dr. Schonebaum invited the public to the menorah lighting at his home on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. He further stated that he disagreed with the Solicitor's opinion of displaying a menorah at Borough Hall. Ms. Venzie reviewed her findings on the subject. Dr. Schonebaum stated that he did not want to remove a display, but wanted to add a menorah to the holiday display.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo, Borough Secretary