

MARCH 20, 2017 SECOND MONTHLY MEETING

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Mimm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to authorize the payment of bills as presented but to hold the check for Cozen and O'Connor. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

Dr. Reuben Schonebaum, 910 Maple Street – Dr. Schonebaum thanked Bill Ford for his efforts during the recent snow storm. He also noted that no trash collection was done by Eagle which resulted in trash being blown all over. He felt that Borough Council should hold Eagle Disposal responsible. Ms. Perez stated that Eagle tried to contact the Borough about trash collection and when she was able to call them back on March 17 and they advised that they did collect trash on March 15 but only collected about 15 bags. Dr. Schonebaum stated that he saw more than that on the streets in his neighborhood. Bill Ford stated that he had noted that the original message from Eagle was left at Borough Hall on Monday, March 13, at 10:11 a.m.

Ruth Shaeffer, 1049 Spruce Street – Ms. Shaeffer inquired if the green bags are required, by our ordinance, to be tied. She stated that trash was blown everywhere, mostly because the bags are not tied. She stated that Eagle will not pick up anything that is not in a bag, so they leave trash that has fallen out of the bag on the street. She stated that the recycle bins are thrown, which results in the bins being cracked.

Ms. Curtis stated that she would contact Eagle Disposal to review the items discussed this evening.

Communications

Secretary reported that an eMail was received late this afternoon from the Estate of Ruth Frame requesting the balance of the Walnut Hill Development Escrow released. The release request was forwarded to the Borough Engineer for his recommendation.

It was noted that notification was received last week that the next round of Revitalization Grant applications is open and will be due by April 21. Council discussed sidewalk projects and options. Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to proceed to apply for a grant for a sidewalk project through the County Revitalization Program for sidewalk expansion from Horseshoe Pike north on Supplee Road to connect to the Township Park and to proceed with a Multimodal Grant application for sidewalk projects for Chestnut Street, Railroad Avenue, and Maple Street as outlined in the handout from Mr. Falencki at the last meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Curtis advised that she would contact Mr. Falencki.

Mr. Ford advised that when reviewing the James Street Project Specifications, he recommended not including two seams in the James Street inlet as there are no sump pump holes in the drain box. Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to not include two seams in the James Street inlet. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Ms. Curtis thanked the public works department, fire department, and police department for their efforts during the recent snow storm. Mr. Ott reminded everyone that if you have a fire hydrant, to please shovel it out.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mull stated that he shared the Council President's sentiments to all those who provided service during the storm.

Old/Pending Business

Mr. Ott inquired about the street light that has a cone on it. Mr. Ford stated that he would ask Mr. Falencki to contact PP&L.

New Business

None

Public Presentations

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary