

JULY 10, 2017

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Honey Brook Borough Council held their July 10, 2017 public meeting at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call except Mr. Florio. Prior to the meeting, Council held an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the vacant Borough Clerk position and a matter of potential litigation. Also in attendance were Kimberly Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Anthony Campbell, Building/Code/Zoning Officer, Chief Ely and Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to pay bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

Reuben Schonebaum, 910 Maple Street – Dr. Schonebaum asked Council for their support to pass the proposed resolution that was provided to Council regarding gerrymandering.

Engineer's Report

James Street Project (Multimodal) – Mr. Falencki presented Change Order #1 for consideration. The change order is requested to confirm the findings of an unforeseen manhole problem uncovered during a site investigation. The change order will remove the manhole frame and lid and risers, add concrete riser to the manhole and then reuse and reset the existing manhole frame and lid to the new road grade. This change order will increase the project cost by \$2,120 from \$86,697.45 to \$88,817.45. Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,120. The motion passed unanimously.

MS4 – Mr. Falencki reported that the mapping is done. Honey Brook Township will generate the Intermunicipal Agreement. The Borough will need to treat 2,891 pounds during the next five-year period. Mr. Falencki final cost share between the Borough and Township is still being developed. Authorization to advertise the TMDL plan should be given at the July 24, 2017 meeting.

Multimodal Grant Application Maple & Chestnut Street Sidewalks – Resolution was presented for consideration to authorize the grant application in the amount of \$157,185 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Maple Street and Chestnut Street pedestrian connectivity and safety improvements for sidewalk and curbs along Chestnut Street and Maple Street from Horseshoe Pike north. Further, the resolution designates the Council President and Vice President as the officials to execute all documents. Ms. Jenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to approve Resolution 2017-03 as distributed. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, authorizing a letter to be signed to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development that the Borough has the 30% matching funds for the project.

At this time, Mr. Falencki left the meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Venzie stated that she will prepare the TMDL Plan public notice and the Floodplain notice for Council's July 24 meeting for consideration. She further stated that she is working on several ordinances that she will consolidate into one ordinance amendment for the Codes & Ordinance Committee review and upon their approval to Council.

Secretary's Report/Communications

None

President's Report

President Curtis reminded everyone of the 125th Anniversary Celebration being held on August 5 and confirmed participation by Council and the Mayor in the parade.

Mayor's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Year to date budget versus actual comparison report was distributed as well as the Treasurer's report as of the end of June.

Tax Collector's Report

Real estate taxes collected for June were \$1,128.93.

Police Chief's Report

Monthly report was distributed to Council.

Public Works Report

The monthly Public Works report was distributed. Mr. Ford stated that there was a water leak in the basement last Friday which resulted in phone service being temporarily down.

Planning Commission

Mr. Mulhall reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the FEMA floodplain ordinance and voted to recommend the adoption.

Code/Zoning

The monthly report was distributed. Mr. Campbell stated that the building permit will be issued this week for the Honey Brook Community Church.

At this time, Mr. Campbell departed the meeting.

Committee Reports

Park & Recreation – Ms. Jenzano reported that the Community Library would like to place a box in the park for a “rotating library”. She also stated that approximately 175-200 people attend the July 9 concert in the park.

Code & Ordinance – Next meeting will be held on July 11.

Finance – Next quarterly meeting will be held on July 13. The committee will discuss Act 172.

Old/Pending Business

Redistricting Resolution – Mr. Halvorsen stated that he would like the proposed Resolution for redistricting considered. Secretary will complete the Resolution document and have on the next meeting agenda.

New Business

Borough Clerk Vacancy – Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to hire Patricia Swinty as Borough Clerk at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The motion passed with Mr. Rosciolo abstaining.

Drones – Mr. Rosciolo spoke about seeing drones flying around the Borough. He felt that this is a potential invasion of privacy and could also allow people to monitor police activity. Mr.

Rosciolo questioned if registration of drones could be permitted. It was noted that drones over a certain size must be registered with the FAA, who oversees regulations with regards to drones.

Police – Chief Ely stated that he would like to purchase new vests as needed for the department with the donation money from the CCSWA. He also noted a donation from the Lions Club.

Public Presentation

None

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

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary