

FEBRUARY 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. Also in attendance were Marion Perez, Borough Clerk and Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting was approved on a motion by Ms. Jenzano. Mr. Florio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

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

Public Presentations

Dr. Reuben Schonebaum, 910 Maple Street – Dr. Schonebaum noted that there was a 20% increase in real estate taxes for 2017. He stated that he was aware of requirements for stormwater management and additional emergency management costs. He inquired how much money was budgeted and expected to be expended for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Halvorsen stated that the MS4 requirement will definitely affected the Borough's budget going forwarded with requirements that must be met. Mr. Ford stated that the MS4 permit will dictate what the Borough will need to do and spend. Mayor Mulhall stated that no funds were budgeted for the 125th Anniversary. Both Ms. Curtis and Mr. Ott noted various fundraising activities to include the sale of mugs which will probably be donated as well as sponsorships for a program book.

Communications

A letter was distributed to Council from the Chester County Association of Township Officials requesting Borough partnering and membership. After discussion, Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to become an associate member with CCATO. The motion passed with Ms. Jenzano voting nay.

President's Report

Ms. Cutis inquired if the Borough Clerk's attendance should continue to be required at the second monthly meeting as the meetings are relatively very short. Council concurred that the Clerk should continue to attend.

Mayor's Report

No report.

Old/Pending Business

Council of Governments – Mr. Florio reported that the next meeting of COG is Wednesday, February 22. He noted that he may have noted at the last meeting that the date was the 24th; however, to clarify the meetings are the last Wednesday of each month.

125th Anniversary – The next committee meeting is February 23, 2017.

New Business

Alternate Representative to Council of Governments – Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to appoint Jessica Curtis as the alternate to the Council of Governments.

NIMS Training – It was noted that the COG will be holding NIMS training in March for those who need the second portion. Scheduling is being made through John McHugh.

“A Morning with Emergency Services” – Mr. Florio distributed information for a presentation at the 9-1-1 Center on March 24, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Tours of the Center would also be available.

Smart911 – Mr. Florio distributed information regarding the Smart911 service offered by the Chester County Department of Emergency Services. Ms. Jenzano noted that it will be included in the next newsletter in addition to already being on the website.

Recent Snow Emergency Declaration – Mr. Ford noted that he had heard negative comments about the Borough declaring the snow emergency declaration so early and that the accumulation was not that much. He noted that it is a group effort to make the decision and, although the temperatures were Spring-like when called, the forecast, had it come to fruition, called for the declaration. He noted that there was one car on Firehouse Lane that was not moved off the street.

Public Presentations

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary