

JUNE 4, 2018

FIRST REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The June 4, 2018, first monthly meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council was held at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call. Also in attendance were Kim Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent; Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk; Anthony Campbell, Zoning/Code/Building Official; and Chief Ely.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mimm, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with Mr. Florio and Ms. Whichard abstaining.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to approve bills for payment as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

Matthew Amburg, 1006 Maple Street – advised that he is again having his mailbox blocked by a parked car. He advised that this is a different car than before. Mr. Ford advised that he had measured the sight distance and the yellow line could only be extended two feet which would not help Mr. Amburg's situation. It was noted that there are only 14 guest spaces at Waynebrook Village to be shared by 40 homes. Chief Ely suggested moving the mailbox to the north side; if a car parks there they would be blocking a driveway which could result in a ticket. Ms. Curtis and Chief advised that they would talk to the owner of the car who is now blocking the driveway.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Falencki was not present.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Venzie advised that she has drafted an amendment to Chapter 11 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances, Housing, to clarify, amend, and in some instances delete provisions related to the housing rules and regulations, to provide for severability and repealer provisions, and for codification and an effective date. It noted that the requirements for a rental U&O would be every two years regardless of tenant change.

Mr. Mimm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Florio abstaining as he had not reviewed the proposed amendment.

Secretary's Report/Communications

Nothing to report.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mulhall reported that he had participated in the annual Memorial Day parade and a recent event at the Honey Brook Elementary School.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer distributed the year-to-date P&L comparison. It was also noted that the annual audit was conducted on May 23 as well as a compliance audit by the County DCED. The County Compliance Officer requested that the Borough purchase the labor regulation poster that the County uses instead of the individual postings. The poster has been purchased for \$19.95 plus shipping costs.

Tax Collector's Report - The County collected \$6,473.72 in May of which \$24.63 was interim taxes.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Ely advised that he was not able to provide the monthly report due to responding to calls today. A copy will be forwarded to Council when complete.

Public Works Report – Monthly report was distributed.

Planning Commission – There was no meeting in May.

Code/Building/Zoning Report – Mr. Campbell stated that May was a slow month with one pool permit being issued; one shed permit; and one modification to an addition. He also noted that the owner of 934 Chestnut Street would like to replace the current house with a new house. They would like to demo the existing house after the new house is built. The Borough Engineer has been contacted regarding this proposed plan.

Committee Reports

Park & Recreation – Ms. Jenzano reported that Sunday's concert was postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled. The basketball backboards are up.

Code/Ordinance – Ms. Whichard reported that the May meeting was canceled.

Finance – Finance Committee will meet in July for their mid-year review.

Public Works – It was noted that a set of forks is need for the backhoe.

Personnel – No report.

Police – Not report.

WCC COG – Mr. Florio stated that there was nothing substantial to report from the last COG meeting.

Long-Term Planning – Mr. Halvorsen advise that no meeting has been scheduled to date.

Old/Pending Business

WCCREM Membership – Tabled.

New Police Vehicle – Chief Ely reported that the new Charger may be delivered during the first week in July.

Consideration to waive the permit fee for King Family Roofing for replacement of Borough Hall roof – Mr. Mimm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to waive the permit fee for King Family Roofing for the replacement of the Borough Hall roof. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ford advised that the work is scheduled for the week of June 25.

Consideration to sign the Integrity Energy contract for the PP&L street lights at a rate of 0.04823 for 36 months effective January 2019 – Mr. Ford suggested we look at purchasing through CoStars. Council agreed to table any decision.

Superfund/Barkman Landfill – Mr. Halvorsen reported that Frank Kelsher will not deal with the municipalities. Council discussed how to move forward. It was noted that monthly bills continue to be received from Cozen O'Connor. Copies of the outstanding invoices from February were provided prior to the meeting to the Finance Committee and Solicitor Venzie. Council agreed to talk with Bob Watts.

New Business

Consideration to refund/donate \$100 to Wawassan Post Home for parade permit - Mr. Mimm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to authorize a \$100 donation to the Wawassan Post Home.

Zoning Rewrite – Ms. Venzie reminded everyone that any changes to the proposed zoning ordinance will be needed as soon as possible.

Parking Restriction at 855 Maple Street – Mr. Ford advised that the notification was sent to 855 regarding on-street parking in front of the house. He noted that they have asked if they can put a stone pad behind the house. It was noted that they would need to talk to Mr. Campbell.

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None

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary