

AUGUST 6, 2018 FIRST REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The August 6, 2018, first monthly meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council was held at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call except Mayor Mulhall and Mr. Ott. Also in attendance were Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Kim Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Anthony Campbell, Zoning/Building/Code Official; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent; Chief Patrick Ely; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with Mr. Mimm abstaining as he was not in attendance at the July 16 meeting.

Payment of Bills

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

Public Presentations

None

Engineer's Report

Shenberger Construction – Mr. Falencki reported that Mr. Shenberger would like to extend the stormwater pipe down Chestnut Street, which was originally requested of the Borough. He noted that the developer may need to extend swale to 409. Mr. Halvorsen made a motion to authorize the stormwater pipe be extended as requested at the developer's expense. Mr. Florio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Honey Brook Community Church – The developer proceeded with sidewalks and had no inspections on curb and sidewalk as required. Mr. Falencki will notify the Church of their noncompliance and copy PennDOT.

MS4 – A meeting has been scheduled with Honey Brook Township next week.

Suplee Road Project – Mr. Falencki reported that there are currently five bidders. He is still awaiting an answer regarding detouring the road during construction.

DCD CRP Maple Street Grant – Maple Street survey has been completed.

Streetscapes – Mr. Falencki noted that weeds are growing through the sidewalks which can ultimately cause damage. Mr. Campbell advised that letters went out to homeowners last week. Mr. Falencki noted that the Borough should consider sealing the brick next year.

Stormpipe – Horseshoe Pike – The sinkhole on Horseshoe Pike was discussed. The line between Spruce and Walnut Streets along Horseshoe Pike was televised. PennDOT has been notified and they are trying to obtaining funding. Council discussed the possibility to reach out to Senator Rafferty.

DCED MultiModal Grant – Grant application was submitted.

Mr. Falencki departed at this time.

Department Reports

Finance – P&L, actual to budget, was distributed.

Tax Collector Report – The County collected \$195.15 in real estate taxes for the month of July.

Chief Police Report – Monthly report was distributed. Chief Ely reported that the new police car is currently having the lights installed.

Codes/Building/Zoning – Mr. Campbell reported that two permits were issued in July: one building and one zoning permit. He will be verifying if the grass and weeds were addressed in the letters that were sent out last week this Friday.

Public Works – The monthly report was distributed.

New Business

Consideration to Hire a Part-Time Police Officer – Chief Ely requested Council to consider the hire of Nickolas Basov to replace Officer Anthony Howe who had resigned. Mr. Basov has three years of law enforcement experience, speaks four languages, and is in his second enlistment with the United States Air Force. Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to hire Nickolas Basov as a part-time police officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At this time, President Curtis asked for an Executive Session to talk with Martin Howe regarding the Barkman Lawsuit Litigation. It was noted that Borough employees Bill Ford and Janis Rambo would join Council and the Solicitor in the Executive Session. The Executive Session began at 7:25 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 8:15 p.m. and the public meeting concluded.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Venzie reported that the Zoning Ordinance has been sent to the Chester County Planning Commission for review. She will proceed to advertise for a public hearing and adoption at one of the meetings in September.

Secretary's Report

Secretary reported that correspondence was received from the Commonwealth with regards to their efforts to prevent fraud attempts for their and the Borough's data with regards to electronic deposits. They have asked the Borough to designate two individuals who have the proper authority to validate vendor information. Council concurred that the two Borough representatives should be the Borough Secretary/Treasurer and the Borough Clerk.

President's Report

President Curtis thanked Bill Ford who assisted with a Verizon power line issue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor was not in attendance.

Committee Reports

Park & Recreation – Ms. Jenzano thanked Jessica Whichard and Bill Ford who help with the past weekend's concert. She noted that there is one more concert in September.

Codes and Ordinance – Ms. Whichard reported that there was no meeting in July.

Finance – The next meeting is in October.

Public Works- It was noted that one of the new part-time employees will begin next week.

Personnel – No report.

Police – No report.

COG – Mr. Florio reported that the COG did not meet in July.

Long-Range Planning – No report.

Old/Pending Business

Superfund Site – Cozen O'Connor will be notified that no more work should be done at this time.

Harmony Day – Ms. Jenzano noted that volunteers are need from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for Harmony Day.

Veterans Day – An event is being planned at Tel Hai. It is tentatively a one-hour program with a MIA/POW theme. There was a discussion to look into the Veteran banners which had previously been discussed at past meetings.

Solid Waste Bids – It was suggested to bid for recycle containers two ways: the 64-gallon container and the same size that is currently utilized.

Public Presentations

James Mimm, on behalf of the Lion's Club, noted that the Halloween Parade permit will be submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary