

**APRIL 20, 2020**  
**SECOND MONTHLY MEETING**  
**HONEY BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The second monthly meeting of Honey Brook Council was held via *Zoom* and all members answered Roll Call. Also, participating in the meeting were Bill Ford Public Works Superintendent; Chief Calvin Wilson; Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk; and Zoe Curtis, Junior Council Member. It was noted that the meeting was being conducted through *Zoom* to comply with Governor Wolf's order that all individuals in Chester County stay home in an effort to slow the spread and minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing. The Notice for instructions to participate in the meeting was posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough website. The Notice advised that anyone unable to participate in the meeting through *Zoom* could eMail comments on the agenda, which was posted on the website as of April 3, 2020, by eMailing the Borough Secretary by 3:00 p.m. on today's date. No comments were received.

***Public Presentations***

It was noted that there no one other than Council and Borough staff were participating on the call.

***Approval of Previous Minutes***

Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whichard, to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

***Payment of Bills***

Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to approve the bills presented for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

***Old/Pending Business***

Police Car Cameras – Chief Wilson noted that two cameras were previously approved by Council. He stated that he would be postponing replacement on the Durango which had been budgeted for 2020 to 2021. Therefore, he recommended only purchasing one camera at this time to save the cost of installing one in the Durango to reinstall in a new vehicle in 2021. He also noted that the original intent was that the camera would be downloaded via a thumb drive. He stated it would make more sense to have the download wireless and the internet issues in the police office are being addressed. Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to authorize the purchase of one car camera and for the wireless downloading procedure. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Cell Phone – Chief Wilson stated that the cell phone that had been assigned to the former police chief was outdated, broken, and the camera did not work. The Department is currently in the process of terminating the account with Verizon and opening a new account with AT&T who offers better emergency services and the cost per month will be approximately \$20 less than the current service with Verizon. Chief noted that the phone will be utilized by the officer on duty.

## *New Business*

Chester County Department of Community Development/Housing and Community Development Programs – Letter was received from the CCD CD advising that the County has commenced the preparation of an application for funding activities within Chester County in Fiscal Years 2021-2023. The US Department of Housing & Urban Development rules and regulations with respect to community participation are similar to those in previous years. The opt in/opt out procedure or failure to elect will again be effective for three years. If a municipality opts out, it cannot be the beneficiary of many of the HUD grant programs. The consensus of Council was to remain as an opt in participant which requires no further action by the Borough.

Discussion regarding trash issue at 748 Maple Street – Ms. Swinty reported that there was a lot of trash again at 748 Maple Street. At the time, Eagle Disposal is not collecting bulk items, but the amount of trash exceeded the Borough's limits. It was noted that this is a continual problem. In 2019, it was noted, the Borough had to have trash collected and sought reimbursement from the property owner. It was discussed that under the Borough's ordinance, the property owner should be supplying a dumpster for the number of units in the building. It was reported that it was cleaned up at the end of last week. Chief Wilson noted that the absentee landlord allows his tenants to not abide by the Borough ordinances. Council concurred that the Borough Codes/Zoning/Building Official should notify the property owner of the Borough's Ordinance that he is required to furnish a dumpster and proceed with any non-compliance.

Act 15 – Mayor Mulhall noted that House Bill 15 provides provisions to a municipality to extend the discount period or waive penalties if paid in full by December 15 for real estate tax payments. There was discussion if the Chester County Treasurer's office would be able to accommodate these provisions. It was discussed that the discount period had already expired on March 31. Mayor Mulhall noted that there is a time deadline to approve such a Resolution and that Council would need to take such action at their next meeting under the provisions of the Act. It was the consensus of Council to check with the County Treasurer's office to ensure that they could accommodate the waiver of the penalty fee and to proceed to draft a Resolution to be presented at Council's May 4, 2020 meeting for consideration.

Street Sweeping – Mr. Ford reported that the annual street sweeping was performed today and noted that one car was towed.

Signal Service Maintenance Contract – The two-year maintenance contract for the traffic light, at a cost of \$525 per year, was presented for approval. Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to approve the two-year Maintenance Contract with Signal Service. The motion passed unanimously.

## *Public Presentations*

None

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo  
Borough Secretary