

FEBRURY 1, 2021
FIRST MONTHLY MEETING
HONEY BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The first monthly meeting of Honey Brook Council was held via *Zoom* and all members answered Roll Call except for Mr. Ott and Mr. Halvorsen. Also participating in the meeting were Kim Venzie, Borough Solicitor; Christopher Falencki, Borough Engineer; Bill Ford Public Works Superintendent; Chief Calvin Wilson; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

President Curtis opened the meeting with a moment of silence. It was noted that the meeting was being conducted through *Zoom* to comply with Governor Wolf's order to slow the spread and minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ms. Jenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2021, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

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

Public Presentations

Comcast – Stephanie Kosta, Caitlyn Ganley, Jessica Sibley, and John Walker were present to provide an overview of their services and noted that they had 63 franchise agreements within Chester County. They advised that they are interested in expanding to Honey Brook Borough and would like to negotiate a franchise agreement. Mayor Mulhall stated that he thinks it is great that Comcast wants to expand to Honey Brook. President Council thank Comcast for their time and presentation and advised that Council would be in contact with them regarding moving forward.

Felix Colone, 440 Water Street & Troy DeSimone, Water Street – Mr. Colone asked to discuss not being able to park on Borough Streets during a snow emergency. He noted the shortage of spots in his area and the homes that do not have off street parking. He said that some parking in the nearby cemetery, which is also private property. He said he understands not having cars parked on 322 and 10, but felt that parking should be allowed on one side of the street which would enable the plow to get one lane passable. Mr. DeSimone said he has the same issue and doesn't like the idea that his mother who resides with him has park and walk a distance to the house. Chief Wilson noted that during the storm of the last 24 hours, there were 15 automobiles left on the street last night into the morning. During the last storm, half of the cars left on the streets were not even Borough residents. Mr. DeSimone noted that there is an old "fire lane" in back of the row homes that some cars can park there. It was noted that Maple Street, on the east side heading north, does not have off street parking but the south side does. It was noted that there were six vehicles on the street that could have been parked off street. Chief Wilson said that Water Street residents have always complied; other streets do not; however, he cannot pick and choose where to and where not to enforce. Ms.

Jenzano suggested that we do not have parking on some sections of the streets during an emergency declaration. She said she believes Water Street is vulnerable as it is narrow and with the older row homes and the street would need to be clear in the event that an emergency vehicle would need to get through. She said she sympathized with them as for many years she did not have off street parking at her home in the Borough and knows what it is like to have to find a spot to park away from your home with young children. There was discussion about designating one side for parking on Maple Street; Mr. Ford noted that North Maple is a truck route and there is a lot of parking on the street. After continued discussion, Mayor Mulhall advised that he was willing to work with the Borough professionals to come up with a plan for parking during emergency declarations.

Engineer's Report

MS4 – Mr. Falencki reported that he has reached out twice to Honey Brook Township with no response.

914 Spruce Street – Mr. Falencki reported that he had witnessed the infiltration testing but that they had already made some changes.

934 Chestnut Street - No response has been received.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Venzie stated that she would have items at the next meeting as a follow up to the last meeting's Executive Session.

At this time, Mr. Falencki departed the meeting.

Communications/Secretary's Report

None

President's Report

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mulhall advised he did not have anything to report but wanted to again thank the Public Works Department and Police for their work during the snow storms.

Committee Reports

Finance – No report

Park & Recreation – Ms. Jenzano reported that she had reached out to the bands that were scheduled for last year and two have responded to date that they are interested in performing this year.

Public Works – Mr. Ford noted that repair was needed for the snow plow.

Code/Ordinance – No report

MS4 – No report

Personnel – Mr. Florio questioned the role/responsibility of the Personnel Committee with regards to hiring part-time police officers. Ms. Jenzano advised that in the past, the Chief has interviewed the candidates first.

Police – Ms. Jenzano reported that the Committee met on January 20 and the minutes were distributed.

Banner – Mr. Florio advised that he had touched base with the banner company and if we needed to make an update on the banner card they would provide new ones. He also stated that we may want to broaden the conflicts which we will accept applications for the banners.

COG – Ms. Matlock distributed her notes from the COG meeting. She advised that the Animal Task Force is coming together and the goal is to share a dog warden and to find a place to house the animals. She also noted that they are still working on the “shared” equipment list. She noted that Josh Mellinger was elected President of the COG and that she was re-elected Vice President.

Old/Pending Business

Grenda – It was noted that this item would be discussed in Executive Session.

Trash Issues – 748 Maple Street and 4481 Horseshoe Pike – Ms. Jenzano noted that these properties continue to have excessive trash. Ms. Swinty advised that Notice of Violations have been sent out to both properties.

New Business

Sidewalks – Mr. Ford inquired about snow removal from the sidewalks in front of the two Grenda properties. Ms. Venzie advised to keep track of the expenses to clear.

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Executive Session

At this time, Council went into Executive Session to discuss property litigation issues and joining in the meeting was the Borough’s Code Officer Joe Boulanger who had joined the regular meeting, Police Chief, Public Works Superintendent; Borough Secretary and Borough Clerk.

At 8:42 p.m., Council came out of Executive Session and there being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Janis A. Rambo, Borough Secretary