

**HONEY BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SECOND MONTHLY MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2021**

The Second Monthly Meeting of Honey Brook Borough Council was called to order by Council President Jessica Curtis at 7:00 PM. All members answered to Roll Call. Also in attendance were Kim Venzie, Esquire, Borough Solicitor; Chief Calvin Wilson; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

President Curtis advised that Council was in Executive Session prior to the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation.

**Public Presentations**

Don Tantella, property owner of 4670 Horseshoe Pike, commented on the re-inspection fee of \$35.00. He stated that he understood if there was a lot of items on the check list, but to come in for one or two items, and having multiple units, he felt the fee was excessive. He suggested that if an item required electrical compliance, that an affidavit or proof of work by an electrician could be used. Council discussed the issue and felt that the concern should be discussed with Kraft Code Inspections.

Gary Ream, Deputy Chief, of the Honey Brook Fire Company reported on the Department's activities during the months of January and February. He noted that the Department is qualifying a water and ice rescue team.

***Approval of Previous Minutes***

Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

***Payment of Bills***

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to approve payment of bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

***Communications/Secretary's Report***

914 Spruce Street Stormwater Escrow Release Request – Ms. Rambo advised when returning from vacation, a letter from Michael A. Reilly LLC had come in requesting release of the stormwater escrow for 914 Spruce Street. After forwarding it to the Borough Engineer, he initially requested Council consider it at their first meeting in April as he did not believe he would have time to review for this evening's meeting; however, prior to the meeting a letter was received from Mr. Falencki advising there only remains one item of work to do – the final

grading. Mr. Falencki advised in his letter his recommendation to retain \$1,620.00 in escrow. After discussion, Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to table the stormwater escrow release for 914 Spruce Street until the April 5, 2021, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rambo reminded Council of the zoning hearing scheduled for March 23, 2021, and noted that the applicant had contacted the office as they had not received notification of the hearing. Ms. Curtis advised that she would contact Ms. Fuller.

### ***President's Report***

Ms. Curtis advised that the first meeting of the "Snow Emergency Parking" committee will be held next Tuesday.

### ***Mayor's Report***

Mayor Mulhall reported that the Borough is eligible for \$173,000.00 under the recent federal Stimulus Act.

### ***Monthly Reports***

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 2021 was presented as well as the Balance Sheet for February 28, 2021 and March 15, 2021 and the Budget vs Actual spending year to date. Real estate collection deposit in March was \$28,698.23 and tax lien deposit was \$1,933.30.

Police – Chief Wilson reported that \$3,800 of equipment was received through a grant to include the temperature scanners and sanitizer wand. He noted that the new police car is in the pipeline and reviewed a recent incident that occurred in the Borough.

Public Works – Mr. Ford submitted the written report for the month of February. Mr. Ford stated that the green truck has been having repair work done and perhaps Council should look into a new truck.

Code/Zoning/Building Official – The monthly report for Kraft Code Services was reviewed.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission did not meet in March.

### ***Old/Pending Business***

Yard Sales – Council discussed yard sale permits for 2021. The consensus of Council was to allow yards sale permits for 2021.

Chester County Hazard Mitigation Draft – Ms. Matlock reported on the Hazard Mitigation Draft that has been issued.

Teleconference Equipment – Ms. Matlock and Ms. Wunch reported on equipment options for the public meeting room. They found a teleconference system for approximately \$300 which is the phone, wireless cord, and four wireless mics that would be approximately 10 feet apart. They also reviewed a camera system for approximately \$1,000.

***New Business***

Route 10 Resurfacing – Mr. Ford reported that he confirmed that PennDOT will be resurfacing Route 10 and he will contact them to see if they can widen the work at the Route 10/322 intersection to eliminate the crosswalks that are in need of repair.

Phone Service – Ms. Jenzano reported on the savings in the Police Department office switching phone service to PenTelData. Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wunch, to authorize the Borough Office to switch from Verizon to PenTelData for phone service. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Heater – Mr. Ford stated that it was discovered that there is an issue with the water heater as we have no hot water. This will be addressed as soon as possible.

**Public Presentations**

None

There being no further business the meeting was properly adjourned.

Janis A. Rambo  
Borough Secretary