

OCTOBER 19, 2020
SECOND MONTHLY MEETING
HONEY BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The second monthly meeting of Honey Brook Council was held at Borough Hall with an option for audio line. All members answered Roll Call with Councilwoman Whichard and Mayor Mulhall participating via conference line. Also, present at the meeting were Trisha Swinty, Borough Clerk; Bill Ford, Public Works Superintendent and Junior Councilperson Brian Boswell participated via audio line.

Council President Curtis advised that Borough Council met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. regarding personnel.

Public Presentations

Al Beiler, Honey Brook Fire Company – Mr. Beiler along with other representatives of the Fire Company presented an update of the Fire Company’s activities since their last report in 2018. He advised that the Fire Company has continued to pay down their debt and in the spring of 2019 all debt was eliminated for the first time since 1985. He also noted that they have ordered a replacement pumper tank at a cost of \$847,109 which is expected to be delivered between July and September of 2021. He also noted that they anticipate having cash on hand to pay for the truck without a loan. He thanked Borough Council for their annual donation and requested if the budget would allow for consideration in additional funding.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ms. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2020, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Matlock noted that at the October 5, 2020, meeting, the Secretary noted the Resolution that is on record noting that public comment shall be limited to five minutes per person per subject matter and that the time period per person shall not be carried over from meeting to meeting and may not be transferred from one person to another.

Payment of Bills

Ms. Rambo requested Council to consider one additional invoice in addition to the list of bills being presented: Independence Blue Cross in the amount of \$1,115.15.

Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to approve the bills presented for payment to include payment of the Independence Blue Cross invoice in the amount of \$1,115.15. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications/Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Honey Brook Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan – Letter was distributed from the Township advising that the Township’s proposed Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan is available for public inspection and comment.

A public hearing will be held on December 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. on their proposed Plan with consideration to adopt at their public meeting following the hearing.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 2020 was distributed as well as the corresponding Balance Sheet.

President's Report

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mulhall reported that he has completed the Chief's annual evaluation and will deliver it to the Borough Secretary for the personnel file.

Old/Pending Business

934 Chestnut Street/Liskey – Council concurred to authorize Mr. Falencki to do the inspection. It was noted that following the last meeting, the Borough Secretary responded to Mr. Liskey advising that payment in full of the stormwater management professional fees would be required before a final U&O could be issued.

Planning Commission Vacancy – It was noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission and that letters of interest can be submitted.

Bocce Tournament – Ms. Jenzano advised that the upcoming Bocce Tournament was canceled due to lack of participation.

New Business

Consideration to move November 2, 2020, meeting to Borough Annex – Due to Borough Hall being set up for the November 3, 2020, election, Council considered holding the November 2, 2020 meeting at the Annex. Mr. Halvorsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to change the location of the November 2, 2020, public meeting to the Borough Annex at 91 Pequea Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion if the meeting, due to reduced meeting room size and timing, would include the Department and Committee reports or defer them to the second meeting of the month. Mr. Ford suggested that the Committee and Department reports be moved to the second meeting of the month when the agenda is much lighter. After discussion, the consensus of Council would be to have the Department Reports at the first meeting of the month and move the Committee Reports to the second meeting of the month.

Permit Fee for Honey Brook Fire Company – It was noted that the Honey Brook Fire Company is planning to demolish the carnival buildings. Request was made to waive the permit fee. Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jenzano, to waive the demolition permit fee for the Honey Brook

Fire Company, noting that the permit paperwork, however, still needs to be completed and a permit issued. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

None

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Borough Secretary