



AGENDA MEETING

March 27, 2024

Call to order

Borough Council President Shaunta Miller called the meeting or order at 7:11 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called; the following was roll call response:

Councilor Vice President Bernice Clark-Dickerson-present

Councilor Douglas Eagar-present

Councilor Bethann Johnson-present

Councilor Michelle Miller-present

Council President Shaunta Miller-present

Councilor Michele Roberts-present,

Councilor Walter Stubbs-present

Mayor Amanda Hammock- -absent

Announcements

*Council met in Executive Session on Saturday, 3/23/24 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Council President Miller stated she was unaware of any executive session but was here for a 'meet and greet'. Ms. Dickerson spoke about being transparent with all of council and stated that we must stop doing underhanded things. Mrs. Roberts then spoke and said council needs to speak to and about each other with respect.

PRESENTATION

The Teens for Positive Empowerment with Ms. Lisa Lockley were recognized for their hard work in organizing the recent William E. Rice Street Renaming event; they were presented with a plaque by borough council. The teens also presented the Borough Manager with his own T-shirt.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mario Cimino- 46 S Morton Avenue –

Commented on the borough traffic light, and asked if it has been determined if this is SEPTA's responsibility. Manager Stewart answered that this is an old and ongoing situation. A cost estimate would have to be obtained from Catania on construction of a new signal. We need experts before we go to SEPTA. There is to be a meeting scheduled with SEPTA, Signal Service, Borough, and Catania Engineering. Mr. Cimino implored council to read up on the Code regarding the Sunshine Act and other items pertaining to borough meetings with council members.

Mr. Cimino on behalf of Civil Service questioned , if the borough was going to be hiring a Sergeant, and if so, would a professional consultant be present to advise. Solicitor Ewald stated he would address this and respond.

Bill Heffner – 571 S. Old Middletown Road, Media – owner of various businesses. Also questioned if a sergeant would be hired. Solicitor Ewald stated that regulations require hiring and a test. Manager Stewart clarifies that Officers Kelly and McGrady are sharing duties until the test can be taken.

Hiele Hodnett – 231 Walnut Street – questioned if someone could monitor chat on the zoom program, her questions from the prior meeting did not get addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1) Ms. Johnson reported that council will authorize Mr. Catania to prepare contract documents for the ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer grant.
- 2) County Aid Resolution – We will be approving a Resolution to obtain County Aid for roadwork in the amount of \$2700 later in the meeting as an action item.
- 3) Ms. Johnson spoke briefly about the signal issues at Woodland Avenue and N. Morton – and a cost estimate to repair/or replace would be addressed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Dickerson reported that the Local Real Estate Discount period ends on March 31, 2024.

RFP

We have sent out an RFP for banking services to 7 financial institutions. Manager Stewart reported that two out of the seven (Sharon and Citizen's Bank) do not want to work with municipal accounts. Mr. Stewart will report to council on the responses received.

The deadline to apply for the fulltime public works assistant was last week. There were seven applicants. There will be interviews announced at a later date.

PUBLIC SAFETY

President Miller had no police report; and no report was due from the Fire Department.

Civil Service –Sergeant Testing – 2 officers currently share duties at 5% each. Solicitor Ewald did state that once there is a vacancy, the municipality has 120 days to fill that vacancy.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts reported that a Compost program would be held on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at borough hall. This is offered by the Pennsylvania Resources Council in cooperation with the ESDSC.

Mr. Stewart explained that there would also be a grant application to revitalized Jacobs park. The meeting would be held April 3 – the first committee meeting.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Country Lane Parking

No tickets have been issued currently, as the situation is being monitored.

Parking on Silver Lake – Ms. Miller stated that a possible solution would be a two hour parking restriction on Silver Lake Terrace.

Dog Leash Ordinance- Ms. Miller and Solicitor Ewald provided an Ordinance on dog leashing to council. Council will review this ordinance for discussion and decision at a later date.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Eagar was not present, but Mr. Stewart reported that Bergman will be delivering a final report for the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance Update. This a grant from 2 years ago, and we are awaiting close out on this.

DVRPC – Transit Oriented Development program (TOD) program – submitted on March 27, 2024.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Stubbs thanked Mr. Stewart for work on the grant. Park and Recreation committee is trying to fix up parks for the residents and he wants to utilize the gym to be used for chess, and possibly obtain a TV screen. His next meeting will be April 3 at 6 :00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mario Cimino – 46 S Morton – questioned the malfunctioning traffic and stated that he saw an ambulance almost in an accident because of the non-working signal.

Michael Lee-123 W Sylvan - - Mr. Lee was glad that the “public comment on agenda” items was restored. He commented that the word Sergeant was misspelled. He also commented that Mrs. Michelle Miller has always conducted herself in a dignified manner.

Bill Heffner- 571 S. Old Middletown Road – questioned council that as a vote is being taken, does the council get questioned if anyone is opposed. Mr. Heffner questioned when the Budget meeting would be held. Ms. Clark-Dickerson stated that there is no budget meeting to be held, but the Finance and Administration committee would be meeting on 2nd Thursday of May.

Heile Hodnett 231 Walnut Street– Questioned if someone could please monitor the chat on Zoom, as she had a question that went unanswered.

Chris Nelson -1011 Kedron Avenue

Mr. Nelson asked again for volunteers to help with summer jam, and mentioned a donation of funds, tables and chairs for vendors. He will be attending the Park and Recreation meeting. He is also interested in a summer camp program.

Calvanita Clifton – 209 Pennington – stated there was a light pole leaning, and wondered if this light was reported. Mr. Stewart stated that the poles are owned by PECO, however, he will have Higgins to an inventory of the lights.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 by a Motion from Ms. Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary

