

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2018 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Marion McKinney, Council President, Mat McKnight, Council Vice-President; Terrie Stagliano, Council Member; Hugh Braun, Council Member; Louise Tulio, Council Member; Shannon Spencer, Council Member and Mayor Wright-Riggins.

Also present were Borough Manager Geoff Thompson, Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, and Police Chief Bart Bucher.

Cathy Kernen, President Pro Tempore - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 2, 2018 Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to amend the January 2, 2018 Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes to state that the Mayor's Report is added to the minutes; seconded by Ms. Tulio.

MOTION by Mr. McKnight to table the prior motion; seconded by Ms. Spencer. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

MOTION by Ms. Spencer to amend the January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes changing the Motion to support the ZHB application to 6-0; in the reopening of the 2018 Budget the mayor clarified that instead of discretionary funds it should state normal customary reimbursable expenses and he would like to Mayor's report attached to the minutes; seconded by Mr. McKnight. ***Motion carries 5-1.***

January 22, 2018 Meeting Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the January 22, 2018 Special Meeting; seconded by Mr. McKnight. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Jay Murphy, Fire Chief stated that the fire company joined up with Channel 6 Save-A-Life to distribute 10-year smoke detectors. They are free to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: Mr. Thompson reviewed the reports.

Consideration of Disbursements

MOTION by Ms. Tulio to approve checks 2752 up to and including 2829; seconded by Mrs. Stagliano. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the Treasurer's Report as listed; seconded by Mr. McKnight.
Motion carries 6-0.

Business Development – No Report.

Communications – Ms. Spencer stated that the Communication Committee met and discussed some things that they would like to do this year.

Community Engagement & Service – Mrs. McKinney met with the Ursinus College Student Government President and they discussed his thoughts on getting students from the college involved and also about getting the committee and students together.

CPVRPC: No Report.

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Mann gave the report. There was a reorganization meeting held for both CTMA and Public Works. Mat McKnight is Chairman, Cathy Johnson is Vice-Chairman, Arnold Mann is Treasurer, Nevin Scholl is Asst. Treasurer, Jim Traupman is Secretary and Stu Strauss is Asst. Secretary. Entech Engineering was appointed as the Public Works Engineer. Both Boroughs approved Director Hastings raise.

The Municipal Authority Chairman is Cathy Johnson, Rowan Keenan is Vice-Chairman, Nevin Scholl is Treasurer, Arnold Mann is Asst. Treasurer, Stu Strauss is Secretary and Jim Traupman is Asst. Secretary. Entech Engineering was appointed as the CTMA Engineer. Mr. Scholl made a motion to appoint Onorato as Solicitor. It was felt that Trappe's Solicitor should not be the CTMA Solicitor. A discussion followed. The motion failed 3-3. A motion then was made to appoint Hamburg, Mullin & Maxwell which also failed 3-3. It looks like they will need to have representation from both boroughs.

A bid was awarded to Mobil Dredging & Videoing in the amount of \$310,091.50 for videoing a section of sewer pipe.

Fred Schuetz, Trappe Resident – He was on the Authority and made the motion to appoint Hamburg, Rubin to serve as solicitor for the authority. He feels that they should continue with Hamburg, Rubin.

Mr. Mann also stated that Mr. Schuetz spoke with him about a program with the PA Horticultural Society in which they offer mature trees for \$50.00. Trappe approved eight trees for Waterworks Park. Trappe will pay the \$400.00 and be reimbursed by Public Works.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the trees for Waterworks Park; seconded by Mr. McKnight.
Motion carries 6-0.

Parks Committee: No Report.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

Planning Commission: Ms. Spencer stated that the Planning Commission did not meet.

Public Safety Committee: No Report.

Street, Roads & Lighting: Mr. Mann gave the report. After speaking with Mrs. McKinney, Mr. Mann is suggesting to push Locust Street repaving back to 2019 and replace it with the middle portion of E. Ninth Avenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: The construction for two single homes has started on the Santangelo property on W. Fifth Avenue. The Colledgeville Walk Townhouse escrow release #2 has been received. Rouse/Chamberlin, Ltd. is asking for a release of \$47,658.13. A review has been performed and the release of \$47,658.13 is recommended.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to release \$47,658.13 to Rouse/Chamberlin, Ltd. for escrow release #2; seconded by Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Mr. Leh also had a follow-up of the issue on Second Avenue. The letter was sent to PennDOT requesting the removal of the double lanes and making the merge farther south. Mr. Thompson received an email from PennDOT this past Friday and the request was denied. Four reasons were stated; doing this would create less gaps making a left into Freeland Drive, they feel it will not solve the problem, concerned that they would have to put in overhead signage and crash data from the last five years does not support the change.

Mr. Mann, Eighth Avenue – Is there any way to prohibit a left turn coming out of the shopping center?

Erin, Ruby Drive – She has petitions for PennDOT, the state senator and state representative. Were guardrails mentioned by PennDOT? Are trees an option?

Frank Lepore, Stine Drive – The problem is the speed on Route 29. You could maybe put a request in to the state police to set something up.

Brian Freas, Claymont Drive – The accident that propelled the vehicle into the fence was intentional. You can't stop folks that are doing intentional damage. That needs to be recognized.

Erin, Ruby Drive – The first accident that came through fence was making a left hand turn. What is the wire going across Freeland Drive?

Michael Wolf, 221 Ruby Drive – Will you be responding back to PennDOT?

Bob Botti, 712 Clahor Avenue – Is making a left turn where there is no left turn ticketable?

Solicitor: Mr. Kilkenny introduced Rebecca Geiser from his firm. She will be helping out with Collegeville. He looks forward to working with staff to help craft an ordinance to regulate Hookah Lounges.

Manager/Zoning Officer: No Report.

Police: Report on file. Chief Bucher gave the report. One other item mentioned is that Bruce Penuel will be retiring at the end of this year. Planning will need to be started regarding testing to hire a new officer. Chief Bucher needs to know if Collegeville is interested in the Consortium testing. This will be at no cost to the Borough.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to authorize a request by Collegeville Borough to become part of the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities for hiring a police officer; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Fire: Report on file. Gary Sassaman gave the report.

Brian Freas, Claymont Drive – He noted that the fire company has met for the go ahead vote for the new building project. It was approved and the steel has been ordered. They will be storing their vehicles on the Rees Property. Mr. Freas noted that a request was made to the borough to waive the Building and MEP permit fees. Mr. Thompson discussed the request for waiving the permit fees.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to waive the permit fees for the new Collegeville Fire Company building.

Motion tabled. Mrs. McKinney is not comfortable making the decision until the plan and applications are submitted.

Trappe Ambulance Report: Report on file.

Mayor: Report on file.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve the Committee and Administrative reports; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Public Discussion –

Katie Maisel, Clamer Avenue – Clamer Avenue is a very short street and there is enough parking for the homes on the street. Students and other people are parking on this street. How can this be regulated?

Josh Maisel, Clamer Avenue – When is the next Streets & Roads Committee Meeting?

Bob Botti, 712 Clahor Avenue – When Erin spoke about tree plantings, doesn't the homeowners own that piece of property from the fence to the curb?

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-02, Authorizing the Submission of a 2018 Round of Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program – Mr. Thompson discussed this grant program. The Third Avenue sidewalk connection would be eligible for the Montco 2040 Grant.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve Resolution No. 2018-02, Authorizing the Submission of a 2018 Round of Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Consideration of Scheduling a Conditional Use Hearing for the Ursinus College Students Commons Plan – Mr. Thompson discussed this Hearing. He is asking to schedule this hearing for the next Borough Council Meeting.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to approve scheduling the Conditional Use Hearing for the March 7, 2018 Borough Council Meeting; seconded by Mr. Braun. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of Zoning Regulations for Hookah Lounges – Mr. Thompson discussed this. Last year there were a lot of problems with the Tropical Café which was a hookah lounge located in the Collegeville Shopping Center. He recommends adding an ordinance to regulate Hookah Lounges.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to authorize the solicitor to work with Chief Bucher and Mr. Thompson to draft an ordinance regulating Hookah Lounges; seconded Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL:

Ms. Spencer stated that there will be a presentation on Gerrymandering before the March 7, 2018 Borough Council Meeting. It will be at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. McKinney stated that Borough Council will be going into an Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue; Borough Council will be coming back to take a vote. Meeting temporarily adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Borough Council reconvened at 9:11p.m. Mrs. McKinney stated that two items were added to the Executive Session, personnel and litigation.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to authorize the solicitor to draft a letter for funds not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the purchase of private property for public use which will be used by Public Works; seconded by Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Mrs. McKinney stated that there was a second issue discussed regarding solicitor representation for the borough in the Royal Farms Litigation. Collegeville took a position of support. The borough is now withdrawing the support of the solicitor's appearance.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to withdraw the Borough's appearance in the Royal Farms case; seconded by Mr. McKnight. *Motion carries 6-0.*

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary