

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2018 Meeting**

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

ROLL CALL: Marion McKinney, Council President, Terrie Stagliano, Council Member; Hugh Braun, Council Member; Louise Tulio, Council Member; Shannon Spencer, Council Member and Mayor Wright-Riggins, Cathy Kernen, President Pro Tempore

Mat McKnight, Council Vice-President, absent

Also present were Borough Manager Geoff Thompson, Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, and Borough Engineer David Leh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Ms. Spencer to approve the February 7, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Braun.
Motion carries 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: Mr. Thompson reviewed the checks.

Consideration of Disbursements

MOTION by Stagliano to approve checks 2830 up to and including 2889; seconded by Ms. Spencer.
Motion carries 6-0.

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Mr. Thompson reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund Balance is \$169,965.95.

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

Business Development – Ms. Kernen gave the report. Purpose is to look at attracting more businesses to the borough. They have met twice since the beginning of the year. Businesses in the area were discussed; discussed the borough's assets and strengths and also discussed improvements that members would like to see. A Montgomery County Planning Commission document was also reviewed and discussed. At the next meeting business owners and businesses are invited to the meeting. Of note, Kimberton Whole Foods will be opening on March 21st. The grand opening is March 24th.

Communications – Ms. Spencer stated that the Communications Committee met in February and are continuing to work on looking at the borough website for areas that need to be improved/changed or updated. The committee is also looking at creating a newsletter and

discussing what the newsletter should look like. The next Communications Committee meeting is March 16th at noon.

Community Engagement & Service – Mrs. McKinney met with the committee twice. Mission statement and activities for the community were discussed. Information will be shared possibly at the next Borough Council meeting.

CPVRPC: No Report. Ms. Kernen reported that the CPVRPC did not meet. They will meet in March.

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Mann gave the report. CTMA met on February 27th and Glenwood Reserve had their final inspection. The 2018 I&I project was aborted and notices to proceed were sent. The engineer presented a work order for construction services, including observation. This was approved not to exceed \$53,700.00.

Public Works met immediately following CTMA. Mr. Schuetz made application to the PA Horticultural Society for eight trees for Water Works Park. Also, looking at installing more lighting at Water Works Park. The cost of that could possibly be around \$100,000.00.

Parks Committee: Mrs. Stagliano reported that Mr. Thompson and she are working on scheduling concerts. Ray Korenkiewicz contacted her about participating on the Parks Committee.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Kernen would like to thank Mr. Thompson for looking into life and disability insurance for the Borough and Public Works. He looked at different plans and compared them and found a cheaper alternative. Mrs. McKinney thanked all the first responders for their response during the last nor'easter.

Planning Commission: Ms. Spencer reported that Arnold Mann was elected Chairman and Ms. Spencer was elected Vice-Chair. The Conditional Use for the student commons plan was discussed along with the hookah lounge zoning regulations.

Public Safety Committee: No Report.

Street, Roads & Lighting: Mrs. McKinney reported that Mr. Mann and Mr. Berrodin met and discussed the concerns about the Clamer Avenue parking issue. They want to take a look at various streets and talk to individuals about implementing parking passes. There was a pre-bid meeting regarding the street paving; there is also a storm drain problem on Ninth Avenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh discussed the Ursinus Student Commons project. The Planning Commission recommended Conditional Use approval for the Student Commons. The zoning regulations for hookah lounges was also discussed. Mr. Leh also held the paving project pre-bid meeting; there was a very good turnout. The bid opening will be March 28th; he will be looking to have the bid awarded at the April 4th Borough Council meeting. Regarding the northbound Second Avenue merge, a revised proposal was sent and PennDOT has responded favorably.

Solicitor: Mr. Kilkenny worked with staff and administration on a variety of issues. The hookah lounge zoning was discussed; this will be looked at tonight. He also attended the CTMA/Public Works meeting. He worked with staff on the Ursinus Conditional Use and also discussed the Ursinus College Contribution Agreement. Three Borough Council members spoke with him regarding having relatives who work for Ursinus College. They were advised to recuse themselves and not take part in the discussions. Ms. Kernan will run that portion of the April meeting. The ZHB's decision was upheld in court regarding the Royal Farms.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson reported that the final report of the Borough Audit will be available around the end of March or beginning of April.

Police: Report on file. Ms. McKinney reported that Chief Bucher provided the information for appointing a Civil Service Solicitor, Rudolph Clarke.

MOTION by Ms. Spencer to appoint Rudolph Clarke as the Civil Service Solicitor at a rate of \$150.00/hour; seconded by Mrs. Stagliano. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Consideration of Advertising Ordinance No. 587, Additional Special Purpose Parking Zone on Fourth Avenue – Mr. Thompson reported that the owner of Cissy's Hair Salon contacted Chief Bucher about the need for an additional handicap parking space.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to authorize Mr. Thompson to advertise Ordinance No. 587, Additional Special Purpose Parking Zone on Fourth Avenue; seconded by Ms. Tulio. ***Motion carries 6-0.***

Fire: Report on file. Gary Sassaman gave the report. Mrs. Stagliano thanked the Fire Company and the Police Dept. for their support during the snowstorms.

Trappe Ambulance Report: Report on file.

Mayor: Report on file.

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

Public Discussion –

Frank Lepore, Stine Drive – Questioning the composition of the Zoning Hearing Board. Heather Bernardin was reappointed in January. I was on the board and my term did not expire and I was removed from the Zoning Hearing Board with no explanation. The alternate became the permanent member and a new alternate was appointed. You cannot have two members terms expire at the same time. The board's expired terms were given to the Council by Mr. Thompson and it showed that his term was expired. Mrs. McKinney will look into this and get back to Mr. Lepore. Another issue was that the alternate member, George Shiavo, was appointed as a permanent member without action of the Council.

Brian Dubas, R. Glad Way – He seconds Mr. Lepore’s questions. I was also removed from the Planning Commission without cause. While he was on the Planning Commission, there was work on stormwater management to alleviate flooding issues. I am hoping that the stormwater work will continue. The Perkiomen Bridge is for sale again. Is there an update? The building is dilapidated and he feels embarrassed when people come into town. What is the status of Royal Farms?

Arnold Mann, Eighth Avenue – Years ago council voted to tear it down; council then decided to have it designated as a historic building.

Rachel Beck, Fifth Avenue – Collegeville Walk, a new housing development has no grass in front of the buildings. There is nothing that says Collegeville about it, it looks like Norristown. Can we do something for when developments come into town, that they retain the charm of Collegeville? She wants grassy areas, green space and trees.

Al Angelucci, 192 Park Avenue – Wants to thank Mrs. Stagliano for what she did for the neighbors. It was very well done.

Chris Louten, Fourth Avenue – Renewing the request to have the sidewalks repaired on Main Street. Also, when people are parked at Cissy’s Hair Salon, it’s a nightmare. Suggesting using space on Walnut Street instead of Fourth Avenue.

Jan Snovel, Chestnut Street - Who is responsible for keeping the park clean? Is it up to volunteers?

Chuck Draksler, Shakespeare Drive – Are you going to take comments on Resolution No. 2018-03?

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-03, Supporting a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting –

MOTION by Ms. Spencer to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03, Supporting a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting; seconded by Ms. Kernan.

Chuck Draksler, Shakespeare Drive – During the presentation on this, no one said how they were funded.

Craig Farr, 163 Stine Drive – Has never registered with a party. He is favor of this. We should take the chance and do it right.

John Costello, Third Avenue – He is in support of this resolution. It seems to level the playing the field.

Chris Louten, Fourth Avenue – Both sides are not working together. What we have right now doesn’t work.

Mrs. Stagliano stated that she is not favor of voting for this resolution. She represents the residents of Collegetown Borough.

Ms. Spencer stated that is exactly why she is voting for it. Feels politics doesn't belong in how the lines are drawn.

Mayor Wright-Riggins feels that he doubts this is a perfect plan. It is important that this table grapple with this. Feels that this is why it has come to this table.

Mr. Braun feels the Mayor is right. Our job is to obey the constitution. It is not our role to determine the situation. If we vote yes, we are breaking our oath.

Ms. Kernan stated that 18 townships and boroughs have passed this resolution.

Chuck Geysler, Fair Districts of PA –This resolution supports a citizens committee.

Craig Farr, Stine Drive – This is asking the legislature to pass this year. Nothing is being hijacked.

Ruth Mitman, 362 Carmen Drive – Asks that our constituents and board make it available for our governing bodies to vote on this and move it forward. It is asking you to vote for fair districts.

Chuck Drakslar, Shakespeare Drive – Agrees with Mrs. Stagliano on this. Elected individuals should concentrate on borough business.

Brian Dubas, R Glad Way – Like it better when issues about the town are discussed.

Council Member Ms. Tulio left meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The roll call vote is – Ms. Kernan – yes, Mr. Braun – no, Mrs. McKinney – yes, Mrs. Stagliano – no, Ms. Spencer – yes. ***Motion carries 3-2.***

Consideration of Advertising Ordinance No. 586, Hookah Lounge Zoning Regulations – Mr. Thompson discussed this. This would regulate Hookah Lounges from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and also to regulate them to the M&I district. Borough Council needs to authorize advertising this Ordinance.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to authorize advertising of Ordinance No. 586, Hookah Lounge Zoning Regulations; seconded by Ms. Kernan. ***Motion carries 5-0.***

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Ursinus College Contribution Agreement: Mrs. McKinney and Ms. Spencer recused themselves for this discussion.

Mr. Thompson discussed this agreement. It is the exact same agreement as in the previous five years, which is ½ of a patrol officers salary. The numbers have been updated and he is hoping to renegotiate with the current administration. Mr. Thompson is asking Borough Council if he can present and negotiate this agreement with Ursinus.

Jim Devries, Russell Circle – You can't possibly be saying that this is all they are donating. He doesn't feel that this is enough.

Chris Louten, Fourth Avenue – If the agreement wasn't in place, what would they be paying?

Craig Penuel, Colledgeville Fire Company – Is there a way with the fire tax to potentially have something similar? Council asked Mr. Thompson to bring this up when he is negotiating with the Ursinus Administration.

Mayor Wright-Riggins asked if police services can be added into the contract?

Ray Korenkiewicz asked if he is correct when he says that this is the officers salary?

Frank Lepore, Stine Drive – This should be a public safety issue and should include the fire company. \$45,000.00 is insufficient. He would encourage whomever to try to get a lot more money from the college.

Chris Farr, Stine Drive – He agrees with Mr. Lepore. We should try harder to get more money.

MOTION by Mrs. Stagliano to have Mr. Thompson do this agreement, adding in the money for the fire company and explaining that there is a new administration; seconded by Ms. Kernan. ***Non-binding motion carries 3-0.***

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL: None.

Mrs. McKinney stated that Borough Council will have an executive session regarding personnel reasons; no votes will be taken.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey D. Thompson, Manager/Secretary