

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00Pm by Council President, Marion McKinney

ROLL CALL: Council President Marion McKinney, Council Vice President Mat McKnight, Council Member Shannon Spencer, Council Member Terri Stagliano, Council Member Louise Tulio, Council Member Hugh Braun, Council Member Cathy Kernen. Also in attendance were Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Borough Manager Geoff Thompson, Police Chief Bart Bucher, Engineer Dave Leh and Administrative Assistant Suzanne Robertson. Mayor Wright- Riggins was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting by Ms. Spencer and second by Mr. Braun. **MOTION** carries 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: Mr. Thompson requested approval of checks 3297-3345 and noted totals in Finance Report. **MOTION** to approve by Ms. Stagliano, second by Mr. Braun. **MOTION** carries 7-0

Business Development: Ms. Kernen gave an end of year fast summary of meetings and surveys. She noted that Robert, Mike and Chris Louten were present. Ms. Spencer asked if the results of the surveys were available. Ms. Kernen said they are if she wanted to see them, but she feels that the survey Ursinus will be doing with residents and students will be more informative and will be available soon.

Communications: Ms. Spencer stated that the Oct/Nov newsletter is out. She also said that she has not had meetings yet about the new website, but one is scheduled in December.

Community Engagement & Service: Ms. McKinney said that she met with Heather at Ursinus and they discussed the efforts of Ursinus College to invite the community. She stated that there is a lot of duplication going on. She invited Heather to the meeting and she will be here in January.

CPVRPC: Ms. Kernen said they had a presentation by Bike Montco. They are an organization dedicated to finding safe routes for cyclists. The report from that meeting is on the website.

CTMA and Public Works: Mr. Mann stated they met on November 27. They adopted the 2019 budget. The engineer presented a water line design for Leslen Lane. Bid opening will be December 17. Mr. Scholl presented an hourly cost analysis for full-time employees. He stated that the wage will be raised from \$45 per hour to \$55 per hour for regular time and from \$65 per hour to \$75 per hour for overtime. Mr. Thompson questioned why such an increase would be considered after the Borough budgets have been adopted. He said an increase like that needs to come to the Boroughs for approval as it will directly affect our budget. Ms. Spencer said that a \$10 per hour raise is substantial. Mr. McKnight said they will go back and look at it. Ms. Stagliano stated that this vote is null and void because it was never brought to Council. Ms. Spencer asked Mr. Kilkenny if this will affect the approval for our budget scheduled for tonight. Mr. Kilkenny said that budgets are not perfect documents and that they are estimates. Mr. Troutman said that they have their monthly meeting coming up and it can be resolved. Mr. Mann asked if they could have a Borough representative at the meeting. Ms. Stagliano said they will have Mr. McKnight at the meetings. Mr. McKnight said he will look into it.

Consideration of the Survey Proposal for the Joint Salt Storage Property: Ms. McKinney said that Mr. Thompson is working with Trappe Borough Manager on how to pay for the salt storage. Mr. Mann stated that every time he brings it up, Mr. Scholl dismisses him. Ms. McKinney said that they are working on getting a grant to help defray costs and save money for the borough! **MOTION** to approve the survey proposal by Ms. Tulio, second by Mr. McKnight, **MOTION** carries 7-0

Parks: No report

Personnel: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Public Safety: No report

Streets, Roads & Lighting: No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Leh reported that the Ursinus College Student Commons plans have been submitted and the escrow approved. Construction will begin soon. Royal Farms has not sent any revised plans. They are working with Penn DOT for approvals.

Solicitor: Mr. Kilkenny said he worked mostly on Ursinus agreements.

Manager/Zoning Officer: Mr. Thompson is working on the street light program and will have a consultant at the meeting in January to go over the feasibility results.

Police: Chief Bucher stated that the new officer has started. He is doing well and will be on his own in January. He noted there were 2 Narcan saves last month. Ms. Stagliano asked who pays for the Narcan. The Chief said they are provided to the department by the County. The new police vehicle has come in and he requested approval to donate the 2009 Crown Victoria to the Fire Company. **MOTION** to approve by Ms. Stagliano, second Ms. Tulio
MOTION carries 7-0

Collegeville Fire Company: Mr. Freas noted there were 207 volunteer hours last month. They participated in two training nights using facemask drills to ensure the safety of the members. They expect to be in the new Firehouse at the end of January. Ms. Spencer asked if there is a transition plan for the move to the new facility. Mr. Penuel said the last thing to move will be the trucks and gear so they will be ready to go.

Mayor: No report

MOTION to approve the committee and administrative reports by Ms. Stagliano, second by Mr. McKnight
MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC DISCUSSION *(Items not on the agenda)*

Jim Troutman 256 E 9th Ave., wanted to clear up any questions on how the salt storage came to be. He said that it is his understanding that there was only one bidder for salt. Next to the compost site there

was a parcel for sale. The location made for a perfect spot for salt storage with driveway access for trucks.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of the 2019 Final Budget: Mr. Thompson said it is the same as the preliminary budget from last meeting. **MOTION** to approve by Ms. Stagliano, second by Mr. Braun, **MOTION** carries 7-0

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-592 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2019: Mr. Thompson noted that it will remain 4.9 mills like last year. 1 mill goes to emergency services. **MOTION** to approve by Ms. Stagliano, second by Ms. Spencer, **MOTION** carries 7-0

Consideration of the 2019 Meeting Dates: Mr. Thompson requested authorization to advertise the Council Meetings for 2019 as the first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of July 10th and the Planning Commission meetings for the 3rd Thursday of the month. **MOTION** to approve by Ms. Stagliano, second by Ms. Tulio, **MOTION** carries 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kernan noted that the tree lighting ceremony last weekend was a huge success even though the weather didn't cooperate. DaVinci's invited everyone inside and provided beer and wine to the adults and hot chocolate to the kids. She thanked the Fire Company for bringing Santa. She also thanked Larry DiPiano for playing Santa. Pictures of the event are on the CEDC website. Ms. Tulio asked when Santa is delivering gifts this year. Chief Bucher said the 15th. Deadline for gifts is Friday, the 14th at 4PM. Ms. McKinney thanked Suzanne for the decorations at Borough Hall. Looks festive! ☺

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted;

Geoffrey Thompson, Secretary