

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Council President Cathy Kernen.

ROLL CALL: President Cathy Kernen, VP Gary Hoffmann, PPT Craig Farr, Marion McKinney, Kathy Costello, Valarie Beckius, and Dean Miller

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Solicitor Rebecca Geiser, Engineer Dave Leh, Police Chief Bart Bucher, Manager Tamara Twardowski and Assistant Suzanne Robertson

MOTION to approve the minutes from the April meeting by Beckius with a second by Costello
MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Kernen noted that there was an executive session on April 25 as well as this evening before this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION to approve check #'s 5480-5528, payroll and ACH transfer for a total of \$206,331.50 and deposits in the amount of \$186,134.09 by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Kernen noted that the Planning Commission has approved the draft zoning change known as the CGO Overlay and everyone has until the June meeting to reach out with their comments before council votes on it at that meeting. Our Montgomery County Planner has begun working on an overlay for the rest of Main Street in the hopes of attracting developers while maintaining our small town feel. We are also working with Lisa Minardi to identify significant historic buildings in the Borough. We are working on a shared parking agreement for Main Street with the borough hall parking lot when not needed for meetings or Fire House events. There is also a sidewalk grant being investigated.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No report. Next meeting is May 16

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Ms. McKinney noted there was damage to the water valves on Main Street during the paving project. Joe Hastings has been in touch with Allen A Meyers about repairs. They spent time at the meeting paying bills and discussing investments.

LPVRSAs: Ms. Stagliano reported that the middle interceptor project is 92% complete and we have paid 81% of the project cost to date. Four EDUs were purchased in April. Design is complete for the grit

building. Mr. Farr asked if these systems can handle all the building that is going on in the area. She said projections were done and we are comfortable at this time.

PARKS: Ms. Costello said there was no meeting in April. St Eleanor's CYO did their clean- up project. We had our first of two bird watching tours in Hunsberger Woods on May 1. The next one is Thursday, June 16 at 6PM. We are still waiting to hear back about the DCNR grant for the basketball court. Next meeting is May 18 via Zoom at 6PM. Thank Ozzie Cruz and Brian Fox for repairing the picnic tables at the park. Two concerts: Bigg Romeo on June 9 and The Bachelor Boys on June 23.

PERSONNEL: No report

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Farr noted there was a discussion about the traffic study for the intersection of Route 29 & Freeland Drive. The results of the study were posted on the borough website and the Colledgeville Crossing Facebook page. There was a discussion about potholes and the possibility of renting a tar truck to go around the borough and fill in road cracks. They discussed adopting a residential resale U&O to address sidewalks and other safety issues. He and Ms. Costello are planning to inventory the boroughs sidewalks and make sure they are addressed before asking residents to fix theirs. It was discussed that a letter go out to all homeowners advising that maintaining the sidewalks are the resident's responsibility as a first step. Ms. Costello stated that the worst in town are on Main Street between Clamer and Glenwood and mostly belong to Ursinus. Mr. Farr asked for an update on the street lights on Sixth Ave and Glenwood Ave that Ursinus had planned to install. Ms. Twardowski confirmed those are up and running.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ENGINEER: Mr. Leh reported that the field work for the Borough Roadway Evaluation Program will be completed by next week. They intend to have the report issued by the beginning of June. The permit applications have been submitted to the Pa-DEP for the 5th, 6th and 8th Avenue culvert repair/replacement projects. They are hopeful to have comments back from the department sometime next month.

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser noted that she advertised the CGO Overlay Ordinance and that there will be a public hearing at the June 1 meeting and it will be voted on at that time. She is currently working on a shared parking agreement for municipal lots and all the challenges that come with that regarding if it will be an agreement or an easement, how many spots and enforcement. She is also working on two Ordinances: a blight and an historic. She highlighted many options council can explore in this ordinance and stressed that the purpose is not to put a burden on the owners when trying to improve their properties.

MANAGER: Ms. Twardowski reported that our two year contract with Signal Services is up for renewal. There is no price increase on the contract, and no increase in labor and equipment fees. The contract amount is \$4125.00 per year and includes yearly inspections for our traffic signals.

MOTION to approve renewal of the service contract with Signal Service by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Twardowski said she was contacted by the county regarding the crosswalk for the trail on Route 29. The county is planning upgrades to the crosswalk that will include LED lighting on sensor that will make for safe crossing for bikes and pedestrians. Currently, the borough is not responsible for the maintenance of this crossing, but the county has requested that we take over responsibility once the improvements are made. It was discussed that at a price of potentially \$1K per year, our answer will be no until the subject is pressed further by Montgomery County. Ms. Twardowski asked for consideration of a joint grant application with Ursinus College for the DCED Multi Modal grant for the sidewalks on both sides of the 400 block of Main Street. Ms. Kernan offered a slide show depicting the improvements to that area that could include verves. Verves work for traffic calming, plants, trees and utility equipment and would make the street more appealing and walkable. She noted that until the new President is in place at the college, all projects are on hold. This also is a matching grant that would be a hardship for the borough at this time. Ms. Twardowski mentioned there is a grant she plans to apply for and the deadline is at the end of the month. It is a Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant. Mr. Farr asked if the water fountains on the trail can be added. Ms. Twardowski said she thinks that could fall under the acceptable options for the grant as well as the benches for the trail and boat launch park.

MOTION to authorize Ms. Twardowski to execute and submit an application for the Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant in an amount to be determined at a later date by McKinney with a second by Costello
MOTION carries 7-0

POLICE: Chief Bucher reported that Drug Take Back Day took place on April 30 and we took 99 pounds of old prescriptions and OTC drugs to be incinerated. The next event will be in October. The box in the lobby is always available. There were three aggressive driving details in the borough: March 30, April 5 and April 19. Officers Barnshaw, Sohl and Davis participated. This grant is for officers to work four hour shifts only to look for aggressive driving. They were stationed at 2nd & Freeland Avenues, Park & Clahor Avenues and E Ninth Avenue.

MOTION to approve our Fire Police to work the Community Day in Perkiomen Township on June 4 by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve our Fire Police to work the Limerick Township Fire Company's Carnival May 12-21 by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve our Fire Police to work the funeral services of Joseph Barnshaw in Perkiomen Township on May 6 by Beckius with a second by McKinney

MOTION carries 7-0

FIRE: Mr. Penuel reported 33 calls for the month and 592 man hours of service to the community.

TRAPPE AMBULANCE: No report

MAYOR: No report

MOTION to approve the administrative and committee reports by McKinney with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Bugay 7 Glenwood Ave: Mr. Bugay feels that he has been targeted for persecution. The borough has issued a citation and he has to go to court to defend it. He claims there are people all over the borough that have “stuff and vehicles” on their property. He has a stressful family situation and has asked for some leniency. Ms. Geiser explained that the magisterial court will hear his plea and then decide the course of action.

Dave Londer 295 Freeland Dr: Mr. Londer has concerns about a deep pothole on Freeland at the mouth of his driveway. Ms. Twardowski has given his location to Mr. Hastings to be added to a list when the crew goes out to patch holes.

Henry White 915 Chestnut St: Mr. White suggested that we consider storm water tanks under the sidewalks to collect water from big storms when we replace them. He also asked how we are to handle the widening of the sidewalks for the verve. Will we take property for homeowners? Ms. Kernen explained that this was just the first look at the project. There is a long process that will follow that will involve input from everyone involved to see if this concept is something that will work for our street. Mr. White then suggested that the borough organize the sidewalk repairs as it will be difficult for homeowners to get contractors to come out at a decent price for just one block of concrete. He thinks that if it is a coordinated effort for the contractor to get many homes in a neighborhood it will be more economical for everyone.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8PM