

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2023

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

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 David Leh, Police Chief Bart Bucher, Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Manager Tamara Twardowski, and Assistant Suzanne Robertson

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

Chief Bucher introduced our two new officers, Thomas Nerlinger and Hunter Evans, and said how thrilled he is to have them representing the borough.  
The mayor swore them into service and wished them well.

Ms. Geiser opened the Public Hearing on Redner's Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer Application. She introduced the attorney for Redner's, Jason Hopp. Mr. Hopp explained the supermarket's plan to open a beer and wine café. The café will be 800SF. This license will allow for beer and wine to be bought and consumed at the store in a designated area only. There are strict guidelines for the amount of alcohol that can be sold and one register that can process the sales.

Henry Blanco White, 815 Chestnut, asked where it will be in the store since it is already full.

Mr. Hopp said the entire store is going to be reconfigured to accommodate the café.

Kinjal Bakshi, 164 Stine Drive asked if they anticipate any issues with crime and if there will be cameras installed.

Mr. Hopp said there have been no issues at any of the other locations. He noted that Redner's is a tenant of the shopping center and that if the owners of the building and/or the police decide that cameras are necessary, they will have no issue with that.

**MOTION** to approve Resolution 2023-04, approving the Liquor License Transfer Application for Redner's Market by McKinney with a second by Costello

**MOTION** carries 7-0

The Keyser Miller presentation that was on the agenda has been postponed until the June meeting at the request of Keyser Miller.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Henry Blanco White – 815 Chestnut Street – Mr. White asked if we knew when trash service will be the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July since that is a Tuesday this year. Ms. Twardowski said it will be Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> that week.

Dave Molloy – 217 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Mr. Molloy asked if anyone had any information about the tractor trailer that is sitting near Route 113 & Clayhor Avenue. He wondered if there is action at the Fugo Tract. Ms. Beckius said she will ask at the Regional Planning meeting.

Kinjal Bakshi – 164 Stine Drive – Mr. Bakshi repeated his negative comments regarding the trash service and his distaste for paying \$20 to switch to smaller cans.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BUDGET & FINANCE:

**MOTION** to approve the Treasure's report, check numbers 6108-6171 and disbursements in the amount of \$297,468.02 by Costello with a second by McKinney

**MOTION** carries 7-0

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Kernan reported that Jonathan Chen has reached an agreement for the sale of the former DaVinci's restaurant to TransFleet. Rowan Keenan, TF attorney, has stated that TransFleet intends to rehab the building and that the first floor will reopen as a restaurant. They are considering uses for the upper floors as office space.

CPVRPC: Ms. Beckius noted that there was no meeting in April, but the committee plans to meet on May 22 at the Schwenksville Borough Hall. They will be discussing the comprehensive plan and will be working on a survey for public input.

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Ms. McKinney reported that the W Third Avenue project is in the dedication and punch list phase. There was no update on Royal Farms, the Fugo Tract or Castle Cove. A punch list has been prepared and final walk through for Freeland Square has been scheduled. There was a discussion regarding water issues.

LPVRS: Ms. Twardowski reported for Ms. Stagliano that a total of 10 EDU's were approved. 92 Chapter 94 consistency letters were approved. A proposal for removal and replacement of eleven scum troughs were authorized by Eastern Environmental in the amount of \$234K. The sludge tank mixer is being repaired and a payment of \$42,591.00 was authorized. The committee is reviewing proposals for the plant generator. A revised tapping fee was adopted effective March 1 in the amount of \$2965.00. It previously was \$2670.00 and had not been increased since 2018. Tapping fees are normally paid by developers or a property owner looking to hook in to the system.

PARKS: Ms. Costello noted that the repaving of the basketball court at the park will begin on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> and that the playground and courts will be closed for about a week.

**MOTION** to approve \$35K to remove dead Ash trees from Hunsberger Woods by McKinney with a second by Beckius

**MOTION** carries 7-0

**MOTION** to approve \$2500 to remove a dead tree at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Main Street by McKinney with a second by Beckius

**MOTION** carries 7-0

Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers will play at the park on May 25 at 6:30PM

PERSONNEL:

**MOTION** to approve a policy that recognizes Domestic Partnerships for benefit purposes for borough employees by McKinney with a second by Costello

**MOTION** carries 7-0

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY:

**MOTION** to approve advertising the new Residential Resale Use & Occupancy Ordinance by McKinney with a second by Costello

**MOTION** carries 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ENGINEER: Mr. Leh reported that the relocation of the sanitary sewer line and preliminary demolition is underway for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert replacement. The new structure is currently scheduled to arrive May 11<sup>th</sup>. We have received Payment Request No. 1 from the contractor and provided a recommendation to pay.

Keyser Miller has submitted a land development application to construct an 11,590SF sales and service building along Second Avenue. The plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and a recommendation for Preliminary/Final Plan Approval was given.

The Freeland Square project is now substantially complete. Final paving of the site and adjacent roads should occur within the next month or so.

**MOTION** to payment to MDX Contractors in the amount of \$68,021.57 by McKinney with a second by Costello

**MOTION** carries 7-0

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser reported that the Glenwood Reserve project is moving along and that the only items left on the punch list are the basin and plantings. She will continue to monitor the progress.

MANAGER: Ms. Twardowski updated Council that Mr. Dan Gross (the Skippack resident that came to the last meeting with the issue of a duplicate address of 534 Second Avenue) has retained an attorney and that all correspondence will be through Ms. Geiser going forward. She noted that the county has confirmed they awarded a bid to update the trail crossing at Route 29 & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that she believes that will include push buttons to cross and more lighting, but is trying to confirm the specifics. Parts have been ordered for the trail crossing button at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main.

POLICE: Chief Bucher reported that 23 people stopped in to drop off drugs on April 22 for Drug Takeback Day and he delivered 124 lbs of drugs for disposal.

**MOTION** to approve three Fire Police requests (Perkiomen Township on June 3, Trappe on May 29 and Limerick May 16-20) by Costello with a second by McKinney

**MOTION** carries 7-0

MAYOR: The Mayor noted two recent occasions of community engagement between the Borough and Ursinus College. There was a round table discussion that included campus safety officers and professors

from the college, borough management and first responders on how to handle active shooters on campus. There was also a dramatic reading titled "More than Skin Deep" put on by Heather Lobban-Viravong, Ursinus VP for Inclusion & Community Engagement that explored her relationship with a mentor she worked with at Grinnell College and how their relationship grew despite their differences. Chief Bucher, the Mayor, faculty and students attended. He is thrilled with the great working relationship the borough is cultivating with the college and community.

FIRE: Mr. Sassaman reported 35 incidents and 317 hours of service to the community.

AMBULANCE: Mr. Long reported 114 calls in the area last month and said everything is going well at the new building.

**MOTION** to approve all reports by McKinney with a second by Farr  
**MOTION** carries 7-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Traupman 256 E 9<sup>th</sup> Ave – Mr. Traupman appreciated Collegeville magazines that were put out for the public.

Marion McKinney 275 E 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue noted that today is her son Morgan's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Kernen noted the Memorial Day Parade and invited everyone from Council to participate. The parade on May 29 starts at Augustus Lutheran in Trappe at 10AM, proceeds down Main Street and ends at Water Works Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:19PM