

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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

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

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

MOTION to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting by McKinney with a second by Beckius
MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Penny Balzereit 232 Freeland Drive: Ms. Balzereit advised everyone that after the ZHB meeting last night she was able to speak with the owners of Keyser Miller Ford. They confirmed ownership of the dumpsters that floated down behind the homes on Freeland Drive after the flood last year. Mr. Keyser agreed to get to work on removing them.

Ms. Geiser opened the discussion for the Storm Water Ordinance update. Mr. Leh explained the updates that were made to the ordinance.

The DEP requires all municipalities to update their storm water ordinance by September 30, 2022, to comply with state regulations.

Borough Engineer Dave Leh and his team updated the Borough's Storm Water ordinance

This is a standalone ordinance – not zoning, as such, Council will consider without a hearing

Ms. Geiser noted that this was advertised once as required by the Borough Code and that:

- B-1 is true and correct copy of the Borough Ordinance
- B-2 is proof of publication
- B-3 is the attestation that the ordinance was on file with the Montgomery County Law Library prior to this evening

MOTION to approve the updated Storm Water Ordinance 2023 by McKinney with a second by Beckius
MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Geiser asked Ms. Kernen to open the hearing for the SALDO Ordinance revisions. This concerns the Riparian Buffer.

The ordinance amendment updates the riparian buffer ordinance in SALDO to coincide with the storm water update

SALDO falls under the MPC – as such, a public hearing is required

Ms. Geiser noted:

- B-1 is a true and correct copy of the proposed ordinance
- B-2 is proof of publication (advertised twice as required by the MPC)

- B-3 is the attestation that the Ordinance was on file available to be viewed by the public at the Montgomery County Law Library – as required by the MPC
- B-4 – Minutes from the July 2022 Planning Commission meeting recommending approval of the storm water ordinance

MOTION to approve the Revised SALDO Ordinance by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 7-0

Hearing closed.

Ms. Kernen opened the Public Hearing to consider the Historic Resources Registry.

Ms. Geiser explained that next month Council will hold a public hearing to consider enacting a historic overlay ordinance under that Ordinance, there is a registry for five initial properties.

Per that Ordinance, Council is required to have a public hearing about placing those properties on the registry prior to enacting the ordinance. That is the reason for tonight's hearing. Council will vote individually to place the five initial properties on the registry.

Ms. Geiser admitted into the record the Criteria for Designation, which includes seven aspects for Council to consider:

- B-1 Appendix 2. Historic List
- B-2 Proof of publication
- B-3 is a list of the properties with descriptions as to why they meet the criteria for the historic registry
- Properties were posted and the notice mailed to the property owners

The criteria to be considered:

- 1) Association with an event that is significant to the history of the borough, commonwealth or country
- 2) Representative of a broad pattern of development, heritage or culture of the borough, commonwealth or country
- 3) Association with persons or groups of people that are significant to the borough, commonwealth or country
- 4) Embodies distinctive characterization of style, type, period or method of architecture of the borough, commonwealth or country
- 5) Contains the work of a notable architect, artist, craftsman or developer to the borough, commonwealth or country
- 6) Has yielded information important to the borough, commonwealth or country
- 7) Was built before 1900

MOTION to approve the Stone Arch Bridge. Ridge Pike. Tax Parcel ID # none. Criteria for Designation: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Constructed in 1799 by Beckius with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the original structure of the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel (Built before 1900). 1 E Main Street. Tax Parcel ID #04-00-00625-00-1. Criteria for Designation: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Constructed in 1701 by McKinney with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve Clamer Hall. 409 E Main Street. Tax Parcel ID #04-00-00961-00-7. Criteria for Designation: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Constructed in 1890 by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve Fetterolf House. 554 E Main Street. Tax Parcel ID #04-00-01108-00-4. Criteria for Designation: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Constructed in 1792 by Beckius with a second by McKinney

MOTION Carries 7-0

MOTION to approve Andrew Todd House/Isenberg Hall. 801 E Main Street. Tax Parcel ID #04-00-00895-00-1. Criteria for Designation: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Constructed in 1895 by Farr with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

Public hearing closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION to approve checks 5699-5745, payments, payrolls and ACH transfers in the amount of \$300,840.30 by McKinney with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Twardowski noted that the 2023 budget planning has begun and there are two areas that could see significant increases. The salt bid has not been awarded as of yet, but could go up \$10 per ton. The plowing is expected to go up approximately \$20 per hour. The numbers she is starting to hear could double for trash and recycling. There was a brief discussion as to what the options could be including having residents hire their own hauler or raising taxes. The current cost of trash and recycling contract is \$224,000/year.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Kernan reported that they are working on a special events Ordinance that will allow for alcohol in the borough owned parks by permit. Only groups affiliated with the boroughs would be eligible for this permit, not the general public. Ms. Geiser noted that Trappe's ordinance will be specific to Water Works Park and ours will include all the parks.

Ms. Kernan said a group, including new Ursinus College President Robin Hannigan, walked the 400 block of Main Street to tour all of the Ursinus owned buildings. Ms. Hannigan is agreeable to the idea of Clamer Hall having commercial uses on the first floor and residential spaces above. Progress has been made to permanently mark the parking layout at Water Works Park for events. Joe Hastings is working up and estimate that will be split by the two boroughs. Ms. Kernan noted that we have applied again for the RACP Grant for funds for a new borough hall. If awarded, funds will be banked along with previously acquired funds for this purpose.

CPVRPC: No meeting in August

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: No meeting in August

LPVRS: No meeting in August. Ms. Stagliano did note that the interceptor is complete! She explained why they project took so long and was so much more expensive than the original plan. Due to some local politicians and a couple of residents, the original path of the interceptor had to be re-configured. That new plan along with attorney fees is the reason it took so long and the cost was so much higher than anticipated. Ms. McKinney thanked Ms. Stagliano for her commitment to this project and all her work over the years on this committee.

PARKS: Ms. Beckius reported that the Bachelor Boys concert has been rescheduled (again) for September 29 at 6:30 PM. There is a creek clean up scheduled for Sunday, October 1. The details of time and place have not yet been determined. She asked that any interested volunteers check the calendar on the website and details will be provided ASAP. Mr. Hoffmann asked that details be put on the park sign when available. There are plans for an environmental cleanup in Hunsberger Woods. Details to follow. The committee is still working on getting an ADA swing at the playground. Public Works will be removing dead Ash trees in Hunsberger Woods this winter. She thanked Jeanette Tumolo, Brian Fox, Tim Crosby and John Costello for their help weeding the playground at the park. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20.

PERSONNEL: No report

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY: No meeting in August. Mr. Farr reiterated information from the July meeting regarding the light at Freeland & Route 29. There was a discussion regarding a permanent speed sign installation at that intersection and the possible flexibility to move it to other areas in the borough as needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ENGINEER: Mr. Leh reported that the bids were opened for the 5th & 6th Avenue Culvert repair projects last week. Unfortunately, they came in higher than expected. He is continuing to review and will provide a recommendation to Council at the October meeting. Easement agreements have been sent to the adjacent neighbors to the 8th Avenue Culvert repair area and he is expecting them to be executed soon. They are awaiting a final structural design from the manufacturer. Once received, we will be in a position to go out to bid. Gilmore has submitted our application to Pa-DOT for the additional signal head for the northbound travel lane at Second Avenue and Freeland Drive.

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser noted her work on the two revision Ordinances that were discussed earlier in the meeting as well as her work on the Historic Preservation Resources Registry.

MANAGER:

MOTION to approve the 2023 MMO minimum contribution of \$111,963.00 by Beckius with a second by Miller

MOTION carries 5-0

MOTION to approve the Resolution for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement by Hoffmann with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 5-0

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MOTION carries 5-0

Ms. Twardowski noted that she received a letter from the library in which they request and increase from the \$5K donation we have given in the past. Ms. Kernan said they will discuss this when figuring the budget.

POLICE:

Chief Bucher reported the 2023 MMO uniformed minimum contribution of \$104,872.00

MOTION to approve our Fire Police to attend the following events:

Sept 10 Trappe Day at Water Works Park

Sept 17 Conshohocken Fun Fest

Sept 24 Ataxia Ride

Oct 02 Montgomery County Hero 5K Race and BBQ

By Beckius with a second by Farr

MOTION carries 5-0

FIRE: Mr. Sassaman reported 47 calls and 872 hours of service to the community in August. He continues his commitment to recruitment. He noted that the car show was a huge success this year!

MAYOR: No report

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Henry Blanco 915 Chestnut St: Mr. Blanco asked for clarification of the impervious surface update. Mr. Leh explained with the example that if you do a project of 800 SF one year, you are excused from doing any storm water plan. If you then, a year later, do another project that would add 1000 SF to your impervious use, it would be added to the previous project and be flagged for a storm water plan.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:03PM