

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 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, Marion McKinney, Kathy Costello, Valarie Beckius, Dean Miller and Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins

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

Ms. Geiser opened a public hearing regarding the new Blight Ordinance.

MOTION to enact Ordinance 611 which is under the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Blight, Reclamation & Revitalization Plan by Beckius with a second by McKinney

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from the June 1 meeting by Farr with a second by McKinney

MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: Evan Stinson, student at Ursinus College, invited everyone to join the Re-Imagine Committee at Ursinus. It's an ongoing program that has a vision for sustainable projects in Collegeville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report and approve expenses including payrolls, ACH payments and checks 5580-5632 totaling \$226,598.31 by Costello with a second by McKinney

MOTION carries 7-0

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Kernen noted that the new ordinance that would allow for alcohol in our parks is by permit only for non-profit community groups hosting events such as dinner in the park or other fund raising type events. . This option would not be available to the public for parties. Ms. Kernen is working with Robert Botti to come up with a solution to having to start over every year marking off parking spaces at Water Works Park for events. Everyone is on board with it as long as the markers are flush with the ground so as not to trip anyone. The cost of this would be split between Collegeville and Trappe.

CPVRPC: No report, next meeting is July 18

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Ms. McKinney noted that they paid the bills and managed investments.

LPVRSa: Ms. Stagliano reported that the secondary clarifier catwalk has been completed and final payment has been made. The chemical storage building roof was inspected by Gilmore and they provided initial recommendations. The grit building piping design has been completed by Gilmore and

proposals will be solicited via Costars. The Interceptor project has been 1090 days to date. The work completed to date totals \$35,785,985.86 of the contract amount of \$40,277,551.45. It is 89% complete. This month they are hoping to have the 48" pipe installation finished in Lower Providence and move back to Collegeville Borough for the final 500'. Allan Meyers will work 50% of the remaining Saturdays to complete the project. Approximately 1000' feet of pipe remains to be installed of the original 16,826 linear feet.

PARKS: Ms. Costello said The Bachelor Boys concert that was rained out on June 23 has been rescheduled for July 28.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION to approve the CTMA/PUBLIC works employee contract thru May of 2025 by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Twardowski advised that Linda Augustine is retiring at the end of the month after 14 years. She thanked Ms. Augustine for her service to the Borough. She asked Council for approval to hire temporary help to help with office projects through the end of the year. She will keep the expense under the budget line item for admin salaries. During this time, she will evaluate the job descriptions going forward.

MOTION to approve the use of temporary help in the amount of \$25 per hour on an as needed basis by Costello with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Farr noted that there was no meeting in June. He said that sidewalk maintenance and the intersection of Route 29 & Freeland Drive will be topics at the next meeting. There was an extensive discussion about this Collegeville Crossing intersection.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ENGINEER: Mr. Leh reported that Gilmore has received all required permitting from Pa-DEP for the 5th & 6th Avenues culvert repair projects. They are requesting authorization to go out to bid this month.

MOTION to approve Gilmore to go to bid for repairing the 5th & 6th Avenues culverts by Beckius with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

Mr. Leh noted that they have also received all required permitting from Pa-DEP for the 8th Ave culvert repair. The manufacturer of the structure is now working on the structural drawings for the culvert. They are reaching out to neighbors to obtain the necessary easements to complete the project. Gilmore has received the first and final escrow release request for the 32, 36 & 40 Eighth Avenue project. The final site inspections has been completed and all site improvements have been satisfactorily completed.

MOTION to release final escrow to Mikelen LLC in the amount of \$77,364.10 contingent upon a maintenance bond, or other suitable security, being provided in the amount of \$3998.55 by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 6-0

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser worked on the previously voted on Blight Ordinance as well as a historic Ordinance and a Resolution.

MOTION to approve advertising the historic Ordinance by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve Resolution 22-08 confirming Collegeville Borough's commitment to supporting women's reproductive rights by Beckius with a second by Hoffman

MOTION carries 7-0

MANAGER: Ms. Twardowski noted receipt of the RACP Grant. She explained that this is a matching grant and the borough does not, at this time, have the matching money necessary to use the funds. It is able to be held in escrow for such time that we can provide the match.

MOTION to accept the RACP grant and appoint the Montco Redevelopment Authority to be the administrator of the funds by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

There was a discussion regarding Trappe EMS merging with Harleysville EMS and all the financial and logistical implications of that.

MOTION to go to advertise the Borough trash bid by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Twardowski provided a flyer with tips for storm water for residents.

POLICE: Chief Bucher provided his report for review.

MOTION to approve the use of our Fire Police at the Hatboro Car Show on July 30 and the 60th Annual Folk Festival on Aug 18 by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

Motion to ratify the use of our Fire Police at the fireworks on July 4th at Waltz's in Limerick by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

FIRE: Mr. Penuel reported 312.65 hours of service to the community. There were 25 incidents.

MAYOR: Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins noted he represented the Borough at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Worthwhile Wear Thrift Store. He is also on the committee planning events for MLK Day.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Michael Koenig 252 Freeland Drive - Mr. Koenig asked if there are any regulations regarding daily pool rentals. He complained about his neighbor allowing this and wondered if this is legal in the borough. A lively discussion ensued about this topic. Ms. Kernen asked Ms. Geiser would look into this and see how other municipalities handle this issue.

Ms. Kernen noted the rescheduled Bachelor Boys concert in the park on July 28 as well as the movie on the lawn at Ursinus on July 22 ENCANTO and ZOOTOPIA on August 12.

There are several new restaurants in the area that she encouraged everyone to try: El Gordo Brothers in the Quick Stop, Saim Deluxe in the Trappe Shopping Center and Wame Shawarma on the Perkiomen Bridge.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25PM