

WORK SHOP MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2019

7:00PM

Executive Session was held @ 6:00PM to discuss legal action case 2012-CV1781.

In attendance at this meeting was Jeri Alley, Robert Lewis, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Andrew Shecktor, Pete Talanca, Teresa Troiani, Jack Kyttle, Damien Scoblink (Borough Manager), Nancy Sborz (Admin Assistant).

- *Tyler Dombroski of SEDA-COG went over proposed projects for 2020. The YMCA project for demo of a property on High School Ave to pave for a parking lot. Euclid Alley street scape, Ramp to City Hall holding cell, Borough's demo list, Borough's Street reconstructions list. Council must now choose which to fund with the \$257,393. CDBG 2019 Allocation. Council decided to keep to the Borough demo list and have Code prioritize the list and street reconstruction which Jack Kyttle already submitted a prioritized list of alleys. Council agreed to fund number 1 and 2 off the street reconstruction list with the rest of the money going to the Borough's demo list.*
- *Vinnie Hippenstell of Steel Street with water run off/drainage problem to ask Council if they have any news of how they plan to fix her problem. Jack Kyttle said the engineers were there last week to look things over and come up with a plan. Mrs. Hippenstell asked if her problem could qualify for the money that was just talked about. Tyler Dombroski said he did not know as he was not familiar with her property but that these projects are not scheduled to be started until next year or the year after.*
- *Karen Ruggiero of 417 E. 5th Street said her neighbor's tree is growing onto her property. She has talked to the owner and he refuses to trim it. This property is at 423 E. 5th Street. The neighbor also let the grass grow high and when he cut it the wet moldy grass blew into her yard. Council said they have Codes go take a look.*

- *Mrs. Demelfi asked when Council is going to do something about Fred Berlin and his trailer rent to owns? Council said it is an ongoing issue they are working on. She also asked why the police reports are no longer in the paper like Bloomsburg and the other areas. Council said they did not realize they were not posted in the paper and they will find out about it.*

1. Discussion on vacating of un-named alley that traverses from Orange to Spring Garden Ave.

A motion was made by councilman Jarrett to proceed with the process to vacate the un-named alley that runs from Orange Street to Spring Garden Ave near 1010 Orange and 1000 Orange with the understanding that the parties involved will pay all costs for the process. Mr. Leonard F. Pitarra Jr and the Trustee Chair Thomas R. Clymer of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church agreed to the costs. All ayes. Motion passes.

2. KME repair estimate discussion.

Reliance Ladder Truck needs a major repair for a cracked suspension at a cost of (\$5,000.+). Council agreed that the repairs need to be done. Councilman Lewis made a motion to pay for the ladder truck repairs, this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

3. Civil Service. Resignation/Ad for members placed & will run June 4-5-6, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to accept the resignation of Larry Surkin from the civil Service Commission. He is moving out of the Borough. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

4. Pennsylvania Conservation District would like Berwick to help pay for a part of the advertising fee for erosion project at 1359 5th Ave Stalega residence.

DPW Supervisor Jack Kyttle explained to Council that Berwick Borough has 1 project County wide for stream bank erosion and only the Stalega property qualified out of 10 he submitted. And if there were 25 properties in the County; Berwick would only be responsible for 1/25th the cost of advertising. Council asked if this would be credited towards the MS4 credits. Jack said yes and he would be sure to get the measurements for the credit. The Borough manager will try to get a cost estimate before the June 17th monthly council meeting.

5. Discussion on sidewalk ordinance.

Councilman Jarrett said that Council should consider fixing the Sidewalk Ordinance by changing all the “shall” words to “may”. Council agreed. Councilman Jarrett made the motion to amend the Sidewalk Ordinance by changing all the “shall” words to “may”. And advertising it. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

6. Discuss web site issues.

At issue is the fact that our web site is out of date and subject to hacking. Dave Clark of The Internet Place gave an estimate of \$450.00 to redo the web site which will fix all the problems. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to spend the \$450.00 to have the web site redone. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion passes.

Councilman Learn had a concern from a school bus driver at the West End Elementary School. Buses are having a hard time when turning into the school because cars are parking on the right hand side of the road. Council discussed some options but decided they have time to review the issue before they decide.

Work shop adjourned.

Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager