

# WORKSHOP MINUTES

October 7, 2019

7:00PM

In attendance: *Andrew Shecktor, Jay Jarrett, Damien Scoblinc, Jeri Alley, Tim burke, Nelson Learn, Robert Lewis, Pete Talanca, Randy Remphrey, Ken Strish, Nancy Sborz.*

## Resident issues:

- Resident Carla Norris of Mulberry Street had her car towed from in front of her home on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> during road construction by UGI. When she left for work in the morning there were no signs. When she got home from work she called police to try to find out where her car was towed to and the officer was very rude to her and ended up by hanging up on her, she knew she had to get the car out of the tow yard or she would be charged extra for storage. She did manage to find the car and her bill was \$120.00. She feels the construction company should pay the bill since they did not put up signs. Council asked the Manager to contact UGI to facilitate the issue.
- Resident Fred Gause from Mercer Street asked Councilman Lewis if he was in contact with Wise Food with regard to his petition. Councilman Lewis said that BIDA was to work with him on this issue but has not contacted him. He will follow up on his own.

1. RESOLUTION 2019-05 2% Police Pension. *A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Talanca to approve the 2% Police Pension Resolution 2019-05. All ayes. Motion passes.*
2. RESOLUTION 2019-06 Salem Township's Sewerage Facilities Plan. *A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and Seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2019-06. All ayes. Motion passes.*

3. H2O PA Flood Control Grant for S. Eaton Street. *This grant is due by Dec 19, 2019. There is a \$100.00 application fee. Jack Kyttle & Damien Scoblinc will work on it together. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.*
4. Discussion I-Worq for Codes Department. *A discussion was had on the pros and cons and costs. It was decided to put this on the agenda for October 21, 2019 Council Meeting.*
5. Philip Keifer's promotion to Master Carpenter. *A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilman Shecktor to promote Phil Keifer to Master Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passes.*
6. Discussion MS4 Plan. *A discussion was had and Council was advised that Thompson Run was not eligible towards MS4. But the Eaton Street Project looks promising. But all in all it is back to the drawing board.*
7. Discussion on Hillside Drive paving project was added to the agenda. *A discussion was had and Council was advised that Hillside Drive did not qualify by meeting the LMI (low to moderate income) levels. Councilman Jarrett suggested to Council to consider tar & chip for this street. And Jack Kyttle suggested 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Chestnut & Walnut. And Butternut at 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. We would have enough to do both.*

**Councilman Talanca:** *Had a call from a resident/owner of 1125 5<sup>th</sup> Ave that is on the demo list. Councilman Talanca is not an advocate of knocking down people's houses that have hit on hard times. Wants Council to consider postponing this demo. Maybe give him 90-100 days to get the property up to code. Borough Manager said he spoke to SEDA-COG and we would have to pay back all the engineering costs used to get this property on the list. Councilwoman Alley said this property has been condemned since the last time she was on Council. She wants the Manager to find out how much Council would have to pay back first and an estimate on cost to get up to codes.*

**Councilman Lewis:** *W. Bowman & Steel Street project is going well. Suggested that when a property has been demo'd and a buyer wants to purchase the property but between back taxes, cost of the lien and cost of the lot makes purchase too expensive Council could refund the lien money once the buyer puts up another home on the property. Also we could refund all permit fees and our back taxes. We could discuss this next month. As the lien money cannot be used for anything other than a project. On a building has not been demo'd yet, maybe we could waive permit fees. Councilman Jarrett said that the Codes Committee could meet and bring us a proposal.*

**Councilman Learn:** *Nothing to add.*

**Police Chief Strish:** *Said he has a personnel issue for an Executive Session tonight. Thanked the Mayor for checking up at the hospital on officers caught in the explosion in town. Also he has been working with the Manager on the Police Budget. No progress on the School Crossing Guard issue. Vehicles are at the top of discussions again. This will be a tight budget due to court costs. I now know that the officers are very active. They have had 350 arrests so far this year for 627 narcotic crimes! As always looking into Grants.*

**Mayor Burke:** *Welcomed back Chief Strish!*

**Manager Scoblink:** *Brush pick up is October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Leaf pick up is Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. And Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. The ESPN in town, went incredibly well and the wall will remain up through Riverfest then the school will take it. He also thanked the Mayor for participating in the event.*

**Jay Jarrett:** *Couldn't make it to the ceremony but did meet the young lady from ESPN and Laura was taking her to the Bloomsburg Fair. Nice job everyone. Jay also asked the Police Chief when he expected to provide a rough draft of the budget to Council. Chief said he will let them know.*

**Andrew Shecktor**: Only one thing he gave to the Borough Manager. During the Bloomsburg Fair. That when you do Ordinances there is a DEP regulation that you cannot burn household waste. So you cannot burn things that you can recycle. The Fire Chief said Fire Code only allows residents to burn firewood. He allows nothing else.

**Fire Chief Randy Remphrey**: The fire companies will participate in the ELKS Halloween Parade due to safety concern with children running out in front of the fire trucks. They have advised the ELKS of this. They had a fire call last year in the middle of the parade and they had a hard time getting out of line because the people thought that it was part of the parade. We need to find a way to make it safe. Some ideas were tossed around. The Fire Chief also added that the tire issue is taken care of.

Council moved to Executive Session at 7:55PM to discuss a personnel issues.