

PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Chair – Mr. Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Borough Secretary – Those present on roll call were as follows: Buckwalter, Dugan, Gautreau, Handwerk, Kirkner, Speck, and Wagner. Also present were: Borough Manager Krack, Solicitor Rau, Mayor Scoda, and Chief Mossman. (Mr. Senley was not in attendance).
- III. Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 26, 2010 – Mr. Kirkner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Gautreau, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
- IV. Public Participation – 30 minutes – There were no members of the public wishing to speak.
- V. Appointments/Public Resolutions
 - A. Mr. Speck made a motion to appoint Mr. John Horenci to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mr. Kirkner, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - B. Mr. Speck made a motion to appoint Ms. Yvonne Brownlee to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
- VI. Presentations
 - a. Phoenixville Jaycees Donation to the Borough from the 5K Run – Mr. Darin Exley from the Jaycees presented a check to the Parks and Recreation Department from the 5K run.
 - b. Presentation by Paul Kusko from the Tree Advisory Commission – Postponed to the next meeting.
- VII. Communications
 - a. Mr. Speck said he was informed about House Bill 692 designating the Gay Street Bridge as the Veterans Memorial Bridge which has been presented to the Governor for his signature.
 - b. Mr. Gautreau asked if PSAB was contacted about the issue of Mr. Speck's request. Mr. Krack said that both PSAB and PLCM both said that a proxy was not an option given that it is an elected body. They said it is up to Council if they want to allow for the individual to call in, both PSAB and PLCM agreed on this as well.
- VIII. Council Participation
 - a. Mr. Speck spoke about the Fire Department appreciation banquet and the value of the department. He read the unit citation that was presented to several medics and fire fighters.
- IX. New Business

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to make audio conference calling available for the Council member absent due to illness, seconded by Mr. Gautreau.

Mr. Kirkner asked if we have the capability and the equipment to even do this? (Mr. Krack said we do not have the equipment and do not know the cost).

Mr. Kirkner spoke against it because he is not impressed with the technology that is out there as well as several other reasons.

Mr. Speck made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Kirkner, and approved by a vote of 4 to 3 with Mr. Handwerk, Mr. Buckwalter, and Mr. Gautreau being the dissenting votes. (Solicitor Rau reminded Council that it did not ask for the issue to be reviewed. Mr. Rau said that it would be wise to review some of the cases).

X. Resolutions

a. Consider Approval of Resolution for the 2010 Professional Services – Mr. Kirkner made a motion to adopt the resolution for professional services, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0. (Mr. Krack gave an overview of who would be appointed for these services).

b. Consider Approval of a Motion to Adopt a Certificate for the Following:

1. Total Assessed Valuation for 2010 is \$735,760,148
2. Currently Levied Rate of Taxation is 4.01 for Real Estate Millage
3. Total Tax Duplicate is \$2,950,398.99
4. Court is Informed of a Tax Collector Bond in the Amount of \$944,333

Mr. Speck made a motion to adopt the certificate, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

XI. Public Hearings

a. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Phoenixville, in Particular Chapter 27, the Phoenixville Borough Zoning Ordinance of 1989, Ordinance No. 1601, as amended, to Provide for a Townhouse Development Use, in the MR - Multi Residential District, as a by Right Use under Section 27-402 on Reduced Tracts of Five Acres with a Required Minimum Open Space – Mr. Wagner opened up the public hearing. Mr. Rau gave an overview of the hearing and entered exhibits. The applicant (Mr. Thompson) gave an overview of the project.

Reverend Linda Gruber of 315 Gay Street said we have been operating the St. Johns United Church of Christ community garden and labyrinth. She said this could be an exciting new adventure.

Mr. Don Coppedge, Chairman of the Housing Authority Board, said he thinks it is important that Council realize what housing means. He said federal funding is available. He said he is asking Council to work with us. He said we need affordable housing.

Mr. David Saneck of 299 Fillmore Street said one of the things in the ordinance is the onsite manager which is a good thing. He said affordable housing is done by income.

Mr. Ed Jefferis of 326 Fairview Street mentioned all the calls with reference to drugs. He asked if the onsite manager would be there all day.

Mr. Kirkner read several letters he had received from residents.

XII. Reports of Committees, Boards, Commissions and Authorities

- A. Planning Commission (No Action Memos)
- B. Regional Planning Commission
- C. Parking Authority
- D. Historical Architectural Review Board (No Action Memos)
- E. Council Action referred from Council Committees

PERSONNEL/POLICE

1. Consider Approval of Replacing an Open Officer Position if a Letter of Resignation is Received (Approved in Committee by a Vote of 3 to 0) – Mr. Speck made a motion to replace an open officer position if a letter of resignation is received, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
2. Consider Approval of Maintaining up to Three Part Time Police Officers (Approved in Committee by a Vote of 3 to 0) – Mr. Speck made a motion to maintain up to three part time police officers, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
3. Consider Approval of Hiring a Temporary Part Time Position in the Sanitation Department (Approved in Committee by a Vote of 3 to 0 for the Sanitation Department but should be for the Streets Department) – Mr. Speck made a motion to approve hiring a temporary part time person in the Streets Department, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Scoda declared a snow emergency which means there are motor vehicle restrictions that must be abided by.

XIII. Public Participation (con't) – There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

XIV. Executive Session – There were no items to be discussed in executive session.

XV. Staff Reports (Moved to the Next Meeting)

1. Manager's Report
2. Code Enforcement Report
3. Public Works Director's Report
 - a. Update on the Heating/Thermostat Situation at the Civic Center
4. Fire Chief's Report
5. Finance Director's Report
6. Mayor's Report

Other Reports

4. CDC Liaison
5. Fire Department Liaison

XVI. Old Business

XVII. Adjournment – Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.