

**PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES (Approved by Borough Council October 26, 2010)**

- I. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Chair – Mr. Kirkner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll Call – Borough Secretary – Those present on roll call were as follows: Buckwalter, Dugan, Evans, Gautreau, Kirkner, Reber, and Speck. Also present were: Borough Manager Krack, Solicitor Rau, Mayor Scoda and Lieutenant Sjostrom. (Mr. Handwerk was not in attendance).
- III. Minutes of Previous Meetings: September 28, 2010 and October 5, 2010 – Mr. Gautreau made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
- IV. Public Participation – There were no members of the public wishing to speak.
- V. Appointments/Public Resolutions
  1. Consider Appointment of Jay Kolick to a Three Year Term as the Borough of Phoenixville Emergency Management Coordinator with a Term Expiration Date of September 30, 2013 – Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to appoint Jay Kolick as the Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.  
ON THE QUESTION: Mr. Kirkner noted that Mr. Kolick has extensive training in the emergency management field.
  2. Consider Reappointment of Dana Dugan to HARB for a Four Year Term to Expire August 31, 2014 – Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to reappoint Dana Dugan to the HARB, seconded by Mr. Gautreau, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
  3. Consider Reappointment of Brad DiCriscio to HARB for a Four Year Term to Expire August 31, 2013 – Mr. Speck made a motion to reappoint Brad DiCriscio to the HARB, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Kirkner said we received a letter from James Evans resigning from the Planning Commission so we should take action to accept the letter.

Mr. Reber made a motion to accept the letter, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with Mr. Evans abstaining.

Mr. Speck said with Mr. Evans resignation we have an opening on the Planning Commission and one additional opening on the HARB.

Mr. Reber made a motion to nominate Jon Ichter, seconded by Mr. Gautreau. (Motion withdrawn).

Mr. Speck made a motion to table, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and disapproved by a vote of 3 to 4 with Mr. Gautreau, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Reber, and Mr. Kirkner being the dissenting votes.
- VI. Presentations – There were no presentations to come before Council this evening.

VII. Communications

a. Mr. Buckwalter brought up an email about the traffic light at Main Street and Nutt Road. He said he was under the impression that the closed loop is not functioning yet. Mr. Watson indicated that the system is up and running. Discussion continued. Mr. Krack suggested having PennDot do a remodeling since the study is 9 to 10 years old. He said he will send a letter to PennDot.

b. Mr. Evans said he had an e-mail requesting that the monthly financial statements be put on the website. Mr. Krack said we can do that. Mr. Evans said there is a resident in the north ward who would like us to take action on derelict properties in the area. He said this should go to the Community Development Committee and Mr. Kirkner said this is in the works.

VIII. Council Participation

a. Mr. Reber made a motion to appoint Jon Ichter to HARB expiring August 31, 2014, seconded by Mr. Gautreau, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

b. Mr. Gautreau made a motion to change the CDC Committee to the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

IX. New Business

1. Consider Approval of Temporary Community Event Possible Road Closures for the Following Events:

a. Firebird Festival on December 11, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the road closures on Bridge Street from Prospect Street to Church Street

b. Halloween Parade on October 19, 2010 with the road closures on Church Street, Bridge Street, and Starr Street to Bridge Street

c. Citizen Advocacy's Phoenixville Run on October 23, 2010 from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with the road closures as follows:

10K Run – Second Avenue, Park Drive, Carson Street, Washington Avenue, North Main Street, Dayton Street, Fillmore Street, Cromby Road, Township Line Road, Mowere Road, West High Street, East High Street, Prospect Street, and Starr Street

5K Run – Second Avenue, Park Drive, Reeves Drive, Manavon Street, Carson Street, South Second Avenue, Whitehorse Road, School Lane, Locust Drive, Starr Street, Dean Street, "B" Street, and Park Alley

1K Run – Second Avenue, Dean Street, Walnut Street, Jackson Street, and Park Alley

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the temporary community event road closures for the three events, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Consider Scheduling and Advertising a Public Hearing for October 26, 2010 to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Part 4, "General Parking Regulations" by Creating Additional Handicapped Parking Zones in the Borough of Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania – Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to schedule and advertise a public hearing for October 26, 2010, seconded by Mr. Speck, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

ON THE QUESTION: Mr. Evans expressed concern that the spots may remain beyond the need. Mr. Krack said that is addressed yearly.

3. Consider Approval of a Budget Increase in the Amount of \$6,835.00 for a Fire Alarm System at the Recreation Department

Mr. Buckwalter made a motion to accept the bid from Suburban Electric, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with Mr. Kirkner abstaining because he and his wife are close friends with the owner.

ON THE QUESTION: Mr. Reber said it seems less than we estimated. (Mr. Nease said it is less than the other two bidders).

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the budget increase of \$6,835.00 from the fund balance, seconded by Mr. Reber, and approved by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with Mr. Kirkner abstaining.

X. Resolutions – There were no resolutions to come before Council this evening for approval.

XI. Public Hearings – There were no public hearings to come before Council this evening.

XII. Reports of Committees, Boards, Commissions and Authorities

A. Planning Commission (No Action Memos to be Acted Upon this Evening)

B. Regional Planning Commission – Mr. Kirkner said he had nothing new to report.

C. Parking Authority – Mr. Reber said the parking meters get filled with coins and become unusable. Mr. Krack said he will report this to the Parking Authority. There was much discussion. Mr. Gautreau said he is losing patience with the authority and said they need to get their act together or give it back to the Borough. He said this is embarrassing to bring this up month after month.

Mr. Speck made a motion that the Parking Authority examine a transitional phase of bringing it back to Borough Government. (Mr. Rau made some comments regarding the motion)

Mr. Rau said your motion should state that it be the sense of Council that the Parking Authority consider whatever it is you want them to consider.

Mr. Speck made a motion that it is the sense of Council to have the Parking Authority consider dissolving itself and turn the operations over to the Borough, seconded by Mr. Gautreau, and failed by a vote of two in favor and five dissenting votes being Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Evans, Mr. Reber, Ms. Dugan, and Mr. Kirkner.

Mr. Evans addressed a concern about the relationship with the Parking Authority and a concern about use of private land. Mr. Speck said the intent of his motion is to form a sense of corrective action.

Mr. Reber asked to have the Parking Authority at the next meeting to address the issues.

Mr. Buckwalter said he has a problem with making a strong arm approach and we should demand the documents that have been previously requested. (Mr. Kirkner agreed with Mr. Buckwalter and went on to say the Parking Authority has work to do).

Mr. Evans called for the vote.

D. Historical Architectural Review Board

1. Consider Approval of the Application for 212 Bridge Street to Install a 60" x 60" Single Sided Wall Sign Mounted Flush (HARB Recommended Approval)

Mr. Reber made a motion to approve the application for 212 Bridge Street, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Consider Approval of the Application for 305 Bridge Street to Remove Existing Aluminum Porch Roof, Wood Posts, Half Wall and Deteriorated Metal Railing and Install New Fiberglass Decking and New Painted Metal Railing, Repair Existing Building Cornice (HARB Recommended Approval) – Mr. Reber made a motion to approve the application for 305 Bridge Street, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
  3. Consider Approval of the Application for Six South Main Street to Install a 32" x 32" Double Sided Protruding Sign (HARB Recommended Approval) – Mr. Reber made a motion to approve the application for Six South Main Street, seconded by Ms. Dugan, and approved by a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. Council Action referred from Council Committees (No Items for Council Approval)

#### XIII. Public Participation (con't)

a. Ed Roper of the 200 block of Church Street said in regards to the motion you just defeated a couple minutes ago, he thinks it was a terrible decision. He said they have had their plan in place for six months now. He said they have had six months to get their act together and haven't done anything. He said the residents are getting frustrated and so are you. He said he is really disappointed that you voted against it.

b. Mr. Benkoski of 434 Grant Street said he has a question about the No Turn on Red sign at Bridge and Gay. He said early in the morning the light is pretty long there. He said he is wondering if a right hand turn could be made before 7 a.m. in the morning and after 9 p.m. Mr. Kirkner said that is a PennDot road so they would have to approve it. Mr. Kirkner asked Council to have the police do a survey. (There was more discussion).

#### XIV. Executive Session (Moved to the end of the meeting)

#### XV. Staff Reports

1. Manager's Report – Mr. Krack said he was at a Chamber function this morning and was asked by the chairman about a request for a magazine called County Lines. He said they would like us to go in on a \$790 ad with the CDC, PABA and the Chamber. He said they will highlight Phoenixville in the November issue. He said it is a \$200 request.

Mr. Reber made a motion to contribute \$200 toward the advertising, seconded by Mr. Gautreau, and defeated by a vote of 2 to 5 with Ms. Dugan, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Kirkner, Mr. Speck, and Mr. Evans being the dissenting votes.

ON THE QUESTION: Mr. Buckwalter said while it sounds nice, we are facing a \$1.2 million deficit so this is not money we should be spending right now. He said he doesn't think it is our responsibility to help fund that.

Mr. Kirkner said we are looking at dealing with employee expenses and asking non uniform employees to pay more for their health insurance and no pay raises next year.

Mr. Gautreau said not that he disagrees with the two of you but for \$200 to market our talents it is money well spent. He said we will reap the benefits beyond the \$200 spent.

2. Code Enforcement Director's Report - Mr. Evans requested the number of building permits and dollar value for the last four years, including the middle school.
3. Public Works Director's Report
4. Fire Chief's Report
5. Finance Director's Report

6. Mayor's Report – Mayor Scoda reported on the following: Halloween trick or treating will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He said the Halloween parade will be October 19, 2010. He said beware of kids in the streets. He said he received a letter from Congressman Gerlach requesting support for various bills in congress regarding EMS, police, and fire personnel. He said Lt. Sjoström received a letter for the support during the crop walk. He said Chief Mossman sent a letter to Council regarding the parking on Lincoln Avenue at Nutt Road. He said with not moving the center line there is not much we can do to change it without getting PennDot's help. He said Chief Mossman was honored last week at a luncheon for having the department trained to deal with mental health issues. He said the summer was a dry summer so be aware that water is a precious commodity so do not waste it.

Mr. Buckwalter requested that the President of Council send a letter to Chief Mossman recognizing him for his mental health work.

Other Reports

1. CDC Liaison – There was no report to be given.
2. Fire Department Liaison – Mr. Gautreau said the Steering Committee information has been presented to Council and he is going to give Council a month to absorb it.

XVI. Old Business – There was no old business to come before the committee.

Mr. Kirkner said we will be adjourning into an executive session to discuss the following matters: personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. He said for the record Jim Gable and a few company chiefs will be joining in as well.

XVII. Adjournment – Ms. Dugan made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.