

PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

7:00 PM

(Minutes approved by Borough Council on June 12, 2018)

MINUTES

I. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Mr. Kovaleski, President	Present
Mr. Burckley	Present
Mr. Dalton	Arrived 7:20 pm.
Ms. Doherty	Excused
Ms. Dugan	Present
Mr. Ewald, Vice President	Present
Mr. Kirkner	Present
Mr. Soto	Excused
Mr. Krack, Borough Manager	Present
Chief Sjostrom	Present
Solicitor Garner	Present

III. Consider Approval of the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to approve the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

Motion Approved 5-0.

IV. Presentations

A. Swearing of Corporal Anthony Gray – Mayor Urscheler

B. 2017 Audit – Ed Furman – Maille, LLC.

Mr. Ed Furman presented Council with the report for the 2017 Audit.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to accept the 2017 Audit from Maille, LLC. Seconded
by Ms. Dugan

Motion Approved 5-0.

V. Public Participation

Barbara Cohen, Schuylkill River Heritage Center President. She thanked Council for approving the sale of the Doty Road Bridge back to the Heritage Center and present Jim Kovaleski with one dollar for the sale.

Dr. Alicia Borowski, resident. She thanks Staff and Council for their quick response in dealing with the water issue at the Founders Hill Development. She stated that she will wait for the solution to her problem and will be keeping Council informed on the progress at her house.

Joan Beregi, resident. She stated her concerns with the removal of the oak trees in her neighborhood.

Nancy McGuigan, resident. She presented Council with the updated information that Cathy Ingham collected regarding the Belgian Blocks on Church Avenue and asked that Council approve the bids request for the restoration of Church Avenue with the existing Belgian Block.

VI. Appointments/Public Resolutions

- A. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Kovaleski reminded the public there are openings for residents interested in applying for our various boards and commissions. Interested applicants should contact the Borough for more information.

VII. Communications/Council Participation

Mr. Kovaleski explained the Belgian Block bid is up for consideration later this evening. He addressed the concerns regarding the tree removal and the timeline for the replacement of the trees.

Mr. Kirkner thanked Staff for their hard work and dedication on addressing the water issue on Dayton Street. He stated he received a letter from a resident of French Creek Townhomes asking that the Borough look at connecting their development to the Schuylkill River Trail. Mr. Kirkner stated that the trail through the North Side does not tie into the sidewalk/street grid system, and the only way to access it is to walk out into traffic. He hopes Council and Staff keep that in mind when pursuing trail improvements in the future.

VIII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Urschler reported on the numerous events and activities of the Police Department including First Friday, the Meet and Greet with Officer Hakim Lee and Stop the Bleed

training, he encourages residents to take advantage of the upcoming trainings the department will be offering and the mulch and compost that is available from Public Works. Finally he thanked all those involved in fighting the fire that took place at the Steel Town Village Development.

IX. New Business

- A. Consider the Staff recommendation to reject all bids received for Concrete Sidewalks and Aprons in Reeves Park and authorize Staff to rebid the project.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to reject all bids for Concrete Sidewalks and Aprons in Reeves Park and authorize Staff to rebid the project. Seconded by Mr. Dalton.

On the Question:

Mr. Krack explained Staff's recommendation.

Motion Approved 5-0. Ms. Dugan was out of the room.

- B. Review ZHB Application from 45 East Walnut Street regarding a variance request to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance from the minimum lot width requirement of 30 feet for a twin residence to permit 18.77 feet of lot width and to determine whether to send Borough representation to the June 20, 2018 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.

Mr. Krack explained the request from 45 East Walnut Street.

No Action Taken.

X. Resolutions

- A. Consider a Resolution acknowledging the Day of Community Service from the Students of Valley Forge University.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging the Day of Community Service from the Students of Valley Forge University. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

On the Question:

Mr. Kovaleski read the Resolution aloud.

Motion Approved 6-0.

XI. Public Hearings

A. Consider an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 15 “Motor Vehicles.”

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Dalton.

Motion Approved 6-0.

Hearing opened 7:40 pm.

Mr. Garner explained the amendment changes to Chapter 15 “Motor Vehicles.”

Public Participation

Dr. David Saneck asked for clarification and is the ordinance prohibiting tractor trailers on the streets listed.

Council Participation

Mr. Kovaleski stated that the ordinance is still prohibiting tractor trailers on the streets listed.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Motion Approved 6-0.

Hearing closed at 7:44 pm.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to approve the Ordinance amendment to Chapter 15 “Motor Vehicles.” Seconded by Ms. Dugan.

Motion Approved 6-0.

XII. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions

A. Planning Commission – (**Ewald**)

1. Consider a Resolution approving the Tammaro Subdivision and Land Development Plan.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the Resolution for the Tammaro Subdivision and Land Development Plan. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

On the Question:

Mr. Kirkner stated that items brought forward at the last Council Meeting with regard to storm water have been addressed.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2. Consider a Resolution approving the 341 Emmett Street Subdivision and Land Development Plan.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the Resolution for the 341 Emmett Street Subdivision and Land Development Plan. Seconded by Mr. Dalton.

Motion Approved 6-0.

3. Consider a Resolution approving the 430-440 Heckle Street Subdivision and Land Development Plan.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the Resolution for the 430-440 Heckle Street Subdivision and Land Development Plan. Seconded by Mr. Dalton.

Motion Approved 6-0.

B. Historical Architectural Review Board – (Dugan)

1. Consider approval of the Residential Window Replacement for 337 Church Street.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to approve the Residential Window Replacement for 337 Church Street. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

Motion Approved 6-0.

C. Regional Planning Committee – (Ewald)

Mr. Ewald stated that the committee continues to work on the comprehensive plan and that they are currently reviewing the plans for the French Creek West Development.

D. Recreation Board – (Dugan)

Ms. Dugan reported on the camps and activities of the Recreation Department including Family Night Out being held at First Friday till October, summer camp registration and sign-ups for activities. She encourages residents to check the Borough website for more information.

E. Beautification Advisory Commission – (Soto)

No Action to Report.

XIII. Council Action referred from Council Committees

A. Parks and Recreation Committee – (**Soto**, Dugan, and Kovaleski)

1. Consider Temporary Community Event Application for Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration in Reeves Park on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the TCE Application for Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration in Reeves Park on Friday, May 25, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2. Consider request from Kiwanis Club to waive any and all fees associated with the Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration event.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the request to waive the fees associated with the Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration event. Seconded by Ms. Dugan.

Motion Approved 6-0.

B. Policy Committee – (**Dalton**, Doherty, Kirkner, and Soto)

1. No Action to Report.

C. Police and Personnel Committee – (**Burckley**, Doherty, and Ewald)

1. No Action to Report.

D. Infrastructure, Technology and Transportation Committee – (**Ewald**, Burckley, Dalton, and Kovaleski)

1. Consider request from The DeMutis Group to support a grant application in support of a Phoenixville Rail Transportation Proposal.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the request from The DeMutis Group to support a grant application in support of a Phoenixville Rail Transportation Proposal. Seconded by Mr. Dalton.

On the Question:

Mr. Kirkner shared the background on the previous studies done by other organizations with regard to a railway into Phoenixville. He asked what

was different this time that would lead Council to believe the railway could be obtained.

Mr. Kovaleski asked Mr. DeMutis to address Council.

Manny DeMutis and Barry Cassidy addressed Council and explained their reasons for the renewed interest in a study and effort to get a commuter railway to the Borough. He cited the other communities that are looking for rail service and stated that he felt Phoenixville is just as deserving as any other community.

Mr. Kirkner asked if the proposed committee of twenty people would include members from other neighboring communities.

Mr. Cassidy stated the majority would be from Phoenixville, but they have reached out to the other surrounding communities that would benefit from rail service.

Mr. Ewald stated that changes in the Act 89 provisions are allowing communities to develop these studies and he agrees that Phoenixville is as deserving as any other community.

Ms. Dugan asked if this endorsement came with any obligations from the Borough for funding rail service.

Mr., Kovaleski clarified it does not.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2. Consider authorizing Staff to prepare a formal bid package for the refurbishment of Church Avenue.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to authorize a formal bid package be prepared for the refurbishment of Church Avenue.

Motion Approved 6-0.

E. Finance Committee – (**Dugan**, Doherty, Kirkner, and Kovaleski)

1. Consider approval of the 2018 Pre-Paid dated 3/11/2018 - 4/15/2018 in the amount of \$1,325,858.02.
2. Consider approval of the 2018 Pre-Paid ACH dated 3/31/2018 in the amount of \$2,373.17.

3. Consider approval of the 2018 Pre-Paid Credit Card Statement dated 2/27/2018 in the amount of \$692.05.
4. Consider approval of the 2018 Pre-Paid Credit Card Statement dated 3/27/2018 in the amount of \$2,028.55.
5. Consider Budget Transfer 2018-01 in the amount of \$10,000 from Water Treatment (Equip. Maintenance and Repair) to Water Treatment (Sludge Collection Pump) to replace a pump which cannot be refurbished.
6. Consider Budget Transfer 2018-02 in the amount of \$61,700 from Codes Enforcement (AFSCME Wages, Unemployment Ins., Worker's Comp, Employer Paid Ins., and FICA/Payroll Taxes) to Administrative (Non-Union Hourly, Unemployment Ins., Worker's Comp, Employer Paid Ins., and FICA/Payroll Taxes) for change of position of Codes Reception/Clerk to Community Engagement Coordinator position.
7. Consider Budget Increase 2018-03 in the amount of \$4, 000 from Water Fund Balance to Water Treatment (Sludge Collection Pump) to replace a pump which cannot be refurbished.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to approve items 1-7. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

Motion Approved 6-0.

8. Consider RVE Proposal for engineering and construction management services for the WWTP Greenhouse Roof Replacement for not-to-exceed fee of \$28,804.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to approve the RVE proposal for engineering and construction management services for the WWTP Greenhouse Roof Replacement in amount not to exceed amount of \$28,804. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

Motion Approved 6-0.

9. Consider approval of the Civic Plus suite of programs with the costs being used from Fund Balance in the amount of \$65,825.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to approve the Civic Plus suite of programs with the costs being used from Fund Balance in the amount of \$65,825. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

On the Question:

Mr. Kovaleski stated that Council is excited to see a new website for the Borough that will allow our residents to communicate easier with Staff and Council.

Motion Approved 6-0.

XIV. Public Participation

Dr. David Saneck, resident. He asked for further explanation on the changes to the Motor Vehicle Ordinance.

Mr. Kovaleski stated he'd happy to discuss the changes with him, but that public participation was not the appropriate time to do so.

XV. Staff Reports

A. Manager

Mr. Krack thanked the numerous emergency response agencies and the Borough Staff that worked so diligently to fight the fire at Steel Town Village.

B. Police

C. Fire

D. Planning and Codes

E. Public Works

F. Finance

G. Human Resources

XVI. Old Business

XVII. Executive Session – Real Estate and Legal Matters

XIII. Adjournment 8:20 pm. Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

E. Jean Krack
Borough Manager

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