

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Royersford Borough Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by A. Dham at Royersford Borough Hall, 300 Main Street, Royersford, Pa.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by roll.

Present: M. Bullick, A. Dham, R. Graham, A. Metricarti, T. Moyer, M. Stehman, and T. Weikel

Also Present: Mayor J. Guest, Solicitor R. Brant, and Manager M. Leonard

Hallmark Homes from Warrington, PA presented a proposed sketch plan for 55 townhouses on the Freedman Property at the north side of Main Street. There was a discussion of concerns from Council; such as the number of homes, parking issues, and the easement road owned by Norfolk Southern and used by Lewis Environmental to get to the Main Street traffic light. Hallmark proposed to build the walking trail and then turn it back to the Borough. Council agreed to meet with Hallmark Homes when they get more information on the development.

The minutes of the September 13 & September 27, 2016 meetings were approved as distributed upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by T. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Leonard gave an update on the road work. Walnut Street in front of the car wash is completed. Two blocks of Oak Street will be completed on October 12, 2016 along with the rest of 7th Avenue between Pine and the borough line.

Manager Leonard asked Council for a motion to pave a portion of Victory Park's access road in the amount of \$10,313.00 by Gorcon Construction. The price is under the bid limit of \$10,500.00. The funds will come out of the Park & Recreation Capital Reserve. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by T. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard presented Council with a Speed Limit Ordinance to reduce the speed from 35 mph to 25 mph in the 800 and 900 block of Walnut Street. Motion by M. Bullick seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard presented three bids to trim the trees at Victory Park:

RDH Property Management -----	\$4,107.00
Pupek Cutting Services-----	\$4,525.00
Todd's Tree Service-----	\$7,200.00

Motion to take the lowest bid from RDH Property Management in the amount of \$4,107.00 by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard informed Council that Limerick's Manager Dan Kerr met with President Dham and himself to discuss signing an agreement with whomever purchases the Limerick Sewer Plant, that the agreement with them will follow the new owner of the sewer plant. Motion to allow Limerick Township to transfer the agreement with Royersford Borough to the new owners of the sewer plant by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard informed Council that he put a bid out for a used backhoe.

Council President Dham presented to Council the draft Comprehensive Plan to go to the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti to forward the Comprehensive Plan to Montgomery County Planning Commission for review. Motion passed unanimously. Council President Dham informed Council that a public hearing needs to be advertised for the Comprehensive Plan. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti that the public hearing be advertised.

VISITORS:

P. Chrisman asked Council if the park driveway was getting paved, the answer is yes.

P. Chrisman asked Council about the emergency access road on the Crest Club property.

W. Clemens, member of the Zoning Hearing Board, asked a question regarding the change of the Zoning Hearing Solicitor. Council President Dham stated that one of the issues that came up was the letter that Council had provided was not adequately portrayed to the public. What Council said was that we did not disapprove the application, but the way he presented it to residents was that we were in favor of the application. T. Weikel stated that was what was written in the letter he was given, it looked like we supported the application. President Dham said that they are going to interview for the Zoning Solicitor position. Mr. Clemens asked if he could meet with the Zoning Hearing Board and get them involved in the process before they interview anyone. Solicitor Brant stated that the law is the Zoning Hearing Board gets to pick the solicitor, but different townships and boroughs appoint the Zoning Hearing Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$283,878.20 was presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be November 14, 2016 to discuss the 601 Arch Street property.

Council President Dham announced that the first Council meeting of November has been changed from Tuesday November 8, 2016 to Monday November 7, 2016 due to Election Day.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Brant sent Council his report and asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

MAYOR:

Mayor Guest reported that a program to turn in unused pills will be held at the Borough Police Department on Saturday October 15, 2016 10 am to 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. upon a motion by A. Metricarti seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard
Secretary