

February 26, 2019

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

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

Present: A. Demchik, A. Dham, A. Metricarti, J. Moskal, T. Moyer, M. Stehman, T. Weikel, Mayor J. Antoniewicz, Solicitor R. Brant, and Manager M. Leonard.

VISITORS:

Mike Hays from Representative Ciresi's office addressed Council. If Council is in need of anything please contact representative Ciresi's office.

Ron Destefano asked a question on recycling.

Elaine Schaefer, Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Greenways spoke to Council regarding "Parks on Tap" a gathering of the community members to enjoy the river along with food trucks, a beer garden, and free kayaking. Biking will also be offered on Saturday and Sunday of the event. The event will be held on July 17th to July 21st. Motion to hold "Parks on Tap" by A. Metricarti seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Council went into executive session at 7:25 PM for property and personnel issues and called Council back in session at 8:05 PM.

The first matter in executive session was a real estate matter, no decision was made. The second matter is a personnel matter of Police Officer John O'Keefe. Motion was made by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Moyer to accept the notice of retirement that was tendered by Police Officer John O'Keefe by letter dated February 22, 2019, which shall be effective midnight April 30, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was not available due to a software problem. It will be presented at the next meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Leonard presented Resolution # 2019-03 regarding applying for a County 2040 Grant for our walking trail. Motion to approve Resolution #2019-03 by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Leonard reported that the ice rink was dismantled by the public works department; hopefully we have colder weather next year.

Manager Leonard reported on the boat dock. The dock will be put in when weather conditions get better and we are able to get the parts that are needed.

Manager Leonard reported on Norfolk Southern closing Arch Street & Main Street crossings; no date was set yet. When we get a firm date I will report it to Council.

Manager Leonard reported on the takeback of Main Street and 2nd Avenue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$157,724.50 were presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Weikel stated that he is sending all the comments to General Code on Friday so the committee can move on to the next phase.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE:

The report of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion of M. Stehman seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The report of the Director of Public Works for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion of A. Demchik seconded by A. Metricarti. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Code Enforcement Officer for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion by A. Demchik seconded by T. Weikel. The motion passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the February 7, 2019 committee meeting were presented and accepted upon motion by T. Moyer seconded by A. Metricarti. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion by J. Moskal seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Fire Chief for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon a motion by J. Moskal seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Borough Fire Marshal for the month of January 2019 was presented and accepted upon a motion by J. Moskal seconded by T. Weikel. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No report

A. Metricarti stated the Parking Committee will be meeting with the borough engineer.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report

President Dham reported there will be a zoning hearing on March 14, 2019 for 125 Lewis Road, Magdy Mohamed / Lewis Road Diner. There was a motion by A. Metricarti seconded by M. Stehman to send a letter of support for the diner at 125 N. Lewis Road. Motion passed unanimously. President Dham also stated along with the Lewis Road Diner Zoning Hearing on March 14, 2019 there will be a hearing regarding a digital sign for Phoenixville Federal Bank.

MAYOR:

Mayor Antoniewicz reported that she toured Orion Community in Phoenixville; they assisted about 200 families, about 500 people with social services in Royersford/Spring-Ford last year. It's a great resource to refer people to if they need housing, food, education, job etc.

Mayor Antoniewicz reported that on March 10, 2019 from 11 AM to 2 PM there will be crocheting heart event called Peyton Heart Event. The event is free and open to the public.

The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Demchik, Councilman Moskal, and Ron DeStefano for coming to the event Shattering the Stigma. The Mayor stated that Officer Godin from the Royersford Police Department deserves lots of credit it was his idea. There were 100 attendees, 4 presentations, 7 total community mental health organizations, Limerick Police Department, Upper Providence Police Department, and Spring-Ford School District Police Department were all present and presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by J. Moskal. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard
Secretary