

December 10, 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:

Paul Chrisman, 750 Main Street had some questions on the proposed budget. His first question was why the engineer cost is going up \$142,500 and is that accurate. Manager Leonard answered the question that there will be more projects in 2020 and for both engineer and architect ARRO and URDC. Mr. Chrisman stated that the legal line item went up over 10%. Again Manager Leonard stated more new projects the more cost for legal. Manager Leonard had the engineer and the architect give an accurate cost on the 2020 projects. Mr. Chrisman asked if the Borough has as many grants as last year, the answer was no.

T. Weikel presented the 2020 Budget and asked if anyone had any questions before the vote, there were none. T. Weikel made a motion to pass the 2020 Budget seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Brant presented Tax Ordinance #902 fixing the tax rate of General Purpose 8.95 mills and for Fire Tax set at 1.25 mills for a total of 10.20 mills for 2020. Mr. Brant had a hearing for Ordinance #902 showing exhibits asking Council members and visitors if there were any questions, there were no questions. Mr. Brant closed the hearing and asked for a vote. Motion by T. Weikel seconded by T. Moyer a vote was taken by roll call. Ms. Demchik- yes, Mr. Dham- yes, Ms. Metricarti- yes, Mr. Moskal- yes, Ms. Moyer- yes, Mr. Stehman- yes, Mr. Weikel- yes. The vote passed 7-0.

Mr. Brant proposed Resolution #2019-14 that authorizes the Borough to accept the sewer bid from PA American Water for the Royersford Borough Sewer System. Mr. Brant presented exhibits to Council regarding the resolution. There were two bids PA American Water \$13,000,000 and Aqua \$10,000,000. Motion to accept Resolution #2019-14 by M. Stehman seconded by J. Moskal. Motion passed unanimously

The Treasurers Report and Sewer & Solid Waste Collection Report for November 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by M. Stehman. Motion passed unanimously. A question was asked what happens to the properties that still owe the borough money after the sale of the sewer plant. The answer to the question is to put a lien on all properties that owe the Borough money.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Leonard provided Borough Council with a copy of the proposed projects for the year 2020.

Manager Leonard informed Council that Borough Hall will be closed from December 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020.

Manager Leonard informed Council that the Reorganization meeting is January 6, 2020 at 7 PM.

Manager Leonard wanted to thank Jack Huzzard and Public Works for fixing the Borough Hall sewer line.

Manager Leonard informed Council that the Police Department heater needs to be replaced next year. A new motor was installed to hold it over until next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Disbursements in the amount of \$303,617.42 were presented and authorized paid upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti Motion passed unanimously.

T. Weikel reported to Council that the final draft was sent to General Code. There will be other codes that will be addressed in 2020.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE:

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

The report of the Code Enforcement Officer for the month of November 2019 was presented and accepted upon motion by A. Demchik seconded by A. Metricarti Motion passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

FIRE MARSHAL:

The report of the Borough Fire Marshal for the month of October and November 2019 was presented and accepted by J. Moskal seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Fire Chief for the month of November was presented and accepted by J. Moskal seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

A. Metricarti presented to Council the 2020 Staff Appointments:

Borough Manager	Michael A. Leonard
Assistant Manager	Donna Ziegler
Police Chief	Scot Fennelly
Director of Public Works/ Fire Marshal	Craig Keffer
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent	Jack Huzzard
Emergency Management Coordinator	Dan Miller
Waste Water Engineer & Sewage Enforcement Officer	Alex Morrison -ARRO
Borough Engineer	David Kee -ARRO
Borough Solicitor	Robert L. Brant- Brant & Associates
Siana Bellwoar & McAndrew Labor Council	Chris Gerber
Building /Zoning Officer	Paul Labe – LTL Consultants, Ltd.
Zoning Hearing Solicitor	Charles Garner – Wolf, Baldwin & Assoc.
Auditors	William Breslawski- Maillie LLP

Motion to appoint the 2020 Staff Appointments by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to reappoint William Clemens of 515 Arch Street and Diane Smith Flogaus of 300 Spring Street to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term that expires 12/31/2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to reappoint John Lacy of 233 North 3rd Avenue and Paul Chrisman 750 Main Street to the Planning Commission for a term that expires 12/31/2022. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report

President Dham reported that this year's holiday party for Council members and Borough employees will be held on December 13, 2019 at noon.

President Dham reported that there was a trestle bridge meeting and the committee recommended using ARRO to put a bid package together and back to Council by the end of January 2020 with a bidding due date of April 1st. The grant expiration date is June 30, 2022. Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to appoint ARRO to direct the bid package for the design built for the trestle bridge. A. Metricarti seconded by T. Weikel to appoint ARRO. Motion passed unanimously.

Trails on Tap are looking to come to Royersford Borough the first two weekends of May.

Motion by A. Metricarti seconded by T. Moyer to cancel the December 30, 2019 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR:

Mayor Antoniewicz thanked Council and the visitors for coming to the meetings.

Mayor Antoniewicz reported there will be a Vendor Bingo on Friday December 20th to support the Police Association Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM upon motion by T. Weikel seconded by A. Metricarti. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Leonard
Secretary