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JEN MAZZOCCO

Regular Meeting
March 5, 2018
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kate Abel

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members:

President Kate Abel

Vice President Daniele Ventresca

Councilwoman Joanna Bouldin

Councilman Drew Lehman

Councilman John Maggio

Councilwoman Jen Mazzocco

Councilman Jeff Fabus -- **Absent**

Staff:

Jason Walsh Mayor

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

Mike Bisignani Chief of Police

Mat Davis Fire Chief

John Rushford Solicitor

4. Registered Comments from the Public

5. Committee Reports

Public Safety and Building & Code Enforcement: Mazzocco briefed on the Fleet Management Plan and getting a local government academy intern. Chief Davis will talk about the ladder truck sale. Mazzocco mentioned the need for future renovations of the fire station, with the department being busier and how hard it is to recruit and maintain volunteers; they are looking to expand the training and office space. Mazzocco stated Chief Davis applied for a FEMA Grant for new fire gear.

Mazzocco mentioned the West Liberty Avenue crosswalks, Estell will go into detail.

Mazzocco concluded with information regarding the purchase of a new police car for the police department as Car One has had persistent electrical problems over its lifetime. The new police car wouldn't be delivered for at least six months.

Chief Davis stated the Fire Department had 28 calls for February. Davis briefed on how smoke detectors that were installed by the Fire Department in a burned unit saved the neighbors. The Building and Code Enforcement Department issued 50 permits.

Chief Bisignani stated the Police Department had 139 calls for February. Bisignani briefed on the recent car break-ins by a juvenile crew with duplicate keys and other tools and charges have been filed between the City of Pittsburgh and Dormont. Bisignani urged residents to lock cars and don't leave change visible.

Business District Relations and Development: Lehman briefed on how well the Business District Relations meeting went last week. Representative Dan Miller attended; great feedback from everyone in attendance.

Recreation and Community Affairs: Ventresca briefed on the February 12, 2018 meeting regarding the concession stand contract, recommendation to offer free pool passes for volunteer firefighters and families, and local government week activities. Ventresca mentioned the April 9, 2018 meeting will be an Open House/Coffee with Council event from 6pm until 8pm; more information to come. Beth is working on a Farmers' Market to be held on Sunday mornings in the Potomac Avenue area.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2018 at 6pm.

Planning, Sustainability and Inclusion: Bouldin briefed on the February 20, 2018 Meeting regarding the 2018 Strategic Process. During this meeting Estell did a short presentation clarifying the distinction between strategic planning and comprehensive planning. Bouldin mentioned that there was a group brainstorming session. Seth Davis, the Chair of the Planning Commission, provided a short review of the Commission's Review of the existing Comprehensive Plan. Bouldin mentioned they went through the 2013 Strategic Plan and Ben helped show which action steps have or have not yet been accomplished.

Property, Supplies and Public Works: Fabus was absent. Estell mentioned that the February meeting was cancelled.

Finance and Legal: Fabus was absent. Abel mentioned there was a meeting in February with nothing major to report.

6. Comments from the Mayor

Nothing at this time.

7. Council President's Report

Abel thanked Lehman, Ventresca, Mazzocco, and Bouldin for attending the Business District Relations and Engagement Meeting.

Abel announced the Community Engagement Fair will be held on March 15, 2018 and all of the organizations that were invited will be attending. The location for the meeting may be changing due to the amount of attendees.

Abel commended all of the committees for their work.

8. Borough Manager's Report

Estell mentioned that the Audit is in its final week at the borough building and everything looks good so far. Next week is the Liquid Fuels Audit.

Estell briefed on the safety of two West Liberty Avenue crosswalks and the Signal Optimization Grant with PennDot which is currently scheduled for 2021, but can be pushed up. Estell is planning a meeting with the school superintendent, the mayor, and the police chief to discuss the child safety issues crossing West Liberty Avenue.

Estell stated he is hoping to install an additional light and signal at Biltmore and West Liberty Avenues to deviate traffic from residential streets at the Port Authority lot and

increase the value of this property.

Estell briefed on the safety options for the un-signalized crosswalks located at the Post Office and Tom's Diner. The lighted crosswalks, like the one in Mt. Lebanon near the Washington School, are now illegal.

Estell mentioned striping all of the crosswalks on West Liberty Avenue. According to Pennsylvania law, you are allowed to have an unsignalized crossing and traffic must stop. The borough bears no liability, plus it is a State Highway. The borough cannot remove it without PennDot's permission.

The applications for the two interns have been submitted by the deadline.

The borough won a Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence for Innovative Design for Potomac Avenue and is welcomed to the Governor's Mansion in April to receive the award.

Estell briefed on the email migration process and stated we are still waiting on paperwork from Microsoft to allow us on to the government servers to protect our information.

Estell met with the Port Authority regarding the redevelopment of Dormont Junction. Some discussion on why Raleigh Avenue is only one way; the borough only owns half of the street.

Estell mentioned his absence throughout March.

The Banner Community Award Ceremony is March 23, 2018; waiting for more information.

Bouldin asked Estell about the timeline for the Engineering Study for the crosswalks as it relates to painting the crosswalks. Estell referred to Wayne McVicar who will find out.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to Accept the Council Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2018(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- b. Warrant List February 2018(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- c. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for February 2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- d. Motion to Approve Police Report for March 2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- e. Motion to Accept the Fire Department Report for January 2018(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- f. Motion to Accept the January 2018 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- g. Motion to Accept the February 2018 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- h. Building and Code Enforcement(Requested by Monica Dahlkemper, Administration)
- i. Motion to Accept the Real Estate Tax Collector Report from December 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- j. Motion to Hire Jordan Zang and Stephen Kelley for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont Parks Department for 2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- k. Motion to Accept the Resignation of James Kraus from the Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- l. Motion to Award 2018 Operation & Maintenance Contract(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration) **Adopted**
- m. Motion to Retroactively Approve the Purchase of Office 365 from CDW-G for Municipal Operations and Email for a Total of \$7,205.84(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- n. Motion to Approve the Lease/Purchase of a 2018 Ford Police Cruiser and Equipment, through the SHACOG Purchasing Contract, for a Total of \$47,000(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- o. Motion to Approve a Contract with NEXT Architecture for the Administration and Inspection of the Administration Building Waterproofing & Gymnasium Rehabilitation Project, in the Amount of \$19,060.00.(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration) **Adopted**
- p. Motion to Approve the Sale of the Platform Truck to Hope Fire Company of North Cambria for \$125,000.00, Subject to Solicitor Review(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**

10. Action Items

- a. Motion to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local #249 for 2018 through 2021(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- b. Motion to Approve 2018 Pool Contract with Jeff Ellis Management(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution #4, 2018, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, HEREBY REQUESTING AN PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM GRANT OF \$350,719.35 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- d. Motion to Approve Resolution #5, 2018, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 01-2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- e. Motion to Adopt Resolution #6, 2018, RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOROUGH ENGINEER WAYNE MCVICAR AND PROVIDING FOR a ONE TIME BONUS OF \$1500.00 FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**

11. Discussion Items

Abel briefed on the pool concession stand contract which was declined by Judy's Concession Stand. An RFP will be sent out to find a new vendor.

Maggio questioned doing a one year versus three year contract for Judy's Concession Stand and/or any vendor.

Ventresca mentioned looking into alternatives; vending machines, food trucks, another food vendor, for this year.

Abel asked a question regarding the Lease payment structure on the RFP.

Lehman confirmed the location for the Banner Community Award Ceremony on March 23, 2018 is to be held at the River's Club at Oxford Centre.

12. Citizens' Comments

Edward Newhouse 3242 Beacon Hill Re: Repaving alley between Piedmont and Biltmore. Re: speed bump on Beacon Hill.

Mary Neff 1505 Park Blvd Re: Asked status of 1533 Park Blvd Re: Snow removal

13. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:57 PM

- a. **Motion to: Adjourn Adopted**