

APRIL 14, 2015
PROSPECT PARK, PA

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. President O'Connell called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: Mayor Harris, Mr. Bradley, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Schreiber, Mrs. Shallet, Mr. Jurek, and Mrs. Faison. Mr. McBlain and Ms. Catania were also present. Mr. Cleaver was absent.

MINUTES

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Council Meeting. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MRS. HURST

Mrs. Hurst read the Secretary's Report for the month of March 2015. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$1,739,429.24; Sewer Fund \$675,517.48 Liquid Fuels \$129,555.34; Escrow Fund \$13,000.00; Recycling Fund \$44,552.70. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for March 2015. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell read over the agenda for tonight's meeting.

REPORT OF ENGINEER – MS. CATANIA

Lincoln Avenue Improvements – Bids have been received for the project. Bid results are as attached. Additional \$150,000 TAP funding, above the previously awarded \$300,000, has been found for the project and will require an amendment to the current agreement with PADOT. The Letter of Amendment and a resolution authorizing the signature of the amendment should be considered.

CDBG 2013 – Lincoln, 16th and Carlisle Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation –. Final payment and change order request has been sent to OHCD for processing.

CDBG 2014 –Contracts have been received from AF Damon and forwarded to the Solicitor for review and ultimately execution by the Borough. A pre construction meeting will be scheduled with OHCD once the contracts have been executed.

Generators – Requested proposals for quarterly maintenance from 3 contractors noted in my memo. None have been received. Reached out again to

PECO Green Region Grant – Application has been to Natural Lands Trust for consideration. The application is for the repair of the upper trail and the replacement of 10 and installation of 2 LED pedestrian lights throughout the park.

Road Program 2015 – Inspection of the roads to update the priority list should be considered by Council. There has been an issue with several areas on 10th and 16th Avenues where AQUA trenches were restored. Ridley Excavating has repaired 16th Avenue but must return to resurface the patch on 10th.

Storm/Sanitary issues:

Summit Avenue – A to U Services is substantially completed work. Concrete restoration is not yet completed.

Sanitary Sewer I & I Study – Meter #1 watershed – A summary of the video inspection has been forwarded to the Borough for record. Working on the bid documents to upgrade the main on Yagle from mid block to 17th Avenue.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of March 2015. Officers responded to 18 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 13 domestic situations including violations of protection from abuse orders or other types of domestic. Each complaint was handled by an arrest or referred to the proper agency. Officers responded to 21 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 29 medical emergencies. There were 13 motorist assistance calls, and 8 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 291 complaints.

The new police car lettering is complete and the car is ready to go. There was a small problem with cage. It will be on the street in a few weeks.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND PARKS - MR. BRADLEY

The base field back stop was replaced at Witmer Field. Painting will be done on the building, and the bleachers need some work.

The Jazz band from Interboro High School will be at Park Square on May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN

No action items to report.

REPORT OF FINANCE – PRESIDENT O’CONNELL

PAYROLL - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for March 2015 which totaled \$109,450.77. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the payroll for March 2015. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS LIST – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of March 2015 to be paid in April 2015 in the amount of \$104,866.52. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the Bill List. Mrs. Shallet made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: All members have a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for March 2015. Total cash balance General Fund: \$1,704,290.74; Sewer Fund: \$700,847.13; Highway Fund: \$203,629.27; Escrow Fund: \$109,124.37 Recycling Fund: \$1,044.45. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Bradley made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 1842 amending the Transportation Enhancements program Federal-Aid reimbursement agreement for the Lincoln Avenue Renaissance Project. Mr. Schreiber made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

The low bid for the Lincoln Avenue project was 1.4 million. PennDOT and DVRPC are reviewing and have 90 days to act once the go ahead is received. We will keep everyone updated on the status.

The Lincoln Avenue Bridge Project will be redone. No word on the start date.

The budget is looking good for the 1st and 2nd quarter. The Highway Department had a low salt use this past winter. We will begin franchise negotiations with RCN soon.

REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE

The Planning Commission met Thursday April 2, 2015. They discussed plans for Zoning changes.

Mr. Moore read Mr. Cepis Zoning report for the month of March 2015. The report is as follows: 3 annual apartment inspections, 1 single annual inspection, 13 sale of property inspections and 20 zoning and permit reviews were done by the Zoning Officer. The Zoning Officer is been very busy with permits.

There are two potential Zoning Hearing Board meetings coming up. Reliant Senior Care at 826 Chester Pike would like to tear down the building across the street and make that a parking lot. Interboro School District has submitted plans for a parking lot.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. JUREK

Mr. Jurek made a motion to appoint John Saddic part-time police officer, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

There has been normal police and fire activity.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON.

The Easter egg hunter was a huge success. Mrs. Faison would like to thank the high school seniors Jordan Tomeo, Violet O'Dell, Stephanie Wasch and Junior Andrew Weatherwax for all of their help to make it such a success. Thanks also to Steve Hall from firehouse for bringing the bunny on the fire truck, Chief Engel, and the highway workers Dan Lyons and Joe Batchelder.

Mrs. Faison is working on the concerts in the park for the summer.

The Prospect Park Library will be hosting some exciting upcoming events and activates this summer: Science in the Summer, which will be a Chemistry theme; summer reading which earns lots of fun and cool prizes for reading throughout the summertime.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MR. SCHREIBER

The street sweeper was out for repair. It is now back and up and running. The lawn equipment is ready to go for the upcoming season.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – MR. CLEAVER

Mr. Cleaver was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE

Pat Quinn, 840 8th Avenue asked about the essay winners attending the May Council Meeting and if they could be on the agenda for the end of the meeting. President O’Connell advised Mr. Quinn that it was ok for the May meeting, and he would wait until 8:00 p.m.

Eileen Young, 907 East Park Square, spoke on behalf of the residents around Park Square concerning a basketball tournament that was held. They have concerns about the basketball courts at Park Square and would like the park to be a safe place for their children to play and the residents to enjoy. There were over 100 people at the tournament who were unruly and causing problems for the residents. They are sitting on the resident’s properties, threatening each other with violence and some were even throwing knives at trees. The residents would like to discuss a solution to their concerns. Residents from 810 and 816 Prospect Avenue and Marjorie McGoldrick from 918 West Park Square also made comments that something needs to be done to correct the situation and figure out a way to regulate these types of tournaments. They feel that placing signs around the park limiting the amount of players on the court and “no guns allowed” would be a start. Mr. McBlain advised that signs prohibiting guns in the park is against the law.

Mayor Harris stated that a tournament would need a permit and would need to be approved by the Chief. The residents were urged by all Council and Solicitor McBlain to call 911 when these types of activities are occurring. A resident stated that an officer was watching the game for two hours. Solicitor McBlain stated that this activity falls under illegal activity and that for the resident’s safety, they really need to call 911. If an officer does not respond, they need to follow up with Chief Engel and Mayor Harris. Mr. McBlain will look at the Ordinance for regulations and make a recommendation to council. The residents are encouraged to work with Mr. McBlain and provide their suggestions. Eileen Young would like a commitment from residents and Council. Mr. McBlain asked her to write down what she feels would be appropriate, and give it to Mrs. Hurst to forward to him. Mr. McBlain said the Borough would appreciate the help.

Mr. Jurek stated that this is the first time this has been brought to Council’s attention. There have been problems in the past at the Hollow but not Park Square. Mayor Harris stated that no matter what signs are posted in the park people are going to do what they want to so he strongly suggests calling 911. Chief Engel said he will get information to his officers and send patrols. Mr. McBlain asked the residents to attend the Workshop meeting on May 6th at 7:30 p.m. to get an update on our progress.

Glen Schwenke, 923 7th Avenue, asked if John Saddic will be patrolling the streets. Chief Engel answered no and that Officer Saddic will be the D.A.R.E. officer and will work with the public at events. Mr. Schwenke asked if he will have will work certain hours. Chief Engel stated that there will be no set hours and he will receive the same pay as part-time officer.

Deb Daniels, 816 11th Avenue, stated said she brought up the basketball tournament to Council last year and asked if a permit was needed for the basketball courts and was told no permits were necessary.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President O'Connell entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Faison made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

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