

JULY 12, 2016
PROSPECT PARK, PA

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on July 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. President O'Connell called the meeting to order. President O'Connell led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence for the Dallas Police Officers who were killed, as well as all first responders.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Jurek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MRS. HURST

Mrs. Hurst read the Secretary's Report for the month of June 2016. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$243,250.99; Sewer Fund \$26,732.68 Liquid Fuels \$1.67 Escrow Fund \$3,200.00; Recycling Fund \$131.25. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for June 2016. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jurek. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell read over the agenda for tonight's meeting. President O'Connell opened the meeting to public participation regarding the agenda.

Phyllis Floyd, 604 14th Avenue, asked why there was not an application for a group home under the report of Planning and Zoning. Mr. Moore said there is no application on file at Borough Hall.

Mr. Moore asked if the item to accept bid for the repair of the Borough Hall generator was the new one that was recently installed. President O'Connell stated yes. The regulator needs to be replaced.

REPORT OF ENGINEER – JOE RODO FOR LISA CATANIA

Lincoln Avenue Improvements – Work continues on the northeast side of Lincoln Avenue. Contractor was authorized under the contract to complete additional excavation and stabilization at the Fire house. CEA provided and repair was completed. Estimate #9 will be presented prior to the Regular Council meeting.

Generator –Scope of work that has been provided for the resolution of the pressure problem. Proposal should read that 8" WC regulator will be replaced under a PECO S & M to a 12.2" WC regulator. An additional 8" regulator will be required in the manifold just downstream of the generator supply. Requested proposals from Henderson and Anton Plumbing. One proposal was received.

2016 Road Program – Contracts were forwarded to the Contractor for execution. Contractor will coordinate work with Abbonizio.

3rd Avenue at Witmer Park Paving – Work will need to include complete reconstruction of the roadway. I would suggest a 2nd road program in lieu of a change order due to cost of work. (\$17,000).

CDBG 2015 – Park Lighting – approval was received from OHCD and authorization to bid the project is on the agenda this evening.

Moore’s Lake Park Lighting – Solicited proposals from electricians for the replacement of 3 lights utilizing the \$5000 Green Region Grant and \$5000 match. A total of 9 lights will need to be replaced and an additional light installed. Proposals are due July 8 at 5 P.M.

AQUA – 13th Avenue is currently shut down 9-3 from 420 to Swarthmore Avenue. Work should be completed in two weeks.

STORM/SANITARY ISSUES:

2nd & Pennsylvania Avenue – Received a request from resident on 2nd Ave to investigate erosion along his property and drive.

Chester Pike & Amosland Road Sanitary – Awaiting results of video inspection of Norwood Borough lines.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of June 2016. Officers responded to 24 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 16 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 28 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 33 medical emergencies. There were 3 motorist assistance calls, and 2 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 353 complaints.

The 4th of July Parade was a success. There was a great turnout and great weather. Pam Hallow and the 4th of July Committee submitted resignation letters. Ms. Hallow explained that they submitted these resignations with heavy hearts. Mayor Harris explained that there was no ill will on either side; they just felt it was time to move on to other things. The same committee has been in place for many years. Mayor Harris had five residents come to him and express interest in taking over the Committee, so the Borough should be in good shape.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET

Mrs. Shallet was absent. President O’Connell explained that Mrs. Shallet had a family emergency.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND PARKS - MR. BRADLEY

The Beautification Committee dedicated a bench on the 4th of July to lifelong resident Peg Johnson who passed away. They asked if they could plant a garden around the bench and Mr. Bradley gave them permission to do so.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to authorize bids for the 2015 CDBG Park Square Improvements, seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to accept the bid from Wm. Henderson in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the Borough Hall generator repair, seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN

Mr. McBlain received a list of the 2015 tax delinquencies from Tax Collector, Jeff Park. Liens will be placed on these properties in August.

Mr. McBlain received the upset sale list and will supply the delinquencies to the Tax Claim Bureau.

REPORT OF FINANCE – PRESIDENT O’CONNELL

PAYROLL - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for June 2016 which totaled \$147,011.56. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the payroll for June 2016, seconded by Mr. Jurek. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS LIST – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of June 2016 to be paid in July 2016 in the amount of \$285,868.07. Mr. Jurek made a motion to approve the Bill List, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: All members have a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for June 2016. Total cash balance General Fund: \$1,739,854.17; Sewer Fund: \$374,387.77; Highway Fund: \$201,824.51; Escrow Fund: \$115,980.32 Recycling Fund: \$25,396.77. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Mr. Jurek. All in favor, motion carried.

Lincoln Avenue sidewalks are almost complete. The ADA ramps are complete. The Firehouse ramp is also complete. The electrician is out now surveying the site for the lighting.

The Moore’s Lake Park Lighting Project that Mr. Rodo reported on is a matching grant. The Borough received a \$5,000 Green Region Grant. The Borough will match that \$5,000.00.

REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore read The Zonings Officer Report for the month of June: 92 annual apartment unit inspections; 2 single annual inspections; 18 sale of property inspections; 0 duplex annual inspection; 39 zoning & permit reviews.

Mr. Moore reiterated that no application where received from residents regarding a boarding house.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. JUREK

The firehouse pumper issue has been resolved. There was normal police and fire activity in the month of June.

President O’Connell stated that the Prospect Park Fire Company responded to the fire in Morton where two residents died. President O’Connell thanked the Fire Company for doing home inspections and replacing 61 smoke detectors, along with the Red Cross.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON

Mrs. Faison was absent. President O’Connell announced the following summer concerts: July 19th – The Newspaper Taxis; July 26th – Avalon String Band; August 2nd - Galway Guild.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MR. SCHREIBER

Mr. Schreiber was absent. President O’Connell gave the following report on behalf of Mr. Schreiber: the new recycling truck and the new trash truck have been ordered. One truck should arrive in November 2106 and the other in March 2017. The Borough received a DEP Grant for the purchase of the Recycling Truck. The Borough had a CD set aside for the purchase of the trash truck, so this will not impact the budget. President O’Connell thanked Mr. Schreiber, Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Borchert for their efforts in obtaining the grant.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – SHELBY EDWARDS

The next School Board Meeting is July 20th at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE

Gary Samano, 1044 Lincoln Avenue, voiced concerns about the tripping hazard on the sidewalk at the front of his property. Mayor Harris explained that the engineer will be out tomorrow to meet with Mr. Samano and rectify the situation. Mr. Rodo explained that the door will be lowered or taken out all together to alleviate the tripping hazard. Mayor Harris told Mr. Samano to meet with Mr. Rodo at the end of the meeting to set up a convenient time to meet.

Phyllis Floyd, 604 14th Avenue, stated she spoke with a Community Service worker who was performing clean up of the property at 713 14th Avenue and he told her that a “non-profit” home was going in there. She asked again in an application was received by Borough Hall. Mr. Moore told her again that no application was received. She stated that she was told that the owner was going to rent the property as a group home for adult males with special needs. President O’Connell told her he is not familiar with the ordinance and that no application is on file with the Borough. Mayor Harris stated he will check with the Zoning Officer.

Mrs. Floyd stated that she understands that the property on 14th Avenue that she has been complaining about is being taken over by the son. Mrs. Floyd stated that Mr. Cepis is renting a parking space at one of his properties to the owner of this property. She believes this is a conflict. Mayor Harris asked her if she has proof of this and she indicated she believes he is, but does not have proof. Mayor Harris told Mrs. Floyd if she does not have proof to end the conversation now.

Anthony Cavaliere, 930 12th Avenue, read a prepared statement regarding the ordinance that states he has to put in two parking spots in the rear of his property in order to sell it. Mr. Cavaliere had a buyer who refused to purchase the property after learning that the shed and fence would need to be taken down to accommodate the two parking spots. He believes these parking spots will destroy his yard. He had a meeting with the Zoning Officer, Solicitor and the Mayor regarding the issue. He does not blame the Zoning Officer or Solicitor. He understands they are just doing their job. He blames the Council as the elected representatives. He feels this ordinance is wrong.

Brian Malone, 924 12th Avenue, believes the ordinance that Mr. Cavaliere discussed is ridiculous. He believes that residents should not be made to make a parking lot out of their back yards. He agrees with Mr. Cavaliere and came to support him.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President O'Connell entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jurek. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary