

MAY 12, 2015
PROSPECT PARK, PA

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on, May 12, 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 April 14, 2015 Council Meeting. Mrs. Shallet 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 April 2015. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$476,441.89; Sewer Fund \$136,914.49 Liquid Fuels \$1.68; Escrow Fund \$0.00; Recycling Fund \$103.45. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for April 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 and results from PaDOT have been received. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2015 at 10AM at PaDOT District 6..

CDBG 2014 – A pre construction meeting was held with OHCD on April 30. The contractor, AF Damon is proposing to start work next week weather permitting. Property owners will be notified.

Generators – PECO completed the upgrade to the regulator in the front of the building. Emergency Services was called for final start –up but the testing failed to 100% and is only certified to 25% capacity. In all likelihood, after calculation is completed to determine the loss in the piping, PECO will need to increase the pressure to 12” H2O in lieu of the 8” they have provided.

Road Program 2015 – Inspection of the roads to update the priority list should be considered by Council. The 2015 Road Program will include restoration of Summit Avenue. Aqua had a water main break in March. Ms. Catania reached out to Aqua. Voids are a result of water flowing thru the trench.

DEVELOPMENTS:

Interboro School District – Administration And Kindergarten Academy Parking Lot – Received and reviewed plans for the Planning Commission meeting. The School District is also seeking relief from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Storm/Sanitary issues:

Summit Avenue – A to U Services is substantially completed work. Concrete restoration is not yet completed. An invoice was received and comments with regard to the invoice have been forwarded to A to U for consideration.

Sanitary Sewer I & I Study – Meter #1 watershed – A summary of the video inspection has been forwarded to the Borough for record. Bid documents to upgrade the main on Yagle from mid block to 17th Avenue have been completed. I would recommend authorization to advertise this work.

The Green Region Grant opens today for a month. There is a mandatory meeting if Council wishes to apply for grant.

Ms. Catania has a pre-con meeting for the 2014 CDBG. She thanked County Council. The work will be done next week.

DEP- New M54 Permit- they are more stringent than previous 10 years. A representative from Cantina Engineering will attend the meeting today. They have until 2018 to bring up to code. Restriction will be provided to Borough such as no grass in streets, etc.

Floodplain Ordinance – Lisa Rhodes sent an e-mail requesting comments from a Borough Representative.

Mr. Moore asked Ms. Catania about the 11 items to be addressed given to Interboro School District, and have they responded? Ms. Catania stated not yet, but she expects revised plans shortly.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of April 2015. Officers responded to 25 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 9 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 24 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 40 medical emergencies. There were 12 motorist assistance calls, and 18 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 320 complaints.

Mayor Harris has been in discussion with WAWA about picking up their recycling at 817 Lincoln Avenue and 934 Chester Pike. This pick up should start the Week of June 1st.

The Memorial Day parade will start at 8:30 at Borough Hall.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET

The Crazy Dogg Grill is up and running. The tenants are happy.

Mrs. Shallet attended the Board of Health meeting regarding swimming pools.

There was a “Get the Edge” event the Mrs. Shallet attended for the Board of Health.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND PARKS - MR. BRADLEY

They are doing some refurbishing at the Police Station, which includes new carpet and painting.

The parks are being painted and maintained.

Mr. McBlain is looking into revisions to the Park Ordinance.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN

There is a new draft of the proposed Ridley Park Sewer Maintenance Agreement. We are waiting on finalizing that agreement. It was sent again to Ridley Park to adopt at the June Council Meeting.

Mr. McBlain has reviewed Chapter 117, Public Parks and feels the rules are strong, but enforcement needs improvement. Clarification of who would need permits, and ways to take action to enforce need to be revised. These amendments need to be advertised. President O’Connell asked Mr. McBlain about the time frame. Mr. McBlain explained that one week before adoption is needed to advertise.

REPORT OF FINANCE – PRESIDENT O’CONNELL

PAYROLL - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for April 2015 which totaled \$131,375.11. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the payroll for April 2015. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS LIST – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of April 2015 to be paid in May 2015 in the amount of \$578,616.18. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the Bill List. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: All members have a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for April 2015. Total cash balance General Fund: \$2,044,674.71; Sewer Fund: \$464,378.58; Highway Fund: \$201,491.06; Escrow Fund: \$109,124.37 Recycling Fund: \$21,026.77. President O’Connell entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mrs. Shallet made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

President O’Connell entertained a motion to award the contract for the Lincoln Avenue Improvement Project to C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,432,511.75, and to authorize the borough representative to advise PADOT of the award. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

President O’Connell had the following comments on the Lincoln Avenue project:

The selection and approval of C Abbonizio Contractors for the Lincoln Ave Home Town Streets Project is certainly a huge milestone for our Borough. This approval brings the Borough another step closer to showcasing our energetic town center.

This venture would not have developed into reality without the diligent commitment and enthusiasm of our current Borough Council. This Borough Council has been successful in

acquiring close to \$1.1 million in Federal, State and Regional funding to frame this project as an affordable enhancement for our town. Securing this amount of subsidy for a single project is unique giving the robust accountability and formalities the Borough must fulfill to be even considered for aid.

The obligation by this Council to pursue a multitude of visions, partnerships and financial obligations while maintaining an open rapport with residents and businesses is key for continuous success and development.

President O'Connell thanked Council.

REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE

The Planning Commission met Thursday, May 18, 2015. They discussed the plans submitted by Interboro School District. The Plans were rejected for zoning issues, and there will be a Zoning Hearing on Monday, May 18, 2015. The Zoning fee has been paid, the hearing has been advertised, and letters have been sent to residents. Interboro School District is looking to make a drop off at the Kindergarten Academy for safer conditions, as well as additional parking spots. The project is estimated at \$1,570,000.00. Taxpayers should be made aware of their intentions. There were 11 recommendations made by the Bough Engineer Ms. Catania.

Mr. Moore read Mr. Cepis Zoning report for the month of April 2015. The report is as follows: 40 annual apartment inspections; 3 single annual inspections; 17 sale of property inspections; 1 duplex sale of property; 35 zoning and permit reviews.

The Zoning Officer John Cepis has been very busy with permits. Mr. Cepis did 96 inspections last month. He is doing an outstanding job.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. JUREK

There has been normal police and fire activity this past month.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON.

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

The Prospect Park Library will be hosting the following upcoming events and activities this summer: Kid's Fun Day – Saturday, June 13, 2015; Makin' Music Rockin' Rhythms - 11:00 a.m.; Annual Children's Book Fair – Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.; Splish, Splash Story Time – Wednesdays in July at 1:00 p.m.; Science in the Summer, chemistry theme – Monday, July 20, 2015 and Tuesday, July 21, 2015. There are summer reading programs for all ages and reading levels. You can have lots of fun, and earn cool prizes for reading throughout the summertime. Register online at www.prospectparklibrary.com.

The book club for adults meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MR. SCHREIBER

Mr. Schreiber made a motion to authorize advertisement for bids for sanitary main upgrade on Yagle Avenue, mid-block to 17th Avenue, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Schreiber made a motion to authorize the 2015 Joint Road Program, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – MR. CLEAVER

Mr. Cleaver was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bradley made a motion to advertise authorizing changes to the Park Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President O’Connell recognized Mayor Harris, who in turn recognized Pat Quinn. Mr. Quinn introduced Mr. Robert Kelly, Principal at Prospect Park Elementary and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Quinn introduced the Prospect Park Memorial Day Essay contest winners who read their essays: 6th Grade: Camryn Hagan 3rd place; Vivian Chen 2nd place; Maura Smith 1st place. 7th Grade: Emilee Goslee 3rd place (absent); Ariana Garrido 2nd place; Bailey Collington 1st place. 8th Grade: Samantha Shemeluk 3rd place; Riley Morrison 2nd place; Claire Simmonds 1st place.

Pat Quinn thanked Griffith Funeral Chapel for funding the essay contest and for their donation to the Prospect Park Library.

President O’Connell thanked Mr. Quinn for all his hard work with the essay contest. It is very much appreciated.

President O’Connell called a five minute recess.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE

Glen Schwenke, 923 7th Avenue, asked council who the D.A.R.E. officer is, and Chief Engel answered John Shemeluk.

Richard Quinlan, 912 Park Square, asked when the sign for Park Square will be installed. The movie people had signs and permits. Mr. McBlain stated that the ordinance for rules and regulations for the park are still in effect regarding behavior. What we need to do is to see the best way to take action and enforce these regulations.

Paul Johnson, 1021 Washington Avenue, spoke about organized groups that he had organized and stated he needed an insurance certification. Mr. McBlain stated that it is possible that an insurance certificate may be needed for large organized groups or rallies in the future, but not for the small groups that usually organize in the parks.

Mr. Johnson also stated that the road looks run down in front of his house, and asked if there would be any street service performed to that area. Mr. Schreiber said he would check into this for him.

Eileen Young, 907 E Park Square, thanked Council and the Solicitor for addressing the issue with the park ordinance. They really did a commendable job. What the residents would like is a

sign in the park that describes the Park Ordinance. Mrs. Young stated that the day after the last Council Meeting, we had a confrontation with that group of people who came back to the park. They had decided that it was their park, and for a time they ran young people off the courts. Officer Coffin spoke to the organizer. There have been no incidents since that time. Mrs. Young asked what we are doing with the back boards for the basketball courts. Mr. Schreiber said we took it down as a quick fix for the situation. Mr. Schreiber said he spoke to the Mayor about possibly having two half courts instead of a full court. This would alleviate the big groups having the full court games. Mrs. Young said to be fair, since the incident things have been fine. Mrs. Young doesn't feel it is necessary to change the full court to two half courts. A lot of people do play there, and they do play full court with no issues. Mr. Schreiber said they will probably put the backboard back up once the sign is in place.

Margaret McGoldrick, 918 W Park Square, would like the backboard back up again. It is very important to the community for the boys and the girls to play there, and they played fine until the flash mob came into the park. Mrs. McGoldrick said she really doesn't think it is beneficial to take them down.

Mrs. Shallet described a "Live in Delaware County" brochure that encourages people to live in Delaware County. Mrs. McGoldrick stated that there are a lot of abandoned houses and houses for sale and wants to know how that is attracting anyone to our town. She wants to know what is being done. President O'Connell stated that as the complaints are coming in, the Police Department and Code Enforcer are addressing them and looking at the complaints. President O'Connell stated that they did have this discussion a few months ago about the same thing. The Solicitor eluded there are certain things that you can and cannot do, and you have to give due diligence to the homeowners by notifying them. This can be a lengthy process to have something done to a property. The Mayor addressed Mrs. McGoldrick and stated that Mr. Cepis talks to the banks on a daily basis about these properties, and the Constitution prevents the government from going in and doing whatever they want. The banks aren't the easiest people to deal with because they are not in the real estate business.

Jane Smith, 719 Prospect Avenue, stated she is a realtor and she has some empty houses around her area. President O'Connell stated the Borough is addressing these problems as the complaints come into the Borough Office. The Code Enforcer, Mr. Cepis, stated that it is a process that we are working on, and we are addressing these issues.

Pat Quinn, 840 8th Avenue, stated that he went to Mr. Cepis with a couple of complaints and Mr. Cepis jumped right on those complaints. He stated that he does know that Mr. Cepis is working on these issues, and he thanked Mr. Cepis for the work he is doing. President O'Connell thanked Mr. Quinn.

President O'Connell told everyone to enjoy their holiday, and reminded everyone to remember our veterans.

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 8:45 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

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