

FEBRUARY 13, 2018
PROSPECT PARK, PA

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on February 13, 2018 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. Sutphin, Mrs. Faison and Mr. Schreiber. Mr. McBlain and Ms. Catania were also present. Mrs. Shallet and Mr. Moore were absent.

MINUTES

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 Council Meeting. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MRS. HURST

Mrs. Hurst read the Secretary's Report for the month of January 2018. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$339,308.51; Sewer Fund \$41,636.55; Liquid Fuels \$1.88 Escrow Fund 0.00; Recycling Fund \$0.00. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for January 2018. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell read over the agenda for tonight's meeting. No public comment.

President O'Connell recognized Junior Councilperson Madison Keller who presented the following Christmas House Decorating Winners with their gift: 1st precinct – Thomas Lyons, 432 Madison Avenue (not present); 2nd precinct – William and Tracy Maier – 601 11th Avenue; 3rd precinct – Michael Palma – 817 16th Avenue (not present); 4th precinct – Brian and Theresa Peltz – 817 16th Avenue (not present); 5th precinct – Kenneth and Mary Ann Terinoni – 1628 Holmes Road (not present).

President O'Connell recognized Mr. Sutphin. Mr. Sutphin thanked Sanitation Workers Tom McKenzie, Marty Getek, Steven Smith and Michael Huber for going above and beyond their call of duty. On an icy day, a woman fell and the workers took off their coats and placed them on her and under head and called 911 and stayed with her until help arrived. Mr. Sutphin commended for them for a job well done. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Smith were in attendance.

President O'Connell congratulated the winners and called a five minute recess. He also thanked the sanitation department for going above and beyond during the recent storm.

President O'Connell called the meeting back to order.

REPORT OF ENGINEER – LISA CATANIA

CDBG 2017 – Prospect Ave Improvements - Bid documents have been approved by OHCD. Will request authorization to bid for March award.

CDBG 2018 – Applications for projects have been submitted to OHCD.

Road Program 2017 – Completion Report has been submitted and approved by PaDOT.

Road Program 2018 – Resolution for 2018 County Aid will be presented for consideration.

Energy Audit –Energy Systems Group met to discuss study completed at visit various sites owned and maintained by the Borough. These included Borough Hall, Library, Maintenance Garage, Police Station and Pavilion. The Report includes energy savings anticipated with upgrades to the street lights, traffic signals, buildings HVAC, IT and Communications.

PADOT Resurfacing – PADOT has sent notification SR 420 – Lincoln Avenue will be part of a larger project for milling and paving that was let in December 2017. Work will occur in 2018.

DCNR Grant Opportunity – Grant round is open for recreation and open space. Deadline is April 2018.

STORM/SANITARY ISSUES:

Summit Avenue – Sinkhole behind the Summit Avenue homes will need to be repaired. I would recommend this be completed with the phase 2 work identified in our report of Summit Avenue 2014. Cost to repair inlet (verbal estimate) is \$14,000 and approximately 10’ of line will cost approximately \$12,000. The resident at 709 Summit has requested additional information as to the status of the work.

Norwood Avenue – A to U Services has been notified to complete replacement of inlet and regrading in rear yard. Work is expected to be started week of December 13. We are currently working on access into the yard.

Rear 16th Avenue Drainage - Residents at 712 and 714 16th Avenue have sent complaints regarding the removal of a 4” pipe discharge into the street to a pop up emitter within the grass area. Inlet in rear is collecting stormwater from rear yards, garages and the alley to the front of the property. A stormwater study would be necessary to remediate the drainage situation in this area that has worsened due to additional impervious surfaces within the drainage area. The alley is owned and maintained by the individual property owners. The ownership of the stormwater structure in the alley will need to be determined.

2nd Avenue Sanitary Sewer - A video inspection was completed for the sanitary main from Lincoln Avenue to Madison Avenue. A memo was generated. Results of the inspection are as follows:

The Health Officer/Plumbing Inspector should verify grease trap operation at the commercial properties. Excessive grease was found at sta 73 feet from Lincoln Avenue manhole.

Pipe is constructed at minimal to no slope in the first section of line causing issue with lateral backflow. Backflow preventers or reconstruction of the line is suggested.
Line is in excellent condition.

Madison Avenue Sanitary Sewer - A video inspection was completed for the sanitary main from Chester Pike to manhole in the rear yard at creek. A memo was generated. Results of the inspection indicate roots are prevalent. A heavy cleaning and root treatment is recommended.
11th & Washington Avenues Storm Sewer - A video inspection was completed for the 15" storm sewer. The inspection indicated no issues with the line. There is no explanation of the need for the inspection.

The highway supervisor asked Ms. Catania to check into the base failure at 16th & Evans Avenues. Ms. Catania believes this is being caused by an old trench. Bids were received, with A.F. Damon being the low bidder in the amount of \$1,800.00. This is to excavate and replace the trench. Ms. Catania recommended that the Borough accept the bid from A.F. Damon's bid this evening.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of January 2018. Officers responded to 23 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 22 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 22 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 29 medical emergencies. There were 10 motorist assistance calls, and 2 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 324 complaints.

The quality of life issues - there was one complaint filed for the month of January. That was given to the police department and handled. There were no vehicle citations issued.

There is nothing new to report on the 420 bridge project. All paperwork was submitted to PennDOT. We are awaiting the next step.

Mayor Harris could not attend the Downtown Revitalization Project meeting.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET

Mrs. Shallet was absent, but provided President O'Connell with the following report: the restaurant health inspections for 2018 have begun and are going well.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - MR. BRADLEY

The Borough is in need of crossing guards, so anyone interested should stop by the police department.

Parking permits for 2018 are now in effect. If you do not have your permit, you are reminded to get them now. If you have overnight guests, don't forget to call the car into the 610-534-PARK number.

Please clear your sidewalks of ice and snow to prevent slip and falls. Reminder – no commercial vehicles are allowed to be parked between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The fire truck is back in service.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN

Mr. McBlain had no action items this evening.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES – PRESIDENT O’CONNELL

PAYROLL - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for January 2018 which totaled \$133,132.03. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the payroll for January 2018, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS LIST – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of January 2018 to be paid in February 2018 in the amount of \$168,387.88. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Bill List, seconded by Mr. Schreiber. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: All members have a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for January 2018. Total cash balance General Fund: \$341,427.64; Sewer Fund: \$268,672.75; Highway Fund: \$198,678.39; Escrow Fund: \$101,263.49; Recycling Fund: \$7,612.66. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Mr. Schreiber. All in favor, motion carried.

The Steering Committee for the Downtown Awakening Project, which is being funded by the Delaware County Planning Department, met a few weeks ago. We were given some preliminary numbers and some information on the survey that was done. Hopefully a presentation will be done in the next few weeks and will be advertised.

REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE

Mr. Moore is still feeling under of the weather.

A request was submitted from the Planning Commission for changes to some of the Zoning Laws. President O’Connell gave that report to the Solicitor for review before any changes will be made.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS – MR. SUTPHIN

Mr. Sutphin thanked the sanitation workers Tom McKenzie, Marty Getek, Stephen Smith and Michael Huber again for going above and beyond the call of duty.

We are in the process of gathering bids for leaf machines and other machines that have to do with a recycling grant.

Mr. Sutphin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1858 – 2018 County Aid Application in the amount of \$7,560.00, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Sutphin made a motion for authorization to bid the 2017 CDBG Prospect Avenue Improvements, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Sutphin made a motion to approve the low bid from A.F. Damon, in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the repair the base at 16th & Evans Avenue, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON

Mrs. Faison made a motion to appoint Vicki Grant to the Recreation Board for a term ending December 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

The New Year's and Recognition Party went very well. Thanks to the Mayor and Council who attended the event. There were approximately 100 people in attendance.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Hollow. A senior group will be working the hunt. Community Day will be held on June 9th starting at 2:00 p.m. The fireworks are also on June 9th.

A food and music festival is scheduled for October 13, 2018, with a rain date of October 20th. The event will take place noon to 5:00 p.m. There will also be two summer concerts and two movie nights. Avalon String Band will be one of the bands performing. Dates are to be determined.

February 24th the library will hold a seasonal activities, crafts and readings event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REPORT OF BUILDING, PARKS AND SEWERS - MR. SCHREIBER

Mr. Schreiber met with Joe Dean from the Youth Club last week to get his wish list for the parks. Mr. Schreiber also walked though the buildings as well and got his own improvement list together.

Under the recycling grant, we are looking to add permanent recycling cans at the three parks.

Mr. Schreiber made a motion to authorize the DCNR Grant Work for Witmer Field, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON – MADISON KELLER

Ms. Keller had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

President O'Connell thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement Officer, Borough Engineer and Highway Department for all they did to get the raw sewage spill cleaned up in the Darby Creek. The police did catch the gentleman that was dumping the sewage. The DEP and the Fish Commission were notified. Charges and fines are being levied, which will be issued to the gentleman and his Company. We do not believe any wildlife or fish were affected.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE

Madison Keller, 1117 Washington Avenue, asked if someone could look into the dangerous situation at the corner of 11th Avenue and Amosland Road. You cannot see the cars coming. There are also cars parked too close to Amosland Road. Chief Engel will look into the situation.

Jennifer Shaefer, 714 16th Avenue, asked for an update on the water build up in the alley behind the 16th Avenue properties. Mr. McBlain stated that he investigated who is responsible and pulled the deeds for the properties at 712, 714 and 716 16th Avenue and there are no easements on the deeds for storm drains on record. Each property owner is responsible for their portion of the alley. There is an access easement for the 20' alley. Mr. McBlain agrees with Mr. Cepis that stormwater should not drain onto the street, as the State mandates. Mr. McBlain stated that if it is draining on the 712 16th Avenue property, it is supposed to stay on that property. Mr. McBlain reviewed with Ms. Catania the plans of the street and no sewer exists.

Bette Steele, 716, 718 16th Avenue, believes these properties are in danger of collapsing from the water build-up. She does not believe the Borough has the right to put properties in danger by closing off the storm drain. Ms. Steele had pictures. Her basement is filled with mud and water.

Maureen McDonald, 717 15th Avenue, also had pictures and stated that she cannot park in her garage due to the flooding. Her garage is sinking and something needs to be done. The sidewalk becomes an ice rink.

Ms. Catania asked who bought their property in 1988 and was the alley stoned or paved at that time. Ms. Steele believes that it was stone, but since then, half of the residents paved their portion of the alley. Once a paved area is stoned, there is going to be more water. There was only a 4" pipe was in the inlet and roof drains were tied in to this pipe. Ms. Steele stated she never received a response from her several complaints. Ms. Catania stated that she replied each time she received the complaint and that a letter was sent to Ms. Steele a few days ago addressing this issue. Ms. Steele begs to differ that she received any responses.

Ms. Catania explained again that this is a DEP Regulation and is part of the MS-4 Program. Applications are due in March to the DEP. If a resident repaves their driveway, a stormwater management report will need to be done. Residents are no longer allowed to wash their cars with soap. Taxpayer money needs to be spent to remove 10% of the suspended solids from the stormwater. This will take place in the next five years. The DEP will fine any municipality who

has stormwater draining onto the street. Ms. Catania has no record that this is a Borough storm sewer. That is why the Solicitor was requested to research the deeds.

Ms. Steele indicated that the emitter that was installed to help with the flooding is not functioning properly. Ms. Catania stated there may be debris in the emitter.

Mr. McBlain stated that the Borough needs to look for a solution. No one is denying that there is a flooding issue. Mr. McBlain asked the residents to let the Engineer look for a fix and see where we go from here to get relief for the residents. It may require private properties doing something to their properties. Ms. Steele does not feel spending thousands of dollars to install a drain on her property would be a solution. She believes the water would still drain onto her neighbors properties.

Mr. Schreiber stated that the solution may require the combination of the residents and the Borough. An example may be residents putting piping on their property. The bottom line is that the Borough cannot allow stormwater to drain onto the street.

President O'Connell remembers the fire company pumping out the alley and basements. Mr. Schreiber will work with Ms. Catania and Mr. McBlain. President O'Connell apologized for their frustration and will work to find a resolution.

Tracy Poole stated her daughter bought the house at 712 16th Avenue and was unaware of the situation. Ms. Poole is heartbroken for her daughter. President O'Connell is as concerned about the situation as the residents. Unfortunately, there are compliance issues the Borough has to follow. There is no grandfathering. We need to follow the rules of today. We are behind the eight ball because our town is 124 years old. President O'Connell's house is almost 100 years old. We are well aware of the situation and are working on it. There are other drainage concerns throughout the Borough. Hopefully we can come up with a resolution. Ms. Steele stated the resolution needs to be sooner than later.

Paul Johnson, 1021 Washington Avenue, thanked President O'Connell for authorizing and allowing us to host our first MLK day of service. Thanks to newly elected Councilman Greg Sutphin for coming out. There were eight volunteers from Prospect Park, Glenolden and Aston. The Witmer Field snack bar, meeting room and the equipment room were cleaned. Thanks Councilman Eric Schreiber for asking if we needed anything, such as trash bags. It just goes to show the energy of the people in Prospect Park. On Election Day there were some harmful things said that was racially discriminatory about my campaign and about me.

Mr. Johnson asked why the tax bills are not mailed directly to the resident's mortgage companies. Mr. McBlain does not know the answer to that, so he will look into it.

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 8:27 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary