

**JULY 11, 2017**  
**PROSPECT PARK, PA**

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on July 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. President O'Connell called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. President O'Connell asked everyone to remain standing and called a moment of silence for former Councilwoman Sally Cavender, who passed away last week.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES**

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017 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 June 2017. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$147,498.47; Sewer Fund \$33,536.43 Liquid Fuels \$2.18 Escrow Fund \$500.00; Recycling Fund \$0.00. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for June 2017. Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell read over the agenda for tonight's meeting. Phyllis Floyd, 604 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, congratulated the D.A.R.E. essay winners and indicated she did not know the D.A.R.E. program was still in existence. She usually attends the graduation and gives a donation. President O'Connell explained to Mrs. Floyd that any comments on D.A.R.E. would need to be done during public comment at the end of the meeting.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER – LISA CATANIA**

AQUA 2017 – AQUA representatives have identified 2017 projects. Schedule for this work has not been released, however AQUA has been advised that work located within the boundaries of the school should be scheduled for summer months to avoid conflicts and has determined work will be tentatively done in July. Streets affected are:

11<sup>th</sup> Ave - Pennsylvania to Washington; 10<sup>th</sup> Ave - Pennsylvania to Washington; 9<sup>th</sup> Ave - Lincoln to Washington (partial); 8<sup>th</sup> Ave - Summit to Washington; Summit Ave - 9<sup>th</sup> to Chester Pike and Pennsylvania Ave - 9<sup>th</sup> to Chester Pike.

AQUA 2016 - AQUA has advised they are willing to do a fee in lieu of milling and paving for the 2016 projects. (Madison, Prospect, Folsom, 13<sup>th</sup> and a portion of 12<sup>th</sup>). We have measured and completed a cost estimate for full width milling and paving. Cost is in the range of \$116,000. We will await the offer from AQUA. Ms. Catania's recommendation is to do a single lane.

Road Program 2017 - Contracts have been executed by Damon and have been forwarded to the Solicitor for review and execution by the Borough.

MS4 - Currently completing the mapping for the Prevention Plan required for submission in September.

**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.

Riverside Sinkhole - Sinkhole has been reported in front of 304 Riverside Avenue. Video inspection results conclude a lateral failure at the location of the sinkhole. There is also some joint infiltration and a small patch in the main that should be completed.

Washington Avenue Inlets - Two inlets at Washington and 11<sup>th</sup> have been inspected due to resident complaints of depressions in the road. The adjustment ring (bricks) has been compromised and should be reset and grouted.

Norwood Avenue – Investigated a resident complaint with regard to the concrete swale and inlet in rear yard of 1644 Norwood Avenue. The inlet adjustment ring is compromised and caused undermining of the concrete swale. Will suggest removal of the concrete swale and replacement with a vegetative swale to meet DEP Best Management Practice standards.

11<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Inlet Repair - Completed inspection and report. Sump condition inlet is deteriorated and should be completed as a priority. Work is approximated at \$6000.

Ms. Catania had a meeting with OHCD regarding the 2017 CDBG project.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS**

Mayor Harris thanked Mrs. Hassel, teacher from the elementary school, for attending the meeting this evening. Mayor Harris introduced D.A.R.E. Officer John Saddic who introduced the following essay winners who read their essays: Seseena Abraham, Giovionni Patete and Diyor Hakberkiyev. Winners not present where: Gianna Munro, Chloe Cathey and Michael Pappas. Mayor Harris congratulated the winners and had his picture taken with them and John Saddic. Chief Engel will be sure that the winners not in attendance receive their certificates.

President O'Connell congratulated the winners and thanked John Saddic for continuing to teach D.A.R.E. and called for a five minute recess.

Mayor Harris attended the D.A.R.E. graduation. He thanked Principal Kelly and the Police Department, especially John Saddic, for continuing to teach D.A.R.E. Mayor Harris apologized to Mrs. Floyd for not letting her know the program was continuing. He was not aware she donated and attended the graduation.

Mayor Harris suggests all who have not been to New York to see Ellis Island and the 911 Museum to do so. It is well worth attending.

Chief Engel received a letter from residents on Nassau Boulevard thanking Officer's Reeves and O'Neill for responding to their call when their car was broken into on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The officers went above and beyond. The suspect was apprehended.

There were 7 vehicles cited and 16 complaints for the month of June. Each complaint is being worked on.

Mayor Harris heard from Leslie Richards from PennDOT indicating that all four lanes on Route 420 will remain. During construction, one lane on each side will need to be closed to replace the bridge. The trail will continue as planned.

Mayor Harris met with DCPD and DVRPC to discuss the Downtown Awakening Program to review the conditions. This project will be from Chester Pike to the Amtrak Bridge. This program is going to continue to revitalize the downtown and help the business owners.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was well attended. There was much discussion at the park and on social media about not having hot dogs. Mayor Harris explained that this is a new committee and they were trying something new. Mayor Harris thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, the Ticknor brothers, Greg Sutphin, Paul Johnson and the Highway Department for all they did to make it a success.

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of June 2017. Officers responded to 25 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 17 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 27 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 43 medical emergencies. There were 10 motorist assistance calls, and 5 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 410 complaints.

#### **REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET**

Mrs. Shallet attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND PARKS - MR. BRADLEY**

Mr. Bradley thanked the highway department crew for the great job they did cleaning the park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The trees in the parks are being looked into to see which would need to be taken down.

#### **REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN**

Mr. McBlain stated that there are two action items on the agenda for this evening. The Act 44 Ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the FOP. This DROP Program is regulated by the State. It is revenue neutral to the Borough. The program adds value by keeping key employees.

The Recreation Board was given a copy of the Recreation Board Ordinance on the agenda this evening for review and comment.

**REPORT OF FINANCE – PRESIDENT O’CONNELL**

**PAYROLL** - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for June 2017 which totaled \$161,872.98. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the payroll for June 2017, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS LIST** – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of June 2017 to be paid in July 2017 in the amount of \$125,146.61. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Bill List, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** All members have a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for June 2017. Total cash balance General Fund: \$1,521,782.91; Sewer Fund: \$696,650.35; Highway Fund: \$264,866.78; Escrow Fund: \$170,167.09 Recycling Fund: \$4,234.67. Mr. Schreiber made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

**REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE**

Mr. Moore stated that Mrs. Cavender served on Council for over 20 years and served on many different boards. Mr. Moore thanked Sally for her contributions to these boards. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

The Planning Commission did not hold a meeting in June. However, the members are continuing to contact other municipalities collecting their ordinances on corner properties.

Mr. Moore asked if the Lincoln Avenue contractor has been back. President O’Connell stated “no”.

Mr. Moore read The Zonings Officer Report for the month of June: 33 zoning & permit reviews.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. JUREK**

Mr. Jurek was absent.

President O’Connell entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1341 adding the Act 44 Drop Program to the FOP Agreement. Mr. Schreiber made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

**REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON**

Mrs. Faison was absent.

President O’Connell entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1340 governing the administration of the Recreation Board. Mr. Schreiber made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

President O’Connell announced that the Avalon String Band will be performing in Park Square on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MR. SCHREIBER**

Grass cutting in the parks continues, as well as inlet cleaning. The 420 bridge lines have also been cleared.

## **JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON**

President O'Connell announced that the Borough will have a new Junior Councilperson starting in September once school starts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Moore informed the Mayor, Council and the audience that John Cepis has four sons. All are involved in rowing. The older two boys, Matt and Ben, rowed at Roman Catholic and the University of Pennsylvania. Matt has since graduated, and was sent to England after graduation to be an assistant coach. His younger sons, John and James, currently row for Roman Catholic. Mr. Moore congratulated John's son Ben for being chosen to represent the United States in the U-23 World Rowing Championship in Bulgaria in a few weeks. This is a huge accomplishment and we wish Ben the best. President O'Connell also congratulated Ben and John.

Ms. Catania stated that OHCD, in connection with County Council, will begin a housing program that will help residents with new roofs, plumbing, lateral issues. This project will not help with heating issues. The residents would need to meet the income and other requirements that go along with this project.

President O'Connell was notified by a resident that Verizon set up a tent at 4<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Avenues inviting residents to sign up for internet and phone. Verizon indicated to the residents that Prospect Park refused to negotiate with them regarding cable. This is completely untrue. We have contacted Verizon numerous times to schedule a meeting and have heard nothing back.

Mr. McBlain explained that Verizon stopped with installation of Fios lines and moved onto Philadelphia where they could reach more houses. This was a business decision by Verizon.

## **MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE**

Bob Horn, 220 Lincoln Avenue, asked if the street sweeper was still in service. President O'Connell replied "no". Mr. Horn said that awhile back Mr. Moore discussed changing Lincoln Avenue from Chester Pike to the creek from a residential district to a commercial district. Mr. Moore stated that the Planning Commission is taking that under advisement and will get with the Solicitor and Engineer before any action is taken. Mr. Horn wanted to know how this will affect the residents, as far as taxes, etc. Mr. Moore is not sure at this time. There will be public meetings held with the residents before anything is done. Mr. Moore explained that the majority of Lincoln Avenue is currently commercial. President O'Connell and Mayor Harris explained that this change was suggested by a Joint Comprehensive Plan between Prospect Park and Glenolden.

Phyllis Floyd, 604 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked Ms. Catania for mentioning the new housing program. She believes this will help with some of the properties she is always complaining about.

Mrs. Floyd asked Mayor Harris about the Awakening Project. Mayor Harris explained that they only have one meeting so far and that the idea behind the program is to attract certain businesses and not allow certain businesses.

Mrs. Floyd asked if Amtrak was painting the bridge. President O'Connell is not sure what Amtrak is currently working on at the bridge. He believes they are doing foundation work on the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue side.

Mrs. Floyd asked what is happening with the Lincoln Avenue contractor. President O'Connell explained there are a few punch list items remaining.

Mrs. Floyd apologized for her reaction at last week's Workshop Meeting.

Mrs. Floyd stated she found a dead bird on her front porch. Mrs. Shallet told her to contact Delaware County Board of Health. They are very helpful. Mrs. Floyd can find that information on the Delaware County website.

Gene White, 934 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about photo opportunities for the different boards. President O'Connell told Mr. White to get with Councilman Schreiber.

Paul Johnson, 1021 Washington Avenue, asked if parking permits are permitted to be placed on commercial vehicles. Mayor Harris explained that they are not allowed on vehicles over 8,000 pounds or vehicles with writing on them. If they are found to have a parking permit they can be revoked.

William Hamilton, 622 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is asking for help with the property located at 620 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They filed a complaint about the conditions of the back yard. The overgrowth is intolerable. Mr. Hamilton was cutting the front grass for quite some time now and cannot do it anymore. Mayor Harris explained he is aware of this property and the situation and assured Mr. Hamilton it will get taken care of, it will just take a little bit of time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

President O'Connell entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah A. Hurst  
Borough Secretary