

Meeting Minutes

FOLCROFT BOROUGH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 4 2020

PRESIDENT – Joseph Papaleo: Call the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Mayor: Flag Salute and Invocation.

Roll Call (Council President Papaleo, Councilman Kyle Willis, Councilwoman Leigh Daly, Councilman Nick Waters, Councilwoman Malinda Isaac, Councilman Jason McGuigan, Councilman Robert Ruskowski, Mayor Bob Frey, Solicitor Alex Baumler, Secretary/Manager Andrew Hayman)

Public Comment: None

Public Finance & Administration - *Mr. Papaleo*

- The HR consulting proposal by Delco Business Solutions, to be considered at the February committee meeting. Michael Diaz explained his proposal – specifically, services provided would include the creation of formal policies, the installation of a time clock, hiring/firing, FMLA, workers compensation and other issues were discussed. Mr. Diaz explained that he would charge \$1,000 for the service. Mr. Diaz also noted that he has already performed a free review of current policy and procedure. Jason McGuigan inquired as to the nature of a code of conduct and asked how it would be implemented, specifically with regard to a collective bargaining unit.
- Andrew Hayman briefly discussed hiring Denise DiPasquale and provided a copy of her resume. Ms. Pasquale is Andrew Hayman’s proposed choice for the new “office of senior services” and would begin after a meeting directly before the 2/18 meeting.

Public Works Committee - *Mr. Willis*

- The removal of the Borough fence, which Joe Papaleo felt is unseemly, was discussed. Borough Manager Andrew Hayman was empowered to investigate the possibility of having the fence removed. Councilman Willis discussed various issues regarding the Library, specifically noting that the clock tower light is out and that whether the fluorescent bulb should be replaced with and LCD bulb.

Public Safety Committee - *Mr. Ruskowski*

- Councilwoman Daly discussed that there is currently a missing child from Folcroft. Councilman Ruskowski noted that it is currently believed the child was taken by a parent or ran off. Police officers presentat

- Councilman Waters suggested looking into installing lighting down Delmar Drive to brighten up the area. Council considered whether or not funds would be available for the County or the State.

Public Health and Literacy - *Ms. Isaac*

- Paul Summers gave a 45 minute presentation about Youth Aid Panels. Mr. Summers discussed what sorts of cases could and could not be heard by a Youth Aid Panel, what punishments were and recidivism rates (noted at being as low as under 5%) Mr. Summers also discussed the history of the program, which is now in most municipalities in Delaware County.

Municipal Planning and Zoning – *Mr. Waters*

- Mr. Waters discussed renewing an expired contract with the Brandywine SPCA. It was discussed whether or not costs incurred to the Borough could be forward-shifted to residents and/or businesses.

Public Parks and Recreation – *Ms. Daly*

- Though discussed previously, Councilwoman. Daly and Andrew Hayman discussed fencing in a small section of the property directly behind the municipal building (closest to Primos Ave) for the creation of a community garden. Engaging with an organization called “Organic Mushrooms” which would provide free mushroom compost and SEPTA for (potentially) used railroad ties was discussed by Councilwoman Daly and Andrew Hayman. Lastly, Councilwoman Daly discussed the upcoming Easter holiday and suggested planning a community event for 4/12/20.

Municipal Legislation – *Mr. McGuigan*

- Councilman McGuigan discussed a proposed ordinance (as noted, supported by Folcroft Police) which would allow officers to specifically ticket and eventually tow vehicles with expired and/or no registration. Alex Baumler noted that there must be public comment on this issue before voting as Andrew Hayman and Joe Papaleo were unclear. Leigh Daly discussed how burdensome this would be on residents of Delmar Village.
- The hypothetical parameters of a parking permit program for Delmar village was discussed. Councilman Papaleo described his vision for this program. Specifically, Councilman Papaleo explained that he believes there to be a severe parking scarcity in the Delmar Village section. Further, Councilman Papeleo discussed the possibility that revenue collected could be used to repair the degraded back alleyways in Delmar Village. New PECO excavation, expected to last approximately one year, in Delmar Villiage as well as other hindrances were discussed by Council.
- Councilman McGuigan discussed the possibility of Folcroft Borough creating an anti-LGBTQIA ordinance/resolution was discussed. Alex Baumler explained what a “Human Rights Commission” would be and how it functions. Alex explained that residents would not necessarily

need to report a claim to the Borough, however they would have the right to do so. Councilman McGuigan stated that he believed it would be the least we could do to combat discrimination.

New Construction Committee – Mr. McGuigan

- Councilman Mcguigan provided a brief overview of the status of the bidding process. He noted that a business planning meeting had been held directly before the committee meeting and it had ended in the conclusion that bids would be sent out in roughly one month.

No new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.