

MEETING MINUTES

FOLCROFT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2020

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

Mayor Frey took a moment of silence for all those who have died as a result of COVID 19. The pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Audience Participation

Engineer's Report

Engineer Lisa Catania said that she would have all information for the CDBG that is due tomorrow at 4:00pm. She said she would make copies and send them to the Borough for record. She said she would have the road program bid ready by the end of the week and that it would be available for the February meeting as there would not be enough time for the January meeting. She said we would then move forward with the project when the plants open in April. She asked if a check from PECO had already sent the check. Mike Hill said that he did not have the information but considering that the total was over \$400,000 it was likely not the case.

Public Finance & Administration - *Mr. Papaleo*

- Council President Papaleo noted that there was some interest in purchasing a Police vehicle. He said that Manager Hayman had sent around information that Chief Bair forwarded to him about it. Chief Bair described some differences in past budgets but that this was adjusted for 2021 to \$35,000. Council President Papaleo and Councilman Willis confirmed that there is a line item in the budget for miscellaneous Police expenses of \$20,000 as well. Chief Bair said he chose a Chevy Tahoe because an equivalent vehicle would take until October to deliver. Council President Papaleo asked if a motion needed to be made that night. Solicitor Alex Baumler said that it should wait unless this is urgent. Chief Bair said that this was something that would be ready to pick up.

A motion to authorize an expenditure for up to \$35,000 for a Police Vehicle was made by Councilman Ruskowski and seconded by Councilwoman Isaac. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President Papaleo asked Mike Hill how he felt about the originally temporary financial services that e-Collect provides. He said that now that all accounts are reconciled and that he enjoys the work, especially now that all heavy lifting is done. He said that now all the bills are paid and nobody is chasing

anyone down he enjoys it. Council President Papaleo said that this is something he wanted to talk over with his committee and that he is glad to hear this. He said he was comfortable keeping e-Collect.

Manager Hayman read the following comment into the record after being made aware that there was a single public comment:

“Good morning

Merry Christmas & thank you for all you do for our Borough! Just a quick question- when they repave our roads, would we be able to get a speed bump or two on Delview? People FLY down our street (especially a little black car, who doesn't even live on our street). Once they come off Grant & around the curve, they floor it because they see it's a straight run. No regard for kids, pets or people in general. I know we'd have to go to a meeting (or join zoom) to suggest this. I'm just wondering if it's even a possibility. They have them on Providence Road, going up to Kohl's

Our one mailman (Joe) said he almost got hit, more than once! He said he lives in Philly & his street got the removable ones. He has an autistic son & everyone was nervous about him possibly getting hurt”

Council President Papaleo said that he is not averse to the idea but that there were some conditions to consider such as snow removal and access to emergency vehicles, noting that some households do support speeding when they need an ambulance. Chief Bair said that you can't catch someone doing everything, every time and that if Council would like him to do a speed trap next time he can. He said the only place we had serious speeding was on Delmar Drive and that there are now lines there to address this. Council President Papaleo said that this street is hazardous with people illegally parked on one side. Council President Papaleo asked if this street was examined. Chief Bair said no, listing the streets that were studied.

Councilwoman Daly suggested removable speed bumps. Council President Papaleo said he was not against removable speed bumps. Councilwoman Isaac noted that there are possibly already some removable speed bumps on Providence Road and that this is done well. Councilwoman Daly said that this would be preferential compared to emplacing concrete or asphalt as they could be tested out to randomly slow down residents. Councilwoman Daly said that her husband has witnessed this many times and that she believed that, as Chief Bair noted, this would only catch one and two cars and that it would be adjustable. Council President Papaleo asked who would emplace these and asked the legality around the matter.

Chief Bair said that those speed humps have signs that say “speed hump ahead”. Engineer Lisa Catania said these are called speed “tables” and that she personally designed these, which are in Morton Borough. She said there are several by the High School in Upper Chichester as well and that we are required to put in signage. Engineer Lisa Catania said that there are also many complaints from neighboring households who hear the percussion from vehicles. She said that any traffic study should begin with petitions which can then be sent to PennDOT. She said there are also requirements from PennDOT about where we can place them. She said that if they are emplaced improperly we could lose Liquid Fuels money. She said typically a resident must put in an application and then the Chief of Police

must put in a speed study. She suggested that the Chief should not do the study until after PECO finishes their work as right now some people are trying to get away from Taylor Drive. She said that it should wait until the completion of trench restoration. She said a speed table is different than a speed hump as speed humps take longer to get over than speed tables. Chief Bair said he would contact Parkside tomorrow to learn about it. Council President Papaleo thanked the resident for contributing this comment.

Council President Papaleo mentioned the possibility of bringing some inspections and permits in house. He said some rental inspections and permits should be brought in house. He said there are specifications and certifications and training required and it isn't a simple position. He asked if anyone wanted to add anything to this.

Public Works Committee - *Mr. Willis*

- Councilman Willis had no new business.

Public Safety Committee - *Mr. Ruskowski*

- Councilman Ruskowski had no new business.

Public Health and Literacy - *Ms. Isaac*

- Councilwoman Isaac said she spoke to Jennifer Ulad today and that she is in the process of getting quotes for flooring and getting matching grants to help for funding as well, regarding pricing. She said they are still doing curbside service and the porch lights need to be fixed. She said they are not working as we know from the Christmas Tree. Council President Papaleo directed Manager Hayman to have Shawn Payne look into these matters. He also asked if the flooring must be bid out. Engineer Lisa Catania said that she did look into the grant funding and she was bringing over the flooring examples. She said that if it was over \$25,000 it would have to be bid. Council President Papaleo said if hardwood instead of a carpet it would be expensive. Engineer Lisa Catania said that it was tile, similar to that used in Ridley Township.

Municipal Planning and Zoning – *Mr. Waters*

- Councilman Waters was not present. Council President Papaleo said there was no new business here.

Public Parks and Recreation – *Ms. Daly*

- Councilwoman Daly had no new business.

Municipal Legislation – *Mr. Waters*

- Councilman Waters was not present. Council President Papaleo said there was no new business here.

New Construction Committee – *Mr. Willis*

- Councilman Willis said that Alex Baumler could give an update about the closing of the loan. Solicitor Alex Baumler said that we are currently going back and forth with the bank about everything and that it is slow moving because of the holidays. Mike Hill prepared the debt documents needed and that now only minor details must be completed. Council President Papaleo confirmed that once this is completed we would be ready to break ground, to which Solicitor Alex Baumler confirmed. Council President Papaleo directed Manager Andrew Hayman to look into this matter and continue to communicate regarding the RACP grant. Councilman Willis said that once the loan is closed we can reevaluate for the next step.

Parking Permit Committee – Mr. Willis

- Councilman Willis had no new business but said he would be scheduling a new meeting and that he hoped to have more information soon.

Council President Papaleo asked Mike Hill and Lisa Catania to stay on the meeting after it adjourns.

There was a slight delay as Council President Papaleo was ejected from the virtual meeting. Councilman Willis temporarily took over.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Bair said that there was no new business. He said that he wanted to discuss the crossing guards pay and raise, asking for clarification about what their raise should be. Councilman Ruskowski said he believed this had to be agreed upon between the school district and the Borough. Manager Hayman said that he was not aware of an agreement but he would check.

Council President Papaleo reentered the meeting. Chief Bair said that we were discussing the crossing guards and wanted to thank Council again for the vehicle.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Alex Baumler had nothing to report.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Mike Hill said he had submitted checks for December and finalized the Amortization schedule for the Republic Bank loan.

Borough Manager's Report

Manager Hayman said that he sent out a Manager's report on Sunday. One thing he wanted to discuss is that there were some slight delays with the Backhoe. He said that he and Shawn Payne went and looked at it today and Shawn noted 15 issues that must be repaired with the vehicle, from minor wear and tear to dents. He said the vehicle has lower hours (usage) than previously expected. He said United Rentals agreed to repair all items prior to delivery and that he and Shawn are comfortable with this situation. Lastly, he noted that Shawn Payne did a fantastic job reviewing this vehicle.

Manager Hayman said there were between 40-50 code enforcement violations written beginning after the 24 hour deadline to shovel snow after the snow. He said that most of these sidewalks were shoveled within just a few hours of the ticket being issued. He said that he personally inspected Borough streets and they seemed to be cleaner than in neighboring municipalities. Council President Papaleo said there were some complaints on social media from residents who were being disingenuous. Manager Hayman thanked his staff for their work.

Manager Hayman said that at least 1/3 of Use and Occupancy Permit requests had gone out and the remainder should go out tomorrow. He thanked Senator Anthony Williams, who picked five households of residents in need to give gift cards to. Council President Papaleo thanked Senator Williams and suggested sending out a thank you card. Council President Papaleo asked how the Rep. Dellosa Tax/Rent Rebate program worked. Without going into specifics, Manager Hayman said that several residents received rebates and that one received \$975.00. Manager Hayman reviewed how residents could qualify for a property tax or rent rebate.

Council President Papaleo said he noted that he saw the bulk of PECO work has concluded and he said he saw that trench restoration seems to have stalled and asked Manager Hayman to look into it. Councilwoman Daly said that he believed PECO needed to come back and sweet the Delmar Village section of the Borough as there is a lot of debris. Manager Hayman said it might be best to ask ULS services to come out and sweep again and that he had already done this. Manger Hayman also noted that a plow was actually damaged due to the choppiness of the trenches and that \$600 in damage was done, however ULS agreed to pay for the damage. Council President Papaleo suggested enacting an ordinance that would force contractors to pay to fully repave a street after an opening.

Old Business

Council President Papaleo asked Lisa Catania, Mike Hill, Councilman Willis and Manager Hayman to stay on after the meeting to discuss old bills.

There was no new Business

Adjournment

Councilwoman Isaac made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ruskowski. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm with Manager Hayman, Councilman Willis, Council President Papaleo, Mike Hill and Engineer Lisa Catania staying on.