

Council Meeting Minutes

1/21/2020

The regular monthly meeting of Folcroft Borough Council was held on the above date at the Folcroft Municipal Building 1555 Elmwood Avenue, Folcroft, PA.

PRESIDENT – Joseph Papaleo: Called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mayor: Flag Salute and Invocation at 7:01pm

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:

Motion to Approve the Minutes for the January 6th 2020 Reorganization Meeting.

Engineer's Report – Lisa Catania

Lisa Catania reported that a consultant has a plan to remediate the property. The Safe Store (on Chester Pike) plans were received. They are currently seeking conditional preliminary approval. A flood study is required.

- Lisa noted that the CDBG final payment to the contractor has been completed for all work in the amount of \$6,539.26 was made. It was noted that the 2018 CDBG is essentially complete.
- Lisa noted that the 2019 block grant funding will be for Folcroft ave turn around where the Folcroft ave bridge will be removed. This will be contingent on the bridge removal and will be for landscaping.
- Lisa discussed the status of the 2019 road program and noted that no paving can be done after 12/1
- Lisa noted that Delco Greenways grant application has been submitted for partial funding for the new amphitheater project. She explained that greenway funds should be allocated.
- Councilman McGuigan asked if we are ready to big out the RACP project. Lisa Catania explained that a business plan must be put together. It was mentioned that there would be a total of 5 bids for different aspects of the project going out at once. Advertising such bids would cost the borough less and allow for more of them.

Public Finance & Administration - *Mr. Papaleo*

- Motion to accept the HR consulting proposal by Delco Business Solutions, to be considered at the February committee meeting was passed with 6 votes and Councilman McGuigan abstaining.

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2019 was passed unanimously
- Motion to approve the Bill List for the month of December, 2019 was passed unanimously
- Motion to approve 2020 Holiday Operation Schedule, Resolution No. 2020-01 was passed unanimously

Public Works Committee - *Mr. Willis*

- Councilman Willis had no new business

Public Safety Committee - *Mr. Ruskowski*

- Motion to approve the Police Chief's Report for the month of January 2020 was approved, unanimously
- Motion to approve the Fire Marshall's Report for the month of December 2019 was approved, unanimously
- Motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for the month of December 2018 was approved, unanimously

Public Health and Literacy - *Ms. Isaac*

- Councilwoman Isaac discussed various issues at the public library, including a possible infestation of vermin in the ceiling, the sign is broken, carpets need to be replaced and other issues. Andrew Hayman agreed to call Orkin for this matter
- Councilwoman Isaac also discussed the possibility of creating youth panels for a diversionary court system which would keep juveniles from reoffending. Cpl Dan White offered to investigate the matter further by contacting nearby municipalities (such as Springfield) where this is already in place.
- Alex Baumler explained that this is the purview of the judiciary and anything through the municipality would be non-binding. Councilman McGuigan and Alex Baumler clarified the nature of this program. Cpl White explained that this would only be for first time offenders and that most cases come from habitual offenders

Municipal Planning and Zoning – *Mr. Waters*

- Councilman Waters had no new business

Public Parks and Recreation – *Ms. Daly*

Councilwoman Daly had no new business

Municipal Legislation – *Mr. McGuigan*

- Councilman McGuigan had no new business

- A resident who arrived after the meeting began interjected to discuss his neighbors smoking marijuana and the degradation of the shared alleyways in the Delmar Village. Lisa Catania and this resident discussed the feasibility of remedying this situation.
- President Papaleo suggested that the Borough could potentially repave these shared driveways. This resident agreed to the possibility that he would sit on a resident committee related to this matter and advise Council.
- The resident also requested that he would like to have a bathroom installed in his basement. He and Lisa Catania also debated the matter. Councilman McGuigan submitted that this could cause issues.

New Construction Committee – Mr. McGuigan

- Councilman McGuigan discussed the current status of new projects in the municipality

Police Chief's Report

- Cpl Dan White gave the Police Chief's report. Mayor Frey inquired about a recent police raid involving several local and state agencies at a home on Taylor Drive. Cpl White was unaware of the exact address of this raid. Mayor Frey discussed nuisance property rules in Folcroft Borough.

Solicitor's Report

- Alex Baumler gave the Solicitor's report

Finance Director's Report

- Mark Possenti gave the Finance Director's report

Borough Manager's Report

- Andrew Hayman gave the Borough Manger's report. Andrew discussed new office policies and procedures and briefly discussed the intended purpose of hiring "Delco Business Solutions" for HR consulting. Andrew Hayman discussed his proposal for the "Office of Senior Services."

Old Business

- No old business was discussed

New Business

- No new business was discussed

Adjournment – the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:54pm