

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The meeting was called to Order by Council President David Quarry.

Mayor Brown gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call indicated the following members present: President David Quarry, Vice-President Jim Bair, Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., John Gradwell, Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds, Chief Rufus Brenneman, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Sign In Sheet attached

Jay Brous, 2313 Warm Springs Avenue, asked Manager Wheeler what he is going to do about the lights on Smithfield Bridge. This has been going on for 9 months. Manager Wheeler stated that the Borough has signed the necessary paper work and he sent it to PennDOT. He has had repeated conversations with Mike Peachey. Mr. Peachey has contacted PennDOT's Electrical Contractor.

Mr. Brous asked about a tree lying at the base of the Orlady Wall as you are coming around the bend between 11th and 12th Streets. If it rolls out from the wall, a car could hit it as it travels around the bend of the wall.

Dean Harris asked if any Councilmembers were interested in getting free money to help with Water and Sewer Lines. Councilperson Bair responded that he passed the information along he does not know where it went after that.

Mike Smith, 315 11th Street, he was wondering what the Code Enforcement Officers job is. On December 22 the Code Enforcement Officer was treating sidewalks of properties that the owners did not. Manager Wheeler stated he instructed Mr. Shaffer to go out and treat the sidewalks. He felt it was a safety

issue. The Property Owner from each property that he treated was then sent a bill. This is all done according to the Ordinance.

Jeff Gill, 1524 Mifflin Street, asked Manager Wheeler why the Code Enforcement Officer is going to salt residence sidewalks. He asked why the Borough has an Ordinance for people to clear their sidewalks if the Borough is going to go salt it. Manager Wheeler stated the Ordinance states snow must be removed within 24 hrs. after the snow stops. Manager Wheeler felt that it was better to make people safe.

Executive Session called: 7:41 pm reconvened at 7:58 pm. A decision was made. A motion will be made later in the meeting.

WELCOME TO VISITORS: President Quarry welcomed the visitors and asked that anyone wishing to address Council come forward and states his or her name and address for the record.

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to approve the following minutes. **Motion carried.**

- a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, January 5, 2017
- b. Community Development Committee Meeting, January 5, 2017
- c. Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting, January 5, 2017
- d. Maintenance Committee, January 10, 2017
- e. Public Safety Committee Meeting, January 10, 2017
- f. Administrative Committee Meeting, January 10, 2017
- g. Regular Council Meeting, January 17, 2017

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the bills payable for January 2017 be approved for payment. Invoices have been reviewed. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the Financial Statements for December 2016 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Old Business – None

New Business

Motion was made by Councilperson Decker, seconded by Councilperson Houck recommending the approval of the 2017 Strategic Plan. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of a \$4000.00 contribution to the Huntingdon Borough 250th Celebration. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Council Enyeart recommending the approval of a \$4000.00 contribution to the Huntingdon Borough 250th Birthday Celebration. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Payment

Motion was made by Councilperson Bair, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart recommending the approval of payment of Invoice #76843 to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$2,703.50 for Contract #1 – Water Plant Improvements. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Councilperson Houck, seconded by Councilperson Bair recommending the approval of the promotion of Jeff Buckley to the Chief of Police position. This is conditioned on the contract review with Council, Jeff Buckley and the Solicitor. Motion carried.

Announcements: There were not any announcements.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Bair did not have a report.

Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee - Chairperson Houck did not have a report.

Maintenance Committee – Chairperson Enyeart stated that Supt. Yarnell has been given authorization to buy a saw to cut the roads.

Councilperson Gradwell asked we are having clean-up day this year. Manager Wheeler stated that we pulled that out of the recycling contract and there is money set aside in the budget.

Community Development Committee – Chairperson Decker reported that the Borough’s 2017 Strategic Plan will be available on the Borough’s website and facebook for people to review.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Isenberg did not have a report.

Chief’s Report – Chief Brenneman stated this is his last Council Meeting. He has 26 plus years with the Borough. He thanked Council for promoting Corp. Buckley to the Chief of Police position. He stated to Council that they have made a very good choice.

Administrative Committee - Chairperson Quarry did not have a report.

Council President’s report- President Quarry stated to Chief Brenneman that he is very sorry to see him go. He commended the Maintenance and Water and Sewer Departments employees for their good work and the projects they have gotten done. He announced that we will be working on waterlines later this year. We are open for suggestions.

Mayor’s report-Mayor Brown thanked Council for accepting their recommendation. She told Council one thing they have done is increased employee moral. She looks forward to working with Corp. Buckley

Solicitor’s report-Solicitor Wilson had nothing to report.

Engineer’s report-Engineer Reynolds thanked Council for retaining their firm for engineering services. She reported that HRI remobilized today to start the punch list.

Borough Manager’s Report-Manager Wheeler reported that with the completion of punch list wrap-up, all bills will be paid except for the \$25,000.00 clerical error at DOL. PennDot was working at the Muddy Run at 7th, 9th and 11th Streets. They ran into methane gas at 10th Street.

Manager Wheeler reported that the RFP for the Orlady Wall has been completed.

Councilperson Decker asked Manager Wheeler the status of the project at Juniata College and Moore Street. Manager Wheeler responded that it is moving forward.

Councilperson Gradwell thanked the Maintenance Dept. for trimming brush.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilperson Gradwell, seconded by Councilperson Enyeart to adjourn. Motion carried.

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

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