

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joseph A. Pompa.

PRESENT: A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Joseph A. Pompa; Patrick Plummer; Jeffrey Ketner; Mark L. Shawley; Joyce Lowe, and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Nathan Karn, Building Code Official Gerald Harbison, Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope, Fire Marshal David Zeek and Chief Rodney B. Estep . Councilman Sean Burke and Mayor Joseph R. Dodson were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The minutes dated June 13, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Shawley to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Ketner. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret reported that the Borough awarded its third CDBG grant for housing rehab.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that there was nothing new to report in the financials.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gerald (Jerry) Harbison advised that his report was in their agenda binders.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS: Katrina advised that the annual Farmers Market had started on Tuesday.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Dave Zeek reported that he had two burning complaints of persons burning unlawfully in their recreational fire pits. The company has started their fire drills at facilities in the Borough.

DAN BRADLEY, AUDIT REPORT: Mr. Bradley reported that the Borough earned a "clean opinion" on their 2018 financial audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Schaeffer, 606 Blair Street: spoke negatively about water issues at his property that he

alleges are due to work performed by PENNDOT. He also commented negatively that PENNDOT'S property near him has high grass.

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: spoke in support of changes to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

OPEN AGENDA: No one had anything for open agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18, CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution no. 2019-18, Consent Agenda, approves Bill List # 7 in the amount of \$115,851.63 and three Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-18 was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Councilman Burke had requested that this item be on the agenda for discussion. Although Councilman Burke was not in attendance, Zoning Officer Gerald Harbison made a brief presentation about comprehensive plans. The item will be kept on the agenda for next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION: STOP SIGNS: Chief Estep made a presentation and recommendations regarding stop signs in the Borough. Following the presentation, Council discussed and a motion was made by Mr. Ketner to move forward with Chief Estep's recommendations to amend the Traffic Code regarding placement of stop signs. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: 606 BLAIR STREET: Mr. Harbison presented photos of 606 Blair Street and the area around it during a rain event. There was discussion about PENNDOT'S responsibility toward Mr. Schaeffer regarding his complaints. It was recommended that his issues should be addressed with State Representative Jim Gregory and Senator Judy Ward. Mr. Harbison will contact PENNDOT regarding the high grass reported by Mr. Schaeffer during public comment.

AMTRAN FUNDING REQUEST: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to allocate the \$14, 601 to AMTRAN as they requested for 2020. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously, six votes to zero votes.

POLICE OFFICER: Chief Estep requested that he be permitted to hire a police officer from the eligibility list once the eligibility selection process is completed by the Civil Service Commission. A motion to approve the hire of an officer by Chief Estep was made by Mr. Plummer. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.