

BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 4, 2019

Borough Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Council President Joy Kemper called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council Members Joy Kemper, Robert Kauffman, Tim Lawson, Jim Kreider, Michael Sullenberger and Diane Hastings. Mayor Joseph Bledsoe, Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Work, Maintenance Superintendent Bill Lamparter, and Police Chief Clark Bearinger were also present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TROUT, EBERSOLE & GROFF LLP – 2018 AUDIT – BOROUGH AND AUTHORITY: Megan Senkowski, Carol Roland, and Korin Martin were present representing Trout, Ebersole, and Groff. Megan Senkowski gave the reports for both the Borough and the Authority. Hard copies were provided to Council. The reports were accepted with no comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2019: It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Lawson that the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved, and the motion was approved with Councilman Kauffman abstaining.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Fire Police Requests: Council has two requests for Fire Police assistance. The first request is from the Colerain Township Supervisors, requesting the Quarryville Fire Police to assist with traffic for the annual trout stocking by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. The dates this year are March 16 and April 18, 2019.

The second request is from the Providence Township Supervisors for assistance with traffic control for the Enola Low Grade Trail Trot to be held on April 27, 2019 between 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

Councilman Lawson offered a motion to approve the two requests for Fire Police assistance. Councilman Kauffman seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Freedom Church Candy Drop: A request came in today from Freedom Church to hold a helicopter candy drop at Memorial Park on April 20, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This would be the second year for this event, and last year's event was held with no issues. Councilwoman Hastings offered a motion to approve Freedom Church's request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kreider and the motion to approve was passed.

The manager also advised Council of two items of interest. Senator Scott Martin has rescheduled his Municipal Resource Workshop for April 25, 2019 at the Borough Building. The original event was postponed because of a snow storm. The second event will be a presentation by Olivia Bingeman with the Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program at the Borough Building on March 20, 2019 at

10:00 AM. Borough employees and Maintenance workers from Providence Township and Eden Township will be attending.

Lancaster County Polling Place Agreement: The Lancaster County Board of Elections has requested using the Quarryville Borough Building as a polling site for all elections in 2019. Councilman Kauffman offered a motion to approve the use of the Municipal Building as a polling site. Councilman Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Proposed Ordinance No. 437 – Amend Police Pension Plan: Each year Council has waived officer contributions to the police pension plan by means of a resolution that was forwarded to PMRS. For 2019, PMRS has requested that the waiver be by means of an Ordinance. Ordinance No. 437 amends the police pension to remove the officer contribution for 2019. The Ordinance was prepared by the solicitor and properly advertised and is ready for adoption. It was moved by Councilman Sullenberger and seconded by Councilwoman Hastings that Ordinance No. 437 be enacted, the title of which is set forth below:

“AN ORDINANCE OF QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH, LANCASTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS POLICE PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES”.

The vote was taken and the motion to enact was unanimously approved.

East Second Street & South Hess Street Improvements Bid Award: Bid opening for the project occurred on February 26, 2019. The bids ranged from a low of \$420,362.05 to a high of \$720,598.41. The low bid was submitted by Long's Asphalt. ARRO Consulting reviewed the submitted bid documents and determined that they had been properly prepared and executed and recommends to Council that the project be awarded to Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the total amount of \$420,362.05. It was moved by Councilman Lawson and seconded by Councilman Kreider that the award for the Second Street/Hess Street Street Improvements Project be awarded to Long's Asphalt in the amount of \$420,362.05. The vote was taken and the motion to award was passed unanimously.

It was noted that the cost for curbing came in at \$19.95. The original estimate had been at a cost of \$25.00. In prior years, property owners were allowed to join in on the Borough contract rather than have their own contractor do the curb work. The property owners were then given 6 months to pay the Borough for the curbing costs. After a discussion, Council agreed to allow the property owners 12 months to pay back the curbing costs.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MONTHLY BILLS – FEBRUARY 28, 2019: Council received the financial report and the bills for February 2019. After a short discussion, it was moved by Councilman Sullenberger and seconded by Councilman Kauffman that the financial

report be received and the monthly bills for February in the amount of \$113,783.88 be ratified. The vote was taken and the motion to ratify was approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Bearer reviewed the Police Report for February 2019 noting the arrests and calls for service. The Chief reported that the department was investigating a fatal accident that had occurred at the end of the month. The Chief also reported that the SRO position continues to be very busy with arrests and investigations. Work continues on background investigations for the full-time officer position. There was a short discussion on Solicitation Permits and Safe Call for School Students.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT: There were two permits issued in February. Council accepted the report as submitted.

QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY: Maintenance Superintendent Bill Lamparter advised Council that Garden Spot Electric had done work at the WWTP and failed to turn a circuit breaker back on. When we had the severe cold snap, the heater for a grit pump didn't come on and the pump froze and cracked. Garden Spot reported the damage to their insurance company and we are waiting to hear back from them. All of the Creekside Development easements have been signed and recorded. The Authority had another meeting with the Solanco Fair Association to discuss the new well exploration. The Authority is also beginning research on discontinuing the addition of fluoride to the water system.

STREETS/INFRASTRUCTURE/PARKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kreider reported that a business owner attended the Streets Meeting on February 26th and expressed concern about tractor trailers turning from Hess Street onto Bank Avenue. Large trucks can't easily make the turn and the corner building and cars parked legally have been struck by the trucks. The committee recommends that "Trucks – No Right turn" signs be installed for traffic travelling south on Hess at Bank Avenue as a possible solution.

Councilman Kreider also advised that new specs would require a different bolt pattern for a replacement traffic signal pole for the intersection of Church and Fourth Streets. The new pole would cost \$15,476.00 plus \$4,025.00 for a new base. To order a new pole with the same specs as the damaged pole would cost \$8,807.00, however the manufacturer will accept no liability for that pole. After a discussion, Councilman Kauffman offered a motion to have a new pole manufactured to the specs of the damaged pole. Councilwoman Hastings seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Several property owners from Second Street also attended the Streets Committee meeting and voiced concerns with the Second Street Project costs involved for property owners. Don Evans questioned the need for the length of curbing and sidewalks as shown on the plan for his parking lot at Second and Church. Members of the committee met with Evans at the site along with Darrell Becker from ARRO Consulting. The Committee recommended to Council that the length of the curbing and sidewalks be reduced as shown in an amended plan supplied by ARRO. After discussion, Councilman Lawson offered a motion to approve the reduced curb and sidewalk required as shown in the amended plan. Councilman Kreider seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Hastings discussed the need for better handicapped access to the Borough Building. Signs have been ordered to direct handicapped persons to the designated parking space at the rear of the building just outside of the mudroom door, but that door is not wide enough for a wheelchair to gain entry to the building. The sidewalk around the building to the front door has heaved over time causing a tripping hazard. There also is no railing to prevent people from leaving the walkway and falling down a steep embankment. Bill Lamparter has started getting estimates to remove the existing sidewalk and replace it with a sidewalk closer to the building. Lamparter is also checking on the cost to have railing installed. Once all of the costs are obtained this will be presented to Council.

Council President Kemper advised that she has spoken to several residents about filling the vacant spot on Planning Commission and hopes to have a name by the April meeting.

Scott Peiffer gave an update to Council on the Rail Trail Connector. Scott has discussed the preliminary aspects with Bill Koch the Planning Commission Chairman. This week there was a meeting with the Lancaster County Conservancy, and there are future meetings scheduled with Wilson Consulting and other groups. It appears that a feasibility study will be funded by grant money that was returned to Providence Township from their Rails to Trails Grant. Scott expects the study to be completed by the end of 2019. The actual connector to the trail will take several years to be completed. One item discussed was a temporary connector with an easement to allow access to the trail. A benefit of a temporary connector would be that it would allow the public and business owners to see the benefits of a rail connection in the Borough and possibly spur business growth in those areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:18 PM, Council President Kemper called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue. Councilwoman Hastings offered that motion with Councilman Kauffman seconding. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 8:28 PM – Council returned to Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:29 PM, Council President Joy Kemper called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lawson offered that motion with Councilman Kauffman seconding. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth C. Work
Borough Manager/Secretary