



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 7:00PM IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President McCartney called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order at 7:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Onnie Costanzo, Jeff Fabus, Joan Hodson, John Maggio, Val Martino, Bill McCartney (Drew Lehman arrived after roll call)

Also present: Jeffrey Naftal, Manager
John Rushford, Borough Solicitor
Mayor Phil Ross

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo briefed on the long range financial plan for the Borough and there are five members on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Costanzo informed that the Committee met last Monday night and they will meet once a month.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Chief Bisignani informed that during the month of January the Police Department responded to 249 calls for service. Mayor Ross read a letter that was sent to the Police Department to commend them for their service.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus briefed on the Dormont Dash on May 23rd, and Open Gym.

Public Safety/Service: Hodson informed that MRTSA responded to 80 calls for the month of December. Hodson briefed about the MRTSA meeting she attended in January. The 2014 Annual Report was distributed to the board. MRTSA received master level recognition in the PA Department of Health Voluntary Pediatric Certification Program.

The DVFD responded to 34 calls during the month of January. The department is encouraging residents to adopt a fire hydrant.

Dog owners, now is the time to renew your dog's license with the county.

A Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 19th. Topics of discussion included Copcams, duties of the Police Chief and Police Department staffing.

Property, Supplies and Planning: Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Nothing at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Naftal asked council if they would like to offer a discount for the business parking permit holders if they buy ten passes they get one free. *No action taken at this time.*

Naftal briefed on the installation of the entrance sign at the corner of McFarland Road and West Liberty Avenue.

Naftal proposed to Council that they take half of the contingency, \$50,000.00, and use it to pay for a Façade Grant Program. Naftal briefed on the Façade Grant Program and asked Council if he can come to them formally at a future Council Meeting. *Council agreed to move forward.*

Naftal informed that the new parking lot at the corner of Park Blvd and West Liberty Avenue is scheduled to open this weekend, dependent on the weather.

Naftal commended Josh Munson for volunteering his time to shoveling 18 sidewalks of the elderly and disabled who called into the Borough for help. *Naftal and Council would like to present a Proclamation to Josh Munson at the next Council Meeting.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for January, 2015, E. Motion to authorize Payment #1 and Final to Niando Construction, Inc. for \$46,266 for the Voelkel Avenue Storm Sewer Project, F. Motion to authorize Payment #2 and Final to East Coast Paving & Sealcoating, Inc. for \$114,889.59 for the 2014 Alley Resurfacing Project, G. Motion to authorize Payment #1 and Final to Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. for \$21,643 for the LaSalle Avenue Storm Sewer Lining Project, H. Motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Mark Shuttleworth from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission).
Motion carried 6-1; Maggio, No.

ACTION ITEMS

Council President opened PUBLIC HEARING, Ordinance No. 1606.

Rushford briefed on Ordinance No. 1606, the Recodification of the Borough's Ordinances.

McCartney asked if there was anyone who would like to speak about Action Item A. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1606 which recodifies the Borough's ordinances as outlined in the staff report.

Council President closed PUBLIC HEARING.

A. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to adopt Ordinance No. 1606 which recodifies the Borough's ordinances as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: Maggio questioned Chapter 78 about keeping chickens, compared to the Zoning code.

Motion carried 7-0.

B. Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to approve Resolution No. 01-2015 adopting procedures to be used when professional services are contracted by the Borough's two pension plans as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 7-0.

C. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to approve a two year contract extension of the Laborers Union contract through 2018 at a cost for the two years of \$9,406.24 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.
Motion carried 7-0.

D. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to approve a Policy prohibiting Borough employees from soliciting or fundraising during working hours as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 6-1; Maggio, No.

E. Motion by Hodson, second by Lehman to approve Resolution No. 02-2015 authorizing the owner of 3267 West Liberty Avenue to place banner signage overhanging the sidewalk on their façade (South Hills Beauty Academy).

Public Comment: Mr. Jacovic, employee at the beauty academy

Council Discussion: Discussed the overhanging banner signage.

Motion by McCartney, second by Martino to table the above Motion until next Council Meeting.
Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council President opened PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance No. 1605.

Adopting the Borough of Dormont Zoning Ordinance of 2014. Naftal stated that this is the 4th Public Hearing on this ordinance; there were two Public Workshops run by the Planning Commission and a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission. This presentation is slightly modified only in that changes were made to public comment, county comment and relative to solicitor comment.

Naftal explained that there would be an overview of the Zoning Code, definitions, districts, supplemental regulations, parking, landscaping, signage, administration and enforcement and where do we go from here. The last complete rewrite was 1995.

Naftal gave a presentation on the new Zoning Ordinance. The full presentation is attached to the agenda for this meeting on the borough's website.

McCartney asked the audience if they have any questions or comments.

Council President closed PUBLIC HEARING.

Naftal briefed on purchasing an automated meter payment system.

Jim Gibbs and Jerry Moore RE: Works at Meter Reader and briefed on the system.

Council agrees to move forward with this at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ross noted that the Officers that were mentioned in the letter he spoke about in his report were Sgt. Madden, Officer Witucki and Officer Dailey.

ADJOURNMENT