



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 7:00PM IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Bill 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, Drew Lehman, Val Martino, Bill McCartney

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

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross informed that the Police Department had 281 calls for service for the month of March.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo informed that she spoke with the Tax Collector, Harvey Lieberman, about the delinquent taxes. Costanzo stated that Harvey will send the final letter showing the tax and penalty on November the 6th and then he will send that final list to Jordan Tax Service the first week of February. In March Harvey's computer was updated with 2014 Allegheny County information; on March 21st Harvey had additional training on how to manage re-assessments and putting payment plans into the system. Costanzo informed that the Borough asked the Solicitor if it was alright for Harvey to call residents regarding their delinquent taxes. The Solicitor said that it is alright for Harvey to call the resident until the taxes are turned over to Jordan Tax Service and Harvey is also allowed to make payment plans.

Costanzo briefed on the short form audit and informed that we will get the full report audit in a few weeks. It will be advertised in the Post-Gazette. Costanzo talked about the Seven Springs ALOM Conference that was held last weekend. The EPA mandates that we need to be compliant with by 2026 is something that we need to think about because the cost is going to be astronomical. Costanzo suggested rain barrels in the Borough. There is an Open House at Alcosan in September. Alcosan mentioned Dormont in their booklet for the Silver Certification for Sustainable Municipalities. *Naftal briefed of the Silver Certification for Sustainable Municipalities.* Costanzo then talked about Capital Budgeting.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus informed that on March 21st there were professional arborists pruning and planting trees in the park in preparation for the International Society of Arborists, Pennel Chapters Tree Climbing Contest is coming on May 17th. On Saturday, April 5th the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center; there were about 280-300 kids in a 2 hour time period; a lot of work with a lot of volunteers; the borough partnered with the new North Way Christian Community Church. Open Gym is being extended through April. DABA is having field clean-up day April 12th at 9:00 am. The 8th Annual Friends of Dormont Pool Pub Tour is April 26th. Fabus stated that April 26th is also the DABA lead off the season parade; Drug Drop Off at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center at 10:00 am and Litter Clean-up 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Borough's Spring Clean-Up is on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. May 3rd is also the Birthday of the Hollywood Theater and they will be having a party in celebration at 7:00 pm. Fabus stated that the five locations for the bike racks are: the Biltmore parking lot, South Hills Power Yoga, the corner of Potomac and West Liberty near the Dormont Florist, the Dor-Stop and Molly's Pizza.

Public Safety/Service: Hodson informed that the Fire Department answered 26 calls for service. Briefed on events in March regarding MRTSA and SHACOG. At the ALOM Conference she attended several seminars. The borough received a dividend of \$77,686.21 from MRM WC Pooled Trust.

Property, Supplies and Planning: Martino stated that the Library will have a Meet and Greet with Council and the Library Board on April 28th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

McCartney briefed on the Citizens Storm Water Committee; Chair Frank Stumpo, Valorie Sherman, Terry Williams, Ernie Ceraso, Leah Petrelli, Ann Stock and Trevor Evans. *Naftal informed that Columbia Gas will be inspecting the storm sewer/sanitary lines and documenting everything to make sure no gas lines are running through the lines, at no charge to the Borough. The Borough will then have copies of the videos of the lines.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson 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 March 3, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for March, 2014, E. Motion to approve the hiring of Chris Hill, Kevin Barrett, Tyler Tororelli, Donald Templeton and James Michelangelo as Summer Laborers for the Parks Department effective April 8, 2014 for Mr. Michelangelo and May 12, 2014 for all others all to be paid a salary of \$10.50 per hour, F. Motion to approve the hiring of Ian McFarland, Cody Alward, and Jacob Legge as Summer Laborers for the Streets Department effective April 8, 2014 all at a salary of \$10.50 per hour, G. Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing May 3, 2014 as Hollywood Theater Day, H. Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing the PennDel Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture for their Arbor Day Service on March 21, 2014 at Dormont Park). Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to award the 2014 Road Resurfacing Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Niando Construction, Inc., for a total of \$272,085.24 as outlined in the staff report; the alleys will be rebid.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Naftal briefed on the project.

Motion carried 6-0.

McNeilly Road is on a delay because the utilities are replacing their lines before the road is repaved.

B. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to award the bid for replacing the crosswalks on Potomac Avenue with stamped asphalt to Laurel Asphalt for \$48,040.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: Bob McClellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue: Asked where the crosswalks would start and end.

Council Discussion: Briefed on which crosswalks would be included and why they are replacing them.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion by Costanzo, second by Lehman to replace the three crosswalks; both entrances and crossing Dormont Avenue, with crosswalks as proposed for Potomac Avenue for a cost of \$16,376.00.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Discussed the exact locations of the crosswalks.

Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to amend the above motion to replace six crosswalks on Dormont Avenue, Dwight Avenue and Memorial Drive.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Fabus stated that he is only comfortable to fix the crosswalks and not the driveways. Mayor Ross asked why the Borough is only fixing the crosswalks on Potomac and near the park/pool.

Motion carried 5-1; Fabus, No.

D. Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to award the bid for the abatement of asbestos on the property located at 1218 Dormont Avenue to BLT Contracting, Inc. for \$5,900.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: McCartney briefed on the background of the property and the issues.

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to approve payment to A. Doleno Sewage Line Consultants of \$23,625.00 for connecting the sewer lateral at 3055 Texas Avenue as outlined in the staff report.

Council Discussion: Naftal briefed on the issues with the sewer line.

Public Comment: Linda Hartman, 3120 Wainbell Avenue: Asked who is going to repave the road.

Motion carried 6-0.

F. Motion by Martino, second Hodson to approve the purchase of electric space heaters for two offices in the District Attorney's office at Borough Hall at a cost of \$1,287.00.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Naftal briefed about the heat in the District Attorney's office and other alternatives.

Motion carried 6-0.

G. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to approve the DABA infield rehabilitation project at Pop Murray Field.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Discussed the project.

Motion carried 5-1; Fabus, Abstain.

Item G on the agenda has been pulled; Motion to approve a temporary event sign for the semi-annual AARP pancake breakfast to be placed on the Tennis Court Fence has been pulled from the agenda. The breakfast was cancelled.

H. Motion by Hodson, second by Lehman to approve a Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 1451 Dormont Avenue, 1221 Hillsdale Avenue, 1128 Illinois Avenue and 1525 Dormont Avenue.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 6-0.

I. Motion by Hodson, second by Lehman to not approve a Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 2734 Connecticut Avenue.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 6-0.

J. Motion by Martino, second by Fabus to approve Resolution No. 06-2014 placing the national motto in Council Chambers.

Council Discussion: Costanzo briefed on this resolution.

Lehman explained why he is against this Motion.

Martino read the resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN BOROUGH OF DORMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WHEREAS, "In God We Trust" became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956; and

WHEREAS, the words have been used on United States currency since 1864; and

WHEREAS, the same motto is engraved above the entrance to the United States Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker's dais in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, the national motto has been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to display the national motto in the Council Chambers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Borough of Dormont and it is hereby resolved as follows:

Section 1. That the Council of the Borough of Dormont does hereby determine that the historic words of our national motto, "In God We Trust", shall be permanently and prominently displayed in the Borough of Dormont Council Chambers.

Section 2. Any resolution or part of a resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

RESOLVED this 7th day of April, 2014, by the Council of the Borough of Dormont.

Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-1; Lehman, No.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on West Liberty Avenue Redevelopment: Naftal informed that the winter weather has slowed down Cochran's progress and are moving along as quick as possible. Cochran is anticipating that they might need until August to finish and have given the Borough an additional \$25,000.00 for valet parking, which will give them five more months of valet service.

Update on Comprehensive Plan: Naftal informed that the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the County for their mandatory review and they have 45 days for that review. The 45 days expired last week and the County apologized for not having it done within that time period. Naftal informed that he should have it on the agenda in May.

Discussion of Council Tour of Borough Facilities: Naftal informed that the facility tour is now on May 10th starting at 9:00 am. Naftal and McCartney briefed on why the tour is being held and what they will be discussing.

Naftal discussed the amount of salt that the Borough used and informs that the borough is in good shape financially in this budgeted item. Naftal also discussed that savings with solid waste in switching to Waste Management. Naftal discussed the installation of the new kiosks. Naftal stated that the new Recreation software is up and running and briefed on the pool passes.

Lehman asked about the Trolley tracks on Potomac and Naftal informed him that the tracks are maintained by the Port Authority. Discussed the new Saturday parking meter enforcement. Naftal updated Council on the properties that are part of the conservatorship.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Terry Williams, 1676 New Haven Avenue RE: crosswalk on Dwight Ave. near pool is unsafe.

Mr. Hartman RE: new kiosk machines.

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Street sweeping.

Bob McClellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Truck parking; stop sign at Potomac and Mattern Avenues.

Discussion regarding the municipal building parking lot and repair on front steps.

Discussion regarding informational, monthly mailings to the residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lehman, second by Hodson to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.