



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

Union Matter – Desk Officers Union Request for Extension

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 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

McCartney informed that there was an executive session to discuss the Desk Officer/Fire Apparatus Officer's contract.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Onnie Costanzo, Jeff Fabus, Joan Hodson, Drew Lehman, John Maggio (arrived a little late), Val Martino, Bill McCartney

Also present: Jeffrey Naftal, Manager
John Rushford, Borough Solicitor
Chief Mike Bisignani
Mayor Phil Ross
Erica Bosh, Jr. Council Member

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lawrence Heyl, VFW Commander, Tennessee Avenue RE: VFW Veteran Banner Program.

Harry Munson, HTM Designs RE: VFW Veteran Banner Program brief presentation.

Bob Kittle, President and Co-Founder of Munetrix, RE: Presentation of Financial Performance Software.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Chief Mike Bisignani informed that the Police Department had 301 calls for service for the month of April. Bisignani briefed on the Drug Take Back which was also in April; we might partner with CVS next year. Bisignani briefed on the Pub Tour that took place on April 26th.

Mayor Ross discussed the events held on May 3rd; the Historical Society Open House and the Hollywood Theater birthday party with Mayor Bill Peduto from the City of Pittsburgh.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: None at this time.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus informed that the new North Way Christian Community Church will be opening on May 18th and the grand opening will be held at 11:00am. The annual Farmers Market will be held in the North Way Christian Community parking lot Mondays, June 2 thru October 27 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. They will have a summer camp this year for children in preschool to fifth grade, June 30th thru July 3rd and costs \$10.00. Fabus stated that on May 16th Lifespan will hold their annual Art Show at the Borough Building and the Historical Society will be open from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. The Annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 26th; the Parade will be dedicated to Bob Rivet, former employee of the borough. Fabus informed on May 17th the Tree Climbing Contest will be held at Dormont Park. The Borough is looking for volunteers for Dormont Day; if interested contact Kristen.

Public Safety/Service: Hodson briefed on the events in April. She attended the annual SHACOG Banquet on April 17th. On April 21st there was a tour of the MRTSA facilities for Council. MRTSA responded to 69 calls for the month of April; they sent out 3200 letters for subscriptions to the Dormont residents. They only received 650 returns. The Fire Department responded to 24 calls in the month of April; they mail out 3977 letters of solicitation; they only got 235 back. Hodson attended the MRTSA meeting on the 23rd and helped with the Litter Clean Up on the 26th. On Saturday, May 17th, Dormont is sponsoring CASH MOB; it is a shop & show your support for sustainable businesses in the borough, 11:30am to 3:30pm.

Property, Supplies and Planning: Val briefed on the meet and greet at the Library with council. The County wants to consolidate libraries. The Dormont Public Library offers all sorts of programs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

McCartney briefed on MRTSA and public safety. McCartney informed that one of the Strategic Plan goals was to identify the Historic District or properties of the borough. The Borough applied for a Keystone Grant to hire a consultant to help with the process. McCartney stated that the pool is now eligible for a listing on the national register of historical places allowing the grant process to move forward after the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission reviewed everything.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Naftal informed that the pool parking lot work is underway and all the playgrounds have new mulch. Naftal stated that the T crossing on Potomac Avenue is in need of repairs; the Port Authority is aware and is tentatively planning on repairs in September. Naftal informed that Duquesne Light of Allegheny County is offering to change out the sodium lights with LED lights. Naftal plans on applying to have the lights changed to LED with Council approval. Naftal briefed on the Spring Clean-Up that took place on May 3rd. Naftal briefed on the work being done on McNeilly Road; Columbia Gas has installed new gas lines; Peoples Gas and PAWC will come in next. The new plaque for the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center is up.

Naftal received a fax from Traffic Systems and Services with a \$5,000.00 problem that needs to be fixed right away. Naftal asked Council if he can have the authority to make decisions on emergency traffic issues.

Motion by McCartney, second by Costanzo to authorize the Borough Manager to deal with any expenditure that deals with Public Safety that's under \$9,995.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Agendas will go out on May 27th; the Tour of Dormont for Council will be Saturday, May 10th.

Naftal briefed on the Transportation Oriented Development.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J (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 April 7, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for April, 2014, E. Motion to approve the termination of James Michelangelo as Summer Laborer for the Parks Department and the hiring of Dominic Constantini for the same position to be paid a salary of \$10.50 per hour, F. Motion to approve Resolution No. 07-2014 encouraging the Federal Government to restore full funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, G. Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2014 opting in to the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program with Allegheny County for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, H. Motion to approve Resolution No. 11-2014 in support of bills in the legislature to enable municipal police to use radar for speed enforcement, I. Motion to approve Reserved Accessible Parking Space renewals for 2014 for 9 individuals as outlined in the staff report, J. Motion to

approve Payment #2 and Final for Pampena Landscape & Construction, Inc. for the Pop Murray Field Wall CDBG Project for \$45,740). Motion carried 6-0-1, Maggio; Abstain.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to approve Resolution No. 09-2014 to adopt the 2013 “Dream Dormont” Comprehensive Plan Update as outlined in the staff report as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Public Comment: Steve Douglas, 1705 Potomac Avenue, Dig Dormont RE: Planting at Passive Park.

Council Discussion: Maggio expressed his interest in Dream Green.
Motion Carried 7-0.

McCartney briefed on the history of the Passive Park and deciding what will be done with the property. This will be referred to the Planning Commission for a public meeting. Rushford informed that there must be a public hearing advertised to move forward with this.

B. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to not approve a Reserved Accessible Parking Space for Ms. Michelle Manion of 1116 Mississippi Avenue, recommended for non-approval by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Naftal briefed of why the space will not be approved.
Motion carried 7-0.

McCartney gave a summary of the Athens Alley stormwater problems.

Rushford gave a summary of the Sunshine Act.

C. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to authorize the Borough Manager to contract with Hazen and Sawyer to complete “build ready” plans for the Athens Alley stormwater project and to apply for a Flood Mitigation Program Grant from the State to cover the cost of the project for \$58,000 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: Breakdown of the cost. Discussed the damage from the storm water in Athens Alley.

Council Discussion: Discussed the cost, the work that will be done and the grant application. The grant would cover 85% of the project.

Roll call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, Yes; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to approve the purchase of a radio repeater to provide radio service for the Borough’s Streets and Parks Departments from A. V. Luttamus Communications, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$4,500 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None
Motion carried 7-0.

E. Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to approve roof repairs to the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center by McLane Contracting at a cost not to exceed \$1,535.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 7-0.

F. Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to approve the purchase of economizers for the air conditioning system at Borough Hall from Caruso Heating & Air Conditioning for \$1,936 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 7-0.

G. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to approve Resolution No. 08-2014 authorizing the Borough to get a Letter of Credit from PNC Bank for \$10,500 to satisfy PennDOT requirements for sidewalk repairs at the Biltmore Parking Lot as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Voelkel Avenue Property Drainage Issue: Naftal briefed on the drainage issue on Voelkel and what would be involved to fix it. Naftal informed that he will come to Council next meeting if Council would like to move forward with this. The first alternative would cost \$19,200; the second alternative would cost \$37,800. Naftal stated that he believes that there is enough money in the sewer budget to repair the problems.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Leah Petrelli, 2742 Voelkel Avenue RE: Stormwater Committee Meetings; the Post-Gazette article pertaining to the Sunshine Act.

McCartney informed of a great website, www.threeriverswetweather.com.

Ed Hartman, 1638 LaSalle Avenue RE: Mervin Avenue utility cut and sidewalk.

Kim Kunkel, Crosby Avenue RE: Time frame for the West Liberty Development; the Kiosk machines.

John Atkins, 1421 Kelton Avenue RE: Boyd alley; no left turn sign on Kelton Avenue; curbs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.