



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 7:00PM  
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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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  
Erica Bosh, Jr. Council Member

**REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Motion by Lehman, second by Fabus to approve the Proclamation Recognizing June 2, 2014 as Noah Zych Day in Dormont. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ross read and presented Noah Zych his proclamation.

Melissa Shulman, a representative from Dan Miller's office, read and presented Noah Zych with a Citation from the House of Representatives.

Fire Chief Jeff Arnold read and presented Noah Zych with a Service Award for "his selfless acts of kindness to the Dormont Fire Department in their time of need while fighting a fire".

Costanzo briefed on the Audit standards and on the previous Audit Reports compared to this year's.

Janet Feick, Maher Duessel Representative RE: Summary and presentation of FY 2013 Audit Report.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Ross that during month of May there were 332 calls for Police Services. The police blotter is online.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Legal:** Costanzo briefed on Munetrix and why she thinks it would be a great tool for the Borough. Costanzo spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Monica Dahlkemper and the process of citing a resident for Code Violations. Costanzo explained the process.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Fabus informed that we now have places for three of the five bike racks, all on Potomac Avenue; Molly's Pizza, the Dor-Stop and the Dormont Florist. The Annual Farmer's Market has a new location at the corner of Espy and Potomac Avenues. Movies in the Park will be showing *Frozen* on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the Dormont PFO will be there with a concession stand. Fabus briefed on Dormont Day and the volunteers needed. He also read the pool report from the Memorial Day weekend, surveys from patrons and lifeguards training.

**Public Safety/Service:** Hodson informed that on May 21<sup>st</sup> the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy came to Dormont and planted flowers at the Moreland Memorial Garden by the horseshoe courts. Hodson thanked George Pitcher, Louise Pitcher, Liz Fadgon and 19 students for KO High School for helping to plant those flowers at the Memorial Garden.

Hodson informed that MRTSA responded to 61 calls for service in Dormont for the month of May. Hodson briefed on the training and requirements for MRTSA, Police Department and Fire Department employees and volunteers. The DVFD responded to over 31 calls for service for the month of May. Hodson congratulated Carrie Burnham for completing her Firefighter 1 Exam and Practical and is now a full certified Firefighter. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the DVFD and Dormont Police Department had a drill at Dormont Elementary School. They practiced for a chemical leak and will have a drill for a lockdown.

**Property, Supplies and Planning:** Martino briefed on the meeting at the Library.

Naftal informed that the borough's Insurance Servicing Organization Rating was lowered from a 5 to a 3 and that puts the Borough in a small number of departments throughout the state that have reached that high of a level. *DVFD Firefighter Mat Davis explained the ISO Rating.*

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

McCartney asked Costanzo to have her Committee look at and develop a policy about segregation of duties as it pertains to the collection of money from the Parking Meter Enforcers. McCartney informed that the Borough was awarded the Keystone Historic Grant for \$15,000.00 of Commonwealth money that will be matched by the Historical Society for \$9,000.00 and another \$5,000.00 from Council.

McCartney briefed on the informative flyers being sent to residents about Stormwater in the Borough. On May 10<sup>th</sup> Council took a tour of the Borough to develop a report about the assets in the Borough and to identify what needs to be improved. The report will be online.

McCartney informed that this will be the Junior Council Person, Erika Bosh's last Council meeting. Bosh graduates this year on June 10th.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Naftal informed that Chapter 3 of the Stormwater Flyer will be out by the end of the week. On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission will be holding a workshop to discuss the future of the Passive Park. Naftal briefed on the Athens Alley grant application. Dormont Day is still looking for volunteers and the fireworks will be done again by Zambelli. Alley Resurfacing went out for bid on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the bids are due in time to award at the July meeting. There is about \$300,000.00 set aside for the Alley Resurfacing. People's Gas has 300ft and 31 services to install on McNeilly Road and should be finished around June 20<sup>th</sup>. PA American Water is finishing up their services and also expect a completion around June 20<sup>th</sup>. Naftal stated that Mid July should hopefully start the actual construction of the street on McNeilly Road. The CMU study that was done to generate a Recreation Management Plan for the Borough was completed and released. The Recreation Board has a copy and is reviewing it to determine which recommendations they want to make to Council. Naftal briefed on the APMM Conference and some things that he would like to implement from that Conference. The Market Analysis will be having "ambassador training" on June 11<sup>th</sup> and that is to get about a half dozen people who can be trained to approach businesses that are on the Market Analysis lists. In July there will be a business owner meeting so that the businesses can get involved and talking to their customers. Naftal briefed on re-writing the Zoning Code.

## **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 May 5, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for May, 2014, E. Motion to remove Officers Robert Barnes and Adam Schmidt from probationary status and give them permanent status, F. Motion to approve repairs to the preemption system on the traffic signals at Hillsdale Avenue and West Liberty Avenue by Traffic Systems and Services at a cost of \$5,079.87, G. Motion to approve agreement with Superior Petroleum to replace an illegal sign at 1530 Potomac Avenue in lieu of legal action or a variance request, H. Motion to approve Payment #1 and Final for Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. for the CCTV inspection and lining of sanitary sewers project for \$20,927.00, I. Motion to approve Payment #1 and Final for BLT

Contracting, Inc. for the asbestos removal at 1218 Dormont Avenue for \$5,900.00, J. Motion to approve summer hires for the Recreation Department as outlined in the Recreation Director's memorandum). Motion carried 6-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator for the Dormont Volunteer Fire Department station.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** None.

Motion carried 6-0.

**B.** Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to not approve a Reserved Accessible Parking Space for Mr. Michael Farrell of 3228 Gaylord Avenue as recommended for Non-Approval by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** None.

Motion carried 6-0.

**C.** Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to authorize the Borough Manager to seek bids for a new stormwater line in the 2700 block of Voelkel Avenue to alleviate flooding problems as outlined in the staff report.

**Public Comment:** None

**Council Discussion:** None

Motion carried 6-0.

**D.** Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to award the bid for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Preventative Maintenance Program to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP for \$49,315.00 as outlined in the staff report.

**Public Comment:** None

**Council Discussion:** Briefed on why we are not using SHACOG for the numbers.

Motion carried 6-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Munetrix Financial Modeling Software:** Naftal briefed on Munetrix Financial Software. Naftal informed that the cost would be around \$10,000.00 if we are the first in Pennsylvania to sign up; they are willing to cut this in half. Council asked Naftal to bring this back for Discussion again in July.

**Conservatorship Properties Update:** John Rushford briefed on the Conservatorship properties report at 1447 Dormont Avenue and 2708 Broadway Avenue.

Lehman asked if the Borough could clean up the lot at 1447 Dormont Avenue; Rushford stated that he could talk to the Conservator about it.

Naftal informed that we had to find a new contractor for the construction on the front of the Municipal Building because our first contractor went out of business. Naftal gave an update on the work to the front of the building.

Naftal informed that 1218 Dormont Avenue should be torn down within the next few weeks.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Bert Lloyd, 2816 Voelkel Avenue RE: Thomas Lloyd sign at the Recreation Center. Dormont Pool and lifeguards.

Bob McClellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Pool parking lot ADA, Kiosk ADA, Truck parking, Waltham Avenue parking on sidewalk.

Christopher Maggio, 1696 Hillsdale Avenue RE: Dormont Pool, storm water fliers

Donna Atkins, 1421 Kelton Avenue RE: Permit parking.

Darren Stroh, 3101 Gaylord Avenue RE: Permit parking.

Don Shafer, 3040 Earlsmere Avenue RE: Speed bump on Dormont Avenue; Dormont Elementary at the pool.

Diane Moder, 2717 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Property at Dwight/Potomac.

Ed Nock, 2733 Philadelphia Avenue, Commander of the American Legion Post 756 in Dormont RE: VFW Banners.

Curt Nelson, 1230 Peermont Avenue RE: Street cleaning signage.

Monique Fontaine, 1454 Alabama Avenue RE: Dormont Historical Society & Library have display, Dormont Doors; Hollywood Theater showing Jaws.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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