



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 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, Joan Hodson, Drew Lehman, Val Martino, Bill McCartney

Also present: Jeffrey Naftal, Manager
Lynne Finnerty, Acting Borough Solicitor
Chief Mike Bisignani
Mayor Phil Ross

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The mayor gave the microphone to Chief Mike Bisignani. Bisignani informed that the Police Department had 333 calls for service for the month of June. Bisignani briefed on the Drug Take Back and informed that Allegheny County had 5,155lbs of drugs taken back. Dormont Day turned out great, no problems.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo briefed on the Finance and Legal Committee Meeting on Monday, June 16th. Present at the meeting were: Costanzo, Hodson, Naftal, McCartney, Martino and Fabus. Not present for the Committee Meeting was Maggio. Costanzo informed that they discussed employees handling money that is not related to Borough business and that Council has not authorized any Borough employees to engage in any fundraising activities. Costanzo stated that it is bad practice to have employees handling cash and creates potential for fraud and abuse. It's difficult to keep tracks of the funds. The Finance and Legal Committee is recommending a Policy for the Borough forbidding the collection of moneys for any outside organization and this Policy will included collection cans, selling of merchandise or tickets by Borough Employees while they are working. *Naftal will create the Policy and bring it to Council at the next month's Meeting.*

Community Affairs/Recreation: Not present.

Public Safety/Service: Hodson informed that during the month of June MRTSA responded to 66 calls for service in Dormont. Hodson briefed about her ride-along with MRTSA and the police department. During the month of June the DVFD responded to 35 calls for service

Property, Supplies and Planning: Meeting with Library Board coming up.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

McCartney informed that there was an executive session to discuss the Fire Union Contract Extension that will be voted on tonight and a Personnel Matter. McCartney briefed on the Dormont Day clean-up; great job by the Parks crew and the attendees. The EPA Meeting held on June 17th about the Consent Decree in Allegheny County dealing with sewage treatment and storm water quality. It is a very expensive undertaking; Alcosan has taken the lead. McCartney gave a very detailed summary of the decree. The original start date was supposed to be 2026; Alcosan want to push it back to 2032, there will probably be a compromise. In the future, outdoor sewer lines may need to be inspected before you can sell your house.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Naftal informed that the County has approved our Feasibility Study which was part of the Consent Decree which we approved last July. Naftal briefed on the Feasibility Study.

Naftal informed that we are now Gold Certified in the Sustainable Pennsylvania.

Duquesne Light is running a pilot program to replace the street lights with LEDs and seeking out volunteers. Naftal informed that he volunteered for the program and Duquesne Light will be installing ten lights this week starting at the PNC on West Liberty Avenue and will work their way South on West Liberty Avenue. If Duquesne Light has extra LED Lights then we will keep receiving them until they run out. We should see saving on our bills.

Naftal gave the numbers of people signed up on our website to receive email notifications: Borough Events mailing list, 176; Breaking News, 176; Council Agenda, 123; Job Postings, 100; Newsletter, 158; Recreation News, 66.

Naftal briefed on the lettering at the retaining wall at Pop Murray Field.

The demolition at 1218 Dormont Avenue is completed and the Borough will need to decide what to do with the vacant lot.

Naftal stated that McNeilly should be paved at the end of July.

Naftal completed part one of the zoning re-write which is definition and district regulations and is waiting for a date for the Public Workshop from the Planning Commission. Naftal informed that once we have the date everything will go online along with the draft part re-write and the draft zoning map.

Naftal informed that one of the AC Unit's in the Borough Building will either need overhauled at a cost of \$3,865.00 or replaced at a cost of \$10,948.00. Naftal informed that he is going to apply for a Department of Pennsylvania Energy Grant that is for up to a million dollars and would hopefully allow us to get rid of all 13 AC Units, install 3 new units and redo all the duct work in the building. *Naftal asked Council if he can have approve to fix the AC Unit and will come back at the August Meeting for formal approval.*

Motion by Lehman, second by Hodson to approve payment of \$3,865.00 to repair the AC Unit at the Borough Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo 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 June 2, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for June, 2014, E. Motion to remove Fire Apparatus Operator Jeff Stakich from probationary status and give him permanent status [Recommended by Police Chief Bisignani and Borough Manager Naftal]., F. Motion to approve Payment #4 and Final for Niando Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Road Project for \$2,157.54, G. Motion to approve Payment #1 for Niando Construction, Inc. for the 2014 Road Project for \$99,440.95, H. Motion to approve Payment #1 for Schaff Excavating Contractors, Inc. for the demolition of 1218 Dormont Avenue for \$19,300, I. Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Joe Garfold as a Laborer in the Parks Department effective June 16, 2014 with an annual starting salary of \$38,276.30, J. Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-2014 authorizing submittal of the Flood Mitigation Program Grant for the Athens Alley Stormwater Mitigation Project). Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Hodson, second by Costazno to approve a four (4) year contract extension with the Fire Union as outlined in the Staff Report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Naftal informed that the Uniform Allowance will not be paid in one lump sum, the Borough will pay for the uniforms.
Motion Carried 5-0.

B. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to award the bid for McNeilly Avenue Curb and Sidewalk repairs to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Niando Construction, Inc. for a cost of \$18,995.20 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: McCartney informed that we are just replacing our side of the sidewalk and the paving will be a joint agreement between the Borough and the City of Pittsburgh. Discussed the location of repairs.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to award the Base Bid and Alternates #1 and #2 for multiple alley resurfacings to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, East Coast Paving & Seal Coating for a cost of \$261,312.21.

Public Comment: Bob McClellan asked which Alleys are included.

Council Discussion: Naftal informed that the Alleys are as follows: Eastern Alley, 16th Alley, 20th Way, 15th Alley, South end 17th Alley, South end 19th Alley, South end Davis Way, South end Irwin Way, North end Long Way, North end Maddison Way. Naftal informed that that will use the Boroughs \$500,000.00 budget.

Motion carried 5-0.

D. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to approve the VFW Banner Program as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

E. Motion by Costanzo, second by Martino to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Kronos, Inc. to modify the payroll interface for use with new application software at a cost not to exceed \$2,520.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: Bob McClellan asked why we have to pay extra.

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

F. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to approve Resolution No. 12-2014 authorizing the owner of 2885 West Liberty Avenue to place an awning overhanging the sidewalk on their façade.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Discussed the shops and location.

Motion carried 5-0.

G. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to approve Resolution No. 13-2014 authorizing the owner of 1451 and 1453 Potomac Avenue to place awnings overhanging the sidewalk on their façade.

Public Comment: Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue: What kind of responsibility will business have for up keep?

Council Discussion: None
Motion carried 5-0.

H. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to adopt a Diversity Action Plan to enhance the Borough's ability to qualify for grant funding.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: None
Motion carried 5-0.

I. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to authorize an entrance sign design for the corner of West Liberty Avenue and McFarland Road as outlined in the staff report. Online version of agenda has the color version of the sign.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Discussed the size and design of the sign.
Motion carried 5-0.

J. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Munetrix to purchase financial performance software at a cost of \$5,000.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

Council Discussion: Discussed the demonstration of the software.
Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CMU Parking Study – Discussion of Traffic and Parking Planning Commission and Borough Manager's recommendations. Council also discussed some parking issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Buhrman, 1400 Grandin Avenue RE: Cochran Petition.

Kathy Hartman, 3120 Wainbell Avenue RE: Outdoor fire pits.

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Dump truck on Illinois. Fire hydrant blocked by cars at Annex and Illinois Avenues.

Bob McLellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Flatbed Trailer on Kelton.

Fred Hegeman, 1419 Grandin Avenue RE: Cochran lighting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT