



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 7:00PM
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Ordinance #1609, creating a Stormwater Authority in accordance with Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Council President McCartney opened the hearing and introduced Solicitor John Rushford.

Rushford restated that this is a hearing for the proposed Ordinance #1609, creating a Stormwater Authority in accordance with Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945. The ordinance been advertised in the paper and posted on the borough website.

Travor Evans, 1137 McNeilly Road, he attended several meetings of the citizen's committee but could not dedicate the time needed to be a permanent member. The committee seemed to take into account the needs of the borough. He supports the recommendation of the committee.

Terry Williams, 1676 New Haven, is a member of the Stormwater Committee and has been since its inception. He is in favor of the recommendations of the committee.

He read a letter from Leah Petrilli who was unable to attend. *Leah Petrilli, Voelkel Avenue, commended the council on their efforts to comply with state and federal mandates and proposing answers for the flooding issues in the community. Council recognizes that stormwater is a separate issue from sanitary water. This majority of council is moving forward with efforts to rectify the deficiencies of Dormont's stormwater system.*

Carol Nomides, 1232 Kelton Avenue, lived in Dormont since 1962. Has experienced many flooding storms in those years and lost many items from the basement. She's in favor of the stormwater management.

Robert Palmeiri, 2737 Espy Avenue, is in favor of the stormwater committee proposal. He attended the last couple of meetings. This is a good first step in a long process.

Lauren Smathers, 1228 Kelton Avenue, this has been an eye opening experience the past couple of years, seeing how government works. She is in favor of the stormwater committee proposal for many reasons.

With no further comments, Rushford closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

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

Also present: Borough Manager Ben Estell
Borough Solicitor John Rushford
Mayor Phil Ross
Junior Council Member Connor Tokarsky

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross stated that Chief Bisignani will arrive soon. Ross briefly discussed the robbery at the Cogs at the corner of Potomac and Broadway Avenues. The suspect is downstairs at this time in custody. The police department took 307 calls in the month of July. All officers will be back shortly.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo gave a summary of the budget report from June 30, 2015. Dormont Day was on July 4th. This was the 1st year the borough handled the whole event.

Motion by Costanzo, second by Fabus to appoint Ben Estell, Borough Manager, as the alternate to the Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus stated that the Recreation Board and the many volunteers who helped set up, work, and tear down the Dormont Day Celebration. There is one more Movie in the Park left for this summer. The Recreation Board discussed working with council to promote increased usage and awareness of the parks. In October there will be a Doggie Parade in Dormont Park and the board would like to expand on that with more events, a Fall Festival with plenty of activities for the children. DABA summer season is over. Congratulations to the girl's 12U fast pitch softball team; they won the championship and finished with a 20-0 season. Good news for KO softball.

Kristin Hulihan, Recreation Director, gave a brief summary of the Dormont Dash and thanked everyone for their hard work and donations. The proceeds from the race are going to the Joey Fabus Childhood Cancer Foundation. A check in the amount of \$5,105.44 will be donated to the JFCCF. There will be a 5K in Bethel Park in September for the JFCCF.

Public Safety/Service: Hodson responded to the presentation of Councilman Maggio to the Council last month addressing the Stormwater Authority.

Property, Supplies and Planning:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

McCartney stated that he addressed a breakout session of the PA County Commissioners Association in downtown Pittsburgh. He was asked to speak about stormwater.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Estell summarized his meetings of the past month. He discussed his approach to customer service, the "The Disney Way".

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hodson , second by Fabus to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L (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 July 6, 2015 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant list for July 2015, E. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to appoint Muriel Moreland to fill the vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission, F. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to appoint Shannon Venditti to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Board, G. Motion to add Manager Estell to the Certified Copy of Corporation Resolution for Manning & Napier pension management services, H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer, authorizing Payment #1 in the amount of \$34,518.91 to Niando Construction, Inc., for 2015 Sewer Repair Projects – Contract B Excavation, I. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer, regarding collapsed spot liner on Kelton Avenue, to award removal to Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P., in the amount of \$2,700.00 and to award reinstallation to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co., in the amount of \$6,159.00, J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award 2015 Operation & Maintenance Contract to Miller Pipetech, Inc., in the amount of \$85,402.00, to be paid from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, K. Motion to approve Application for Sign Permit Corporation and Application for Zoning/Building Permit for Temporary Commercial Tent from Dormont Community Development for "A Taste in Dormont" event, L. Motion to approve recommendation of Engineer to request purchase and installation of ten (10) LED street lights to replace current High-Pressure Sodium lights on Potomac Avenue for \$1,200.00 from Duquesne Light.)

Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to adopt proposed Ordinance #1607, adopting International Fire Code, 2009 Edition.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to adopt proposed Ordinance #1608, amending Chapter 110, Fire Safety Inspection Program of the Codified Book of Ordinances.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to adopt proposed Ordinance #1609, creating a Stormwater Authority in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-1, Maggio opposed.

D. Motion by McCartney, second by Hodson to retain Remington and Vernick Engineers to perform a Traffic Calming Study on Belrose Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$1,565.00.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion by McCartney, second by Hodson to retain David French, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, for preparation for MS4 compliance.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Estell explained the adding of tech/communication devices to the asset tracking policy
- B. McCartney introduced the new proposed Consent Order and Agreement between Allegheny County Health Department and Dormont Borough. Rushford further explained the agreement.
- C. Rushford discussed the recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission to consider:
 - Retracting change in handicapped parking policy eliminating 200' requirement
 - Reinstatement of residential permit parking on Greenmount Avenue
- D. Costanzo requested a lighted crosswalk at the park crosswalk, Dormont at Dwight Avenue; she requested that it be given to the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission meeting.
- E. Rushford discussed his recent attendance at a Sheriff Sale.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to adjourn.