



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

Contract Negotiations for Union

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 7:00PM IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President McCartney called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order at 7:05PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Onnie Costanzo, Drew Lehman, John Maggio, Val Martino, Bill McCartney

Also present: Borough Manager Ben Estell
Borough Solicitor John Rushford
Mayor Phil Ross
Police Chief Mike Bisignani

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Heather Schmidt-Bresnahan, 2733 Glenmore Avenue RE: would like to start a neighborhood watch.

Chief Bisignani gave a brief summary on how to get things started. He stated that our crime rate is lower than 2008 and several of the local communities of comparable size. If you find drugs call non-emergency 911. The local police will be notified; you must let the police know if you find any drugs or paraphernalia.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross stated he has reduced his Wednesday evening hours to the 2nd and last Wednesday of the month. He also stated that Dormont is a safe community. Lehman had questions regarding the department having a detective.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo, as chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, would like the borough to consider a Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance; it would provide a new process for enforcement and abatement of certain nuisance activities. A meeting will be set up.

As of July 31st the borough has a fund balance of \$2,349,293.61; most of the real estate taxes have been collected at this point, that's why the balance is so high. It will decline over the rest of the year, especially when the borough has the \$700,000.00 payment on a bond.

Several members of council and the fire department met with Representative Dan Miller regarding the recruitment of firefighters. The number of firefighters in the state of Pennsylvania has decreased dramatically.

On Saturday, September 19th, 9am rain or shine, Alcosan is having an Open House.

In September of 2014 the Borough received a \$15,000.00 Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to identify and evaluate historical structures in the borough. It was a matching grant; the Historical Society contributed \$9,000.00 and Dormont paid the remaining \$6,000.00. The project was completed in June 2015. On Thursday, October 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Community Room downstairs, there will be a meeting to discuss the findings. All are invited.

Community Affairs/Recreation: nothing at this time.

Public Safety/Service: nothing at this time

Property, Supplies and Planning: the Planning Commission will have a meeting on September 15 at 7pm.

Martino gave summary of the Library meeting and monthly programs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

McCartney stated that there is a town hall meeting immediately following the council meeting with Representative Dan Miller and Senator Wayne Fontana.

There is a group called Primary Colors that will be putting the book together of paintings of the borough's houses in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Project Grant.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Estell discussed Action Item A on the agenda, application for funds for the demolition of 1470 Dormont Avenue.

Estell discussed the mailing of Jordan Tax for delinquent or apparent delinquent garbage bills from records turned over by the bankrupt Centax, for years 2010 thru 2014. Approximately 700 letters went out. Some people have paid but there is no proof of payment; some peoples' checks were not cashed. Anyone receiving this notice should contact Jordan and they will work with you.

Rushford gave a brief description of the events leading to this poor record keeping by Centax and the mess right now.

Lifespan gave 90 day notice that they will be vacating the building in late November. They are closing a number of facilities and consolidating; they are closing 6.

Estell discussed the agenda items of the budget and MMO's.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Costanzo, second by Lehman to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M (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 August 3, 2015 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant list for August 2015, E. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to approve Payment No. 1, in the amount of \$34,518.91 to Niando Construction Inc. for 2015 Sewer Repair Project – Contract B Excavation, F. Motion to accept recommendation of the Engineer to approve payment No. 1, in the amount of \$16,953.39 to Robinson Pipe Cleaning, for 2015 Sewer Repair Project – Contract A Spot Lining & Grouting, G. Motion to accept recommendation of the Engineer to approve payment No. 2 Sewer Repair Project – Contract A Spot Lining & Grouting, H. Motion to accept recommendation of the Engineer to approve Change Order #1, in the amount of \$3,802.18 [to be invoiced to Duquesne Light] and Payment #2 in the amount of \$3,726.14, to Niando Construction Inc. for 2015 Sewer Repair Projects – Contract B Excavation, I. Motion to approve recommendation of the Manager to contract with Middle Department Agency for Building Inspection Services, J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation [MMO] Report for Borough of Dormont Non-Police Employees' Pension Plan, K. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation [MMO] Report for Borough of Dormont Police Pension Plan, L. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation for Borough of Dormont LED Conversion Project, M. Motion to accept recommendation of Solicitor to require the Reserved Accessible Parking Policy to comply with applicable Pennsylvania laws, N. Motion to advertise budget meetings as follows: "The Borough of Dormont Council shall meet to prepare and discuss the proposed 2016 Budget on September 28, 2015, October 26, 2015 and November 9, 2015 beginning at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 1444 Hillside Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216. All budget meetings are open to the public and all interested individuals are welcome to attend.")
Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to adopt Resolution #12-2015, authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, for the demolition of 1470 Dormont Avenue.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 5-0.

- B.** Motion by Costanzo, second by Martino to advertise proposed Ordinance #1610, regulating non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 5-0

C. Motion by Costanzo, second by Maggio to advertise proposed Ordinance #1611, to implement updated Stormwater Management Controls as required by federal and state regulations.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lehman had questions regarding the hiring of someone to help with the establishment of the Stormwater Authority.

Estell stated he is interviewing for the replacement of Jennifer Taylor, Clerk/Receptionist. Jennifer is the new hire for the establishment of the Stormwater Authority, the board hired her; she is only working on such items and receives a 1099, she is not a borough employee. It's not a permanent position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Leah Petrilli, Voelkel Avenue RE: thanked the police department for their efforts on Sunday morning.

Kim Kunkel, Crosby Avenue RE: Main Street's "A Taste in Dormont" is Saturday, September 12 and the "Vendor Fair" is September 13, both in the pool parking lot.

Lori Sicard, Dormont Avenue RE: Violent Sexual Predator.

Rushford explained that she should talk to Senator Wayne Fontana who is having a town hall meeting after the council meeting.

Bisignani stated that the police department followed the Meagan's Law protocol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCartney, second by Martino to adjourn.