



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

Personnel Matter – Laborer’s Union Contract

Legal Matter – AT&T Cellular Antenna Lease

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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, Jeff Fabus, Joan Hodson, Drew Lehman, John Maggio, Val Martino, Bill McCartney

Also present: Jeffrey Naftal, Manager
John Rushford, Borough Solicitor
Mayor Phil Ross
Connor Tokarsky

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross stated the DVFD Christmas Parade is Saturday at 10am, Cookies with Santa at 3pm and Light Up Dormont at 6pm.

Chief Bisignani informed that during the month of November the Police Department responded to 248 calls for service. Bisignani briefed on concerns with crime in Dormont. Various businesses expressed their concern over the crime in Dormont at the last meeting. All emergency calls must go thru 911.

Lori from the Dor-Stop, spoke on the subject.

Debby Nardozi from Beautyland on West Liberty Avenue.

Gigi Colosimo, A+ Mini Mart and Exxon, West Liberty Avenue.

Gary Colosimo, A+ Mini Mart and Exxon, West Liberty Avenue.

Roseann Parker, Parkers on Glenmore Avenue.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Nothing at this time.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus briefed on the upcoming events in December: Saturday is the DVFD Parade, Free Movie, Frozen, at the Hollywood Theater, Cookies with Santa and Light Up Dormont. Toys for Tots will be collected at Cookies with Santa. Recreation Board has the Holiday Decorating Contest and Snowman Building Contests; Open Gym starting in January. On Sunday, December 7, Christmas Story, at the Hollywood Theater. KO Band Christmas Tree Sale is at the pool parking lot until all trees are gone.

Public Safety/Service: The final leaf collection in paper bags is this Thursday 6am till 6pm. All snow and ice should be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours. Do not throw snow or ice into the street. Further winter weather tips online.

MRTSA is currently in their annual fundraising campaign; they responded to 82 calls for service. The Dormont Fire Department responded to 37 calls for service for the month of November. The Fire Department is also in the middle of their fundraising campaign and ask that you adopt a fire hydrant by keeping it clear of snow.

Hodson scheduled a Public Safety/Public Service Committee Meeting for December 15th at 7:00 PM.

Property, Supplies and Planning: Martino briefed on some of the Library programs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Nothing at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Naftal briefed on snow removal requests on Dormont Delivers, online 311 system.

Naftal informed that we received a request from the Allegheny County Boroughs Association to buy an ad in their program at \$250.00 for a half of a page. *Council would not like to participate.*

Naftal briefed on the Zoning Rewrite process and the steps to follow.

Naftal informed that there is a typo with Action Item D. on the Fee Schedule and it will be noted when Council reaches that Motion.

Naftal gave an update on the holiday decorations on West Liberty and Potomac Avenues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fabus, second by Lehman 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 November 3, 2014 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for November, 2014, E. Motion to authorize Payment #2 to Niando Construction, Inc. for \$135,124.33 for the 2014 Road Resurfacing Project, F. Motion to authorize Payment #2 and Final to Laurel Asphalt, L.L.C. for \$2,249.25 for the Imprinted Crosswalk Project, G. Motion to authorize Payment #1 to Buono Construction for \$14,700.00 for work on the conservatorship property at 1447 Dormont Avenue, H. Motion to authorize Payment #1 to Buono Construction for \$3,000.00 for work on the conservatorship property at 2708 Broadway Avenue, I. Motion to authorize Payment #1 to East Coast Paving & Sealcoating, Inc. for \$147,874.68 for work on the 2014 Road Construction Project - Alleys, J. Motion to authorize the appointment of Bradley Sabolcik as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Dormont Volunteer Fire Department).

Motion carried 6-1; Maggio, Yes on all items except Item D.

ACTION ITEMS

Council President opened PUBLIC HEARING – Adoption of FY 2015 Budget.

McCartney asked if there was anyone who would like to speak about Action Item A. Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget as developed by Council and presented in the staff report. No comments.

Council President closed PUBLIC HEARING.

A. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget as developed by Council and presented in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: Costanzo briefed on the Budget. John Rushford briefed on the Budget and County Assessments. Maggio commented on the Budget.

Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Council President opened PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 1604 Levying an Ad Valorem Tax and Setting the Millage at 8.97 Mills.

McCartney asked if there was anyone who would like to speak about Action Item B. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1604 which levies an Ad Valorem Tax for 2015 Millage Rate at 8.97.

Council President closed PUBLIC HEARING.

B. Motion by Costanzo, second by Maggio to adopt Ordinance No. 1604 which levies an Ad Valorem Tax for 2015 Millage Rate at 8.97.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

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

Council President opened PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 1603.

McCartney asked if there was anyone who would like to speak about Action C. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1603 which implements a biennial fire safety inspection for all commercial and 4 or more unit multi-family structures as outlined in the staff report.

Council President closed PUBLIC HEARING.

C. Motion by Hodson, second by Fabus to adopt Ordinance No. 1603 which implements a biennial fire safety inspection for all commercial and 4 or more unit multi-family structures as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: Kim Kunkel, 2816 Crosby Avenue, business owner 3045 West Liberty Avenue RE: Question about fee.

Roseann Parker, owner of Parker's, business district.

Council Discussion: Maggio commented on the fee.

Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

D. Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to approve Resolution No. 21-2014 adopting a Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015 as outlined in the staff report. *Naftal noted on page 5 under Recreation Center rental the evening and weekend rentals states 4 hour rentals but should be 10 hour rentals.*

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: Costanzo and McCartney commented on a few fee changes.

Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

E. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to approve Resolution No. 20-2014 appointing Fire Apparatus Officer Mat Davis as Fire Marshall and Fire Apparatus Officer Jim Kolesky as Deputy Fire Marshal as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.
Council Discussion: None.
Motion carried 7-0.

F. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with LifeSolutions for Employee Assistance Program services for 2 years as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.
Council Discussion: None.
Motion carried 7-0.

G. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to award the Voelkel Avenue stormwater line addition to Niando Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$52,305.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: Richard Grubb, 2847 Glenmore Avenue RE: Asked why the Borough is paying for a stormwater line addition when it's on a personal property and the problem originates on personal property. *Naftal informed that they are not fixing anything on personal property, it will only be on Borough property.*

Council Discussion: Maggio stated his concerns.
Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

H. Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to award the emergency demolition of 1329 Tennessee Avenue to Schaaf Excavating for \$18,500.00 as outlined in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.
Council Discussion: None.
Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, Yes; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to approve a conditional use to allow Sprint to modify their cellular antennas on the roof of the Borough Building.

Public Comment: None.
Council Discussion: None.
Motion carried 7-0.

J. Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to authorize the issuance of a Request for Purchase and Development Proposals for the property on the northwest corner of Hillsdale and West Liberty Avenues.

Public Comment: Ed Massery, 1222 Dormont Avenue RE: Stated his concerns and disagreements with this Motion.

Greg Langel, 1500 Hillsdale Avenue RE: Stated his concerns and disagreements with this Motion.

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Stated his concerns and disagreements with this Motion.

David Trainer, 3118 Gaylord Avenue RE: Stated his concerns with this Motion.

Council Discussion: Maggio briefed on his concerns with this Motion.

Roll Call: Costanzo, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No; Martino, Yes; McCartney, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

K. Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to appoint Mr. John McClosky of 2800 Espy Avenue to the Planning Commission.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT