

Sellersville Borough Council
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960

May 8, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Regular May 8, 2023 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lois Dodson. All present joined in offering our National Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Thomas C. Hufnagle

Councilpersons: Lois A. Dodson, President
Alexander M. Potoczny, Jr., Vice-President
James G. Hull, President Pro Tem
Donald Crouthamel (via telephone)
Kathleen Hallman
Marie Howells
Lynne Saylor

Absent: Junior Council Person A'va Morgan

Manager: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager

Solicitor: Randal S. White, Esq., Borough Solicitor

Engineer: Scott McMackin, Cowan Engineering

Perkasie Police: Chief Robert Schurr

II. CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no changes, additions, or deletions to the addenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Mike Lezoche of Lawn Avenue discussed a letter he had submitted to Council on May 8 regarding issues with Lawn Avenue. He asked if the Borough had applied for State grant funding for replacement of water and sewer lines. Ms. Bradley stated that the Borough had applied to have the sanitary sewer lines on Lawn Avenue replaced ahead of a PennDOT paving project for the road. There had been no notice of any awards.

Mr. Lezoche had also requested to have new painted curbing along a portion of W. Church Street at Lawn Avenue to indicate a "no parking" area. Ms. Bradley added that the painting work had been completed. Mr. Lezoche also suggested additional areas and ideas to increase available parking, but those areas were within private property.

Mr. Lezoche mentioned speed along Lawn Avenue. Ms. Dodson noted that a speed study had recently been done along Lawn Avenue, with no blatant violations evident.

Mr. David Detweiler of Lawn Avenue expressed displeasure at the “No Parking” designation along Lawn Avenue, and asked why no parking was made permanent. Ms. Dodson explained that it was voted by Council for the greater safety of the entire community. Once the PennDOT reconstruction was completed, Council might revisit that decision.

Mr. Doug Moore of Lawn Avenue stated that elderly residents or those bringing home groceries find it difficult to park in the rear alleys of Lawn Avenue. He suggested posting no parking for specific times, rather than a full ban.

Mrs. Francine Decker of Lawn Avenue added that those with disabilities also had difficulty not being able to park on Lawn Avenue

Mrs. Joan Keating stated that traffic travelled too fast on that road, especially trucks.

Ms. Dodson stated that she was a resident of Lawn Avenue, and often wished there was more parking. As an elected official, however, her personal desires come second to the greater good of the community.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND HEARINGS:

There were no presentations or hearings at this time.

V. DEVELOPER ITEMS:

There were no developer items at this time.

VI. BOROUGH BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes of April 10, 2023 Council Meeting
2. April 2023 Treasurer’s Reports: See Treasurer’s Report on file.
3. April 2023 Tax Collector’s Reports: See Tax Collector’s Report on file.
4. April 2023 Mayor Hufnagle’s Report: See PPD Report on file.
5. April 2023 Reports from Operating Departments:
6. April 2023 Solicitor’s Report: See Solicitor’s Report on file.
7. April 2023 Engineer’s Report: No Report Received.
8. April 2023 Reports from Commissions and Boards:
 - a. Public Management Committee Minutes of April 26, 2023
 - b. Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of April 4, 2023
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes
 - d. Zoning Hearing Board
 - e. Emergency Management Agency

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mrs. Howells, to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 through 8. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution #2023-06 In Support of Amending the Sterling Act:

Ms. Bradley stated the proposed resolution would formally request that the Governor and the General Assembly amend the Sterling Act and require that up to one (1%) percent of the earned income paid by non-residents to the City be remitted back to the municipality in which the taxpayer resides if that municipality has enacted an earned income tax.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously approved, to adopt Resolution #2023-07, supporting an amendment to the Sterling Act to require the City of Philadelphia to remit up to one percent (1%) of non-resident wage tax back to the home community of the non-resident wage taxpayer.

C. Authorization to Appoint Finance Clerk:

Ms. Bradley presented the resume for a full-time Finance Clerk, and recommended hiring Regina Stevenson at a rate of \$52,000 per year (25.00 per hour) with benefits, in line with current policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Mr. Potoczny, and unanimously approved, to appoint Regina Stevenson as the full-time Finance Clerk at \$52,000 per year, with an effective start date of May 30, 2023.

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF BUSINESS AND COMMENTS:

B. Council

Mr. Hull expressed concern about the untimely return of resident phone calls from the manager.

Mrs. Hallman inquired about the property at Lawn and Maple Avenues. She believed it might currently be used as a boarding house, a use that was in violation of zoning regulations. Ms. Bradley stated that she would investigate. Mrs. Hallman then reminded residents that the Finding the Fairy Doors event was scheduled for that Saturday beginning at the Scout Cabin.

Mr. Potoczny informed the Council that the State House of Representatives had passed HB299, mandating that all municipalities comply with OSHA regulations. The Bill now goes to the State Senate. He urged Council members to contact State legislator Jarrett Coleman's office.

Mr. Crouthamel requested a brief Executive Session after the meeting.

H. Manager

1. 2023 Paving Project:

Ms. Bradley gave an update on the progress of the 2023 Paving Project.

2. Chal-Brit Regional EMS:

Ms. Bradley discussed an April 27, 2023 email from Chal-Brit Regional EMS, requesting a meeting to explore bringing Chal-Brit onboard as “first due” responders.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Meeting

Ms. Bradley reviewed details of a meeting she attended with Mrs. Hallman, Mrs. Howells, and Ms. Saylor at the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority on May 12 to view presentations for potential future development of the property at 900 E. Clymer Avenue.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

X. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

The monthly invoices were presented for payment authorization, with General and Sewer Fund Check Numbers 30807 through 30865 totaling \$537,990.15.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull and seconded by Mrs. Howells to authorize payment of Bills for the month of April 2023 totaling \$537,990.15. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss litigation. Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:05 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Council, President Lois Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council