

Sellersville Borough Council Chambers
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960
September 9, 2019
7:00 O'clock P.M.

The regular September, 2019 meeting of Sellersville Borough Council was called to order by President Lois Dodson at the above designated time and location.

All present joined in offering our "National Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL:

Mayor	:	Thomas C. Hufnagle, Mayor
Councilpersons	:	Lois A. Dodson, President Marie G. Howells Donald Crouthamel Kathleen J. Hallman Lynne Saylor
Borough Solicitor	:	Randal White, Esquire
Borough Engineer	:	
Police Service Provider	:	Acting Perkasio Police Chief Russ Closs
Manager/Secretary	:	David J. Rivet
Absent	:	Alexander M. Potoczny, Jr., Vice-President James G. Hull, President Pro Tem

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes:

1. Regular September, 2019 Meeting

B. September, 2019 Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Zischang

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

C. September, 2019 Tax Collector's report by Sue A. Snyder

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

D. September, 2019 Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle's Report

1. See Perkasio Police Department Report on file.

E. September, 2019 Reports from Operating Departments

1. Public Works Department Report by John Barry Snyder, Foreman

- a. General Maintenance: Cleaned storm inlets, storm pipes and ditches; repaired and maintained vehicles; various shop repairs and improvements; cleaned areas of shop inside and outside; pothole patching; installed new street signs/posts and repaired street signs; swept streets; storm clean-up.
- b. Sewer System: Opened sewer laterals; opened sewer main; delivered and hung shut off notices.
- c. Park and Playground: Removed trash; picked up branches; cut dead trees; placed wood chips around playground equipment.

2. Administration Report by David J. Rivet, Manager/Secretary

Staff Report:

- a. All administrative matters are of the routine nature.
- b. Building Permits:
 - 1. Solar Manufacturing 1500 East Clymer Ave #2162 dust collector/mezzanine
- c. Zoning Permits
 - 1. Joy Fenstermaker 110 N. Branch street shed
- F. September, 2019 Solicitor's Report by R. White Legal
 - 1. See Solicitor's Report on file.
- G. September, 2019 Engineer's Report
 - 1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.
- H. September, 2019 Reports from Commissions and Boards.
 - 1. Park and Recreation Board: Kathleen Hallman, Chair
 - a. See Park and Recreation Board Minutes on file.
 - b. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 1, 2019
 - 2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chair
 - a. See August 2019 minutes on file.
 - c. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 16, 2019.
 - 3. Zoning Hearing Board: Matthew A. Swierzewski, Chair.
No Business
 - 4. Emergency Management Agency: Craig A. Wilhelm, Coordinator
No Business
- I. September, 2019 Report from Committee of Council
 - a. See August 2019 meeting minutes.
 - b. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 17, 2019

A motion was made by Mrs. Howells that the Consent Calendar, Items (A) through (I), be approved as presented. Mrs. Hallman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A contingent of citizens from Lawn Avenue addressed Council with concerns regarding increased traffic, speeding and pedestrian safety with the recent closing of the bridge carrying North Main Street over the SEPTA railroad tracks on August 12, 2019. William Schild, 362 Lawn Avenue made suggestions to address the problems including: enforcing the 25 MPD speed limit; posting more 25 MPH speed limit signs; installing a patrol car with a dummy inside; place "targeted enforcement" signs; installing speed bumps; making Noble Street intersection a four way stop; and turning on the electronic speed sign. Wendy Sprouse, 143 Lawn Avenue, suggested a different truck traffic policy and placing school crossing guards at intersections. Phil Haegele, 433 Lawn Avenue suggested that the curve ahead sign that was knocked down be replaced. Francine Decker, 324 Lawn Avenue asked why the electronic sign was not turned on. Lorraine Del Duca, 362 Lawn Avenue, expressed concerns about truck traffic. Walter Sinnwell, 164 Lawn Avenue stated that in spite of signs posted prohibiting tractor trailers, they are still coming onto West Church Street and down Lawn Avenue. Jaclyn Heilman, 141 Lawn Avenue expressed concern about the school bus stop at West Church Street and Lawn Avenue and the weeds at the train station. Jennifer Angello, 306 Lawn Avenue stated that there are no crosswalks or pedestrian crossing signs at intersections. She also asked if any developments with Lawn Avenue could be communicated to the residents. President Dodson asked everyone to provide their email and they could receive information via email. David Detweiler, 316 Lawn Avenue said that speed bumps and pedestrian crossing marking on Green Street in Silverdale have been effective. He further asked whose decision it was to not allow parking on Lawn Avenue and why. President Dodson replied that it was Borough Council's decision for traffic safety. Mr. Detweiler expressed concerns with parking in the alley and

getting out in winter. President Dodson stated that the issue has been brought to the Public Works attention. Pete Rising, 406 Lawn expressed concerns with students crossing at the Noble Street intersection. Kris DeTurk, 356 Lawn Avenue asked whose decision it was to make Lawn Avenue the detour. Manager Rivet stated that the official detour around Sellersville, but there are limited options to get to downtown Sellersville. Tracy Neill, 348 Lawn Avenue stated that the rush hours have very high volume of vehicles.

Acting Police Chief Russ Closs explained that the electronic speed sign is on and recording time, traffic counts and speeds, but is not displaying the speeds to the drivers. This tends to give an accurate reading of traffic speeds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinances

Ordinance 729- an ordinance to form a Blighted Property Committee was moved for approval by Mrs. Hallman Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

B. Resolutions

Resolution 19-11- a resolution to approve a five year agreement between Sellersville Borough and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for winter traffic services on state highways, was moved for approval by Mrs. Howells. Motion was seconded by Ms. Saylor and passed with all in favor.

C. Motions

None

D. Authorizations

None

E. Agreements

Mr. Crouthamel moved to approve an agreement to allow Telford Borough Authority to connect a force main sewer line from Tax Map Parcel #52-017-057.001 to a Sellersville Borough sewer manhole. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Howells and passed with all in favor.

F. Appointments

None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Council member Hallman stated that the playground looks great. She further stated that there will be a labyrinth installed on the East Park Avenue park area near the National Guard armory and there will be a ribbon cutting for it on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

2. Chair Dodson remarked on a recent article about the changing recycling market and the need to get information out to citizens on the guidelines for proper preparation. She reminded everyone about the Gallery of the Arts event on Sunday, September 15th from noon to 5 pm.

4. Council member Crouthamel inquired about the fence to be installed on the new bridge. Manager Rivet said that it was included in the project walkthrough on September 5, 2019.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

The monthly invoices were presented for payment authorization. Mrs. Howells made a motion "that the invoices as presented be authorized for payment". Ms. Saylor seconded and the motion carried. Checks drawn in payment of the invoices are as follows: General-Water-Sewer Check Nos. ____ through ____, totaling \$____.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Borough Council, President Lois Dodson declared this meeting duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
David J. Rivet, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council