

Sellersville Borough Council Chambers
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960

August 10, 2020
7:00 O'clock P.M.

The regular August, 2020 meeting of Sellersville Borough Council was called to order by President Dodson via on-line ZOOM teleconference.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes:

1. July 13, 2020 Council/PMC Meeting

B. August, 2020 Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Zischang

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

C. August, 2020 Tax Collector's report by Sue A. Snyder

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

D. August, 2020 Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle's Report

1. See Perkasie Police Department Report on file.

E. August, 2020 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; repaired storm inlets; responded to flood.

b. Sewer System: Opened sewer laterals; opened sewer main.

c. Park and Playground: Removed trash; picked up branches; cut dead trees; removed weeds.

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

Staff Report:

a. All administrative matters are of the routine nature.

b. Building Permits:

1. Frank Holberg	4 Belair Circle	#2190 deck
2. Philip DiCarlantonio	90 W. Clymer Avenue	#2191 roof
3. Pennridge Middle School	610 S. Fifth Street	#2192 HVAC Chiller

c. Zoning Permits:

1. Heather Stranere	24 E. Church Street	shed
2. Jonathan Arnold	343 Washington Avenue	fence
3. Angles Sharing the Warmth	210 N. Main Street	new business
4. Sweet Pearl Photography	210 N. Main Street	new business
5. Michael & Sandra Tantorno	3 Woodbury Avenue	fence

F. August, 2020 Solicitor's Report by R. White Legal

1. See Solicitor's Report on file.

G. August, 2020 Engineer's Report

1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.

H. August, 2020 Reports from Commissions and Boards.

1. Park and Recreation Board: Kathleen Hallman, Chairperson

a. See August 3, 2020 and September 1, 2020 minutes

b. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 6, 2020

2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chairperson

a. July meeting cancelled.

c. Next regular meeting scheduled for August 17, 2020.

3. Zoning Hearing Board: Matthew A. Swierzewski, Chairperson.

No Business

4. Emergency Management Agency: Craig A. Wilhelm, Coordinator

Coordinated COVID-19 activities with Bucks County Emergency Management Services.

I. August, 2020 Report from Committee of Council

a. See Public Management Committee meeting minutes for July 21, 2020

b. Next meeting scheduled for August 18, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel that the Consent Calendar, Items (A) through (I), be approved as presented. Ms. Saylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gary Gorman, 505 Washington Avenue addressed the Council regarding flooding that occurred on Washington Avenue and Eyre Avenue on August 4, 2020. There is a storm sewer pipe that runs parallel to Eyre Avenue and down to Eyre that needs to be replaced and is on a borough owned easement. He also stated that chunks of asphalt and a stone pile have washed into the drainage ditch that in on his property. Manager Rivet stated that he is aware of the drainage pipe problem on Eyre Avenue and the borough engineers are working on a replacement plan. He also said he would investigate the asphalt pieces in the drainage ditch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinances

Ordinance No. 733- an ordinance extending the LERTA designation for the Sellersville Business Campus was moved for adoption by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

B. Resolutions

Resolution 20-11- a resolution to approve a master casting agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PA DOT) which allows the borough to reimburse PA DOT for any utility manhole cover work or replacements done by them or their contractors on PA DOT projects, was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Ms. Saylor and passed with all in favor.

C. Motions

None

D. Authorizations

Manager Rivet informed the Council that the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority, which runs the Holiday House Recreation Center has run out of funds to pay its bills for the rest of the year. Additionally, there are repairs that need to be performed prior to re-opening next season. He estimated that both the Borough and Township of West Rockhill would have to contribute approximately \$19,000 to get the Joint Recreation Authority through the year. The Holiday House Recreation Center closure due to COVID-19 exasperated the Authority's already difficult financial situation. Council members questioned whether or not West Rockhill Township will equally contribute. Manager Rivet stated that he cannot answer for the township supervisor's however, the borough is the fiduciary agent and there are bills that need to be paid. He further opined that if the Township will not be an equal partner, there may have to be future discussions with the town moving forward. After further discussion, Mr. Crouthamel moved to increase the support to the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority for 2020, by an additional \$19,000. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hallman and passed with all in favor.

E. Agreements

None

F. Appointments

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Robert Schurr stated that the fire department and borough employees did a great job assisting during the flood. The police department received 154 calls during the event. Evacuations had to be performed at 65 N. Main Street.

Ms. Saylor noted that in reading the fire department's monthly reports that a 54% of calls are in the Town of West Rockhill. Mr. Hull stated that West Rockhill Township is served by several surrounding fire departments and they should all get together and go to the town requesting additional financial support. Ms. Saylor stated that the fire department needs to organize a united front of the servicing fire departments and approach the town for more money especially in light of the borough instituting a 3 mill fire tax.

Mayor Hufnagle requested that the Manager suggest to the railroad operator to check the track condition near the old steel mill for damage following the August 4th flood.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

The monthly invoices were presented for payment authorization. Mr. Hull made a motion "that the invoices as presented be authorized for payment". Mr. Crouthamel seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Checks drawn in payment of the invoices are as follows: General-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 8:07 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled to be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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