

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

December 10, 2018
7:30 O'clock P.M.

The regular December, 2018 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 Alexander M. Potoczny, Jr., Vice-President James G. Hull, President Pro Tem Donald Crouthamel Kathleen J. Hallman Marie G. Howells Lynne Saylor
Borough Solicitor	:	Randal White, Esquire
Borough Engineer	:	
Police Service Provider	:	Perkasie Police Chief, Steven Hillias
Manager/Secretary	:	David J. Rivet
Absent	:	

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes:

1. Regular November, 2018 Meeting

B. December, 2018 Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Zischang

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

C. December, 2018 Tax Collector's report by Sue A. Snyder

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

D. December, 2018 Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle's Report

1. See Perkasie Police Department Report on file.

E. December, 2018 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; removed military banners and flags; swept streets and hung Christmas decorations.

b. Sewer System: Opened sewer laterals; opened sewer main; replaced sewer lateral at 175 Diamond Street.

c. Park and Playground: Removed trash; picked up branches; cut dead trees; closed restrooms; and installed a memorial bench.

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

Staff Report:

a. All administrative matters are of the routine nature.

b. Building Permits:

1. William & Jill Benner	313 Elmhurst Avenue	#2132 single family home
2. Chris Donofrio	132 Lawn Avenue	#2133 roof
3. Albert & Heather Sweet	350 N. Main Street	#2134 roof
4. Sheryl & Thomas Lester	114 Green Street	#2135 roof
5. Dave Yeager	430 E. Park Avenue	#2136 roof
6. Steve & Beth Capaldi	254 High Street	#2137 roof

c. Zoning Permits

None

F. December, 2018 Solicitor's Report by Fox, Rothschild, LLP

1. See Solicitor's Report on file.

G. December, 2018 Engineer's Report

1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.

H. December, 2018 Reports from Commissions and Boards.

1. Park and Recreation Board: Kathleen Hallman, Chairperson
 - a. See Park and Recreation Board Minutes on file.
 - b. Next regular meeting scheduled for February 5, 2019
2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chairperson
 - a. See November, 2018 Planning Commission meeting minutes.
 - c. Next regular meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019.
3. Zoning Hearing Board: Matthew A. Swierzewski, Chairperson.
No Business
4. Emergency Management Agency: Craig A. Wilhelm, Coordinator
No Business

I. December, 2018 Report from Committee of Council

a. See Public Management Committee minutes for November 19, 2018.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Robert Rudick, 205 High Street reported there was a beaver in Lake Lenape Park damaging trees. Manager stated that a trapper had been contacted and was expected early the next week to remove it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chief Hillias reported that "No-Shave November" was a success and raised \$3,320 for cancer research and \$350 for F.I.S.H. The "Toys for Tots" drive was also successful this year. Officers have received body and in-car camera training and expect to go live by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinances

Ordinance No. 723 - an ordinance to amend sewer service rates beginning February 1, 2019 was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mr. Potoczny and passed with all in favor.

Ordinance No. 724 - an ordinance fixing the real estate tax, and continuing in effect the per capita, occupation and real estate transfer tax for 2019 was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

B. Resolutions

Resolution 18-12 - a resolution appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the municipal government was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Howells and passed with all in favor.

Resolution 18-13 – a resolution appointing Styer and Associates as the certified accountant for the fiscal year 2019 to audit the accounts of the Borough for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mr. Potoczny and passed with all in favor.

Resolution 18-14 – a resolution approving the articles of incorporation of the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority to increase the term an additional fifty (50) years was moved for approval by Mr. Hull. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Howells and passed with all in favor.

C. Motions

None

D. Authorizations

None

E. Agreements

None

F. Appointments

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Rivet and Mayor Hufnagle reported that the nuisance problem at 216 Washington Avenue has not improved and that a hearing date should be set for the next Council session on January 7, 2019. President Dodson inquired as to what the next steps would be and if the Council could fine the resident for non-compliance. Solicitor White stated that no, only a court can set fines and the hearing is just a step in a cumbersome process. The council agreed to set the Nuisance hearing date for Robert Vandemark, 216 Washington Avenue for 7:00 p.m., January 7, 2019.

Mrs. Hallman reported that Winterfest was a success even with the trolleys not showing up. She also spoke with the engineering firm Derck & Edson and they would be willing to work on attempting to obtain grant money for the Penn Pants parking lot project.

Mr. Crouthamel inquired about Pennsylvania's recycling requirement that leaves not be landfilled based on an article he read the "Borough News" magazine. Manager Rivet stated that he say the same article and researched the question and the borough was under 5,000 residents and was exempt from the requirement. Mr. Crouthamel stated that the "Intelligencer" newspaper had a recent article about recruitment problems in the EMS and fire companies in Pennsylvania. Mr. Crouthamel also noted that Newtown Borough recently passed a resolution regarding sensible gun control and suggested that this borough form a subcommittee to look into a similar measure.

Ms. Saylor asked if the borough had ever looked into snow insurance. Her condominium association has it and has been a help for bad winters when the snow removal costs exceeded budget. Manager stated that he had never heard of it but was skeptical as to whether municipalities could benefit as they use their own equipment and manpower for snow and ice control versus using a contractor who provides invoices. Municipalities have received occasional FEMA and/or SEMO funding following major snowstorms where the state and national governments declare a state of emergency.

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. Potoczny 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 8:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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