

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

February 11, 2019
7:00 O'clock P.M.

The regular February, 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 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 January, 2019 Meeting

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

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

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

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

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

1. See Perkasie Police Department Report on file.

E. February, 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; plowed and salted streets.

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

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

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

Staff Report:

- a. All administrative matters are of the routine nature.
- b. Building Permits:
 - 1. Greg & Wendy Gangi 105 Green Street #2138 roof
- c. Zoning Permits
 - 1. Blue Tech AC, Inc. 230 W. Park Avenue new business
 - 2. William Courtney 515 Chadwyck Circle fence
 - 3. AJ & J Enterprises 307 E. Park Avenue shed

F. February, 2019 Solicitor's Report by Fox, Rothschild, LLP

- 1. See Solicitor's Report on file.

G. February, 2019 Engineer's Report

- 1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.

H. February, 2019 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 April 2, 2019
- 2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chairperson
 - a. See Planning Commission Minutes on file.
 - c. Next regular meeting scheduled for February 25, 2019.
- 3. Zoning Hearing Board: Matthew A. Swierzewski, Chairperson.
No Business
- 4. Emergency Management Agency: Craig A. Wilhelm, Coordinator
No Business

I. February, 2019 Report from Committee of Council

- a. See Public Management Committee minutes for January 15, 2019.

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:

Zack Mentz, recent purchaser of the four unit apartment building at 108 N. Main Street, addressed Council regarding the \$90/ quarter/living unit trash collection charge. He stated that he has a four unit apartment building in Bensalem and pays half as much and the collection company is also Republic Services. The Bensalem collection occurs once per week versus twice per week in Sellersville. Mr. Mentz stated that he investigated other communities and some charge by usage versus a flat rate per living unit as Sellersville charges. He also stated that he did some calculating based on the Republic Services contract and the housing units in the Borough based on the 2010 Census and he estimated the difference in collection revenue and payments to Republic to be around \$177,000. Manager Rivet stated that his figure is close, and the differential is used to offset costs to the general fund for office overhead costs. Mr. Mentz requested additional garbage toters so he "gets his money's worth". Manager will investigate that issue with Republic. Council thanked Mr. Mentz for bringing his concerns to their attention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinances

None

B. Resolutions
None

C. Motions
None

D. Authorizations
1. Mr. Hull moved to advertise Ordinance 725, an ordinance establishing one-way northbound traffic on Old Main Street between Washington Avenue and North Main Street. Motion was seconded by Mr. Potoczny and passed with all in favor.

2. Mr. Potoczny moved to approve the 2019 Sellersville Fire Police Events Calendar. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

E. Agreements
Mr. Hull moved to approve a contract with Doli Construction for the Green Street Sanitary Sewer line replacement project for \$240,593.25. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

F. Appointments
None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor White requested an executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege legal matters. President Dodson Council adjourned Council for an executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege legal matters at 7:46 p.m. Regular Council meeting resumed at 8:01 p.m.

1. Mr. Crouthamel moved that as a result of the recent investigations of Borough Manager Rivet and Mayor Hufnagle and the public Nuisance Hearing held on January 7, 2019, that the property at 216 Washington Avenue be found to constitute a public nuisance and that the Nuisance Adjudication as prepared by Borough Solicitor White, be adopted and presented to property owner, Robert Vandemark. Motion was seconded by Mr Potoczny and passed with all in favor.

Chair Dodson explained to resident Kathy Dabanian that as the Nuisance Adjudication requires the property owner to commence property cleanup within ten days and complete the cleanup within thirty days of receipt of the Nuisance Adjudication. A signed copy of the Nuisance Adjudication was given to Police Chief Hillias to be delivered to Mr. Vandemark.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Revitalization Committee Chair Tiki Martino addressed the Council and stated that there are four openings on the committee. She had spoken with Manager Rivet and the Borough has received a few letters of interest. She also inquired as to what action has transpired with the offer from Boucher & James, Inc. for plan assistance. Manager will contact Mr. David Jones to set up a kickoff meeting.

2. Mrs. Hallman stated that the planned Easter Egg dying has been set for the evening of Tuesday, April 16th, which is the same night as the April PMC meeting. Details as to how to work out both activities needs to be worked out as four participants attend both the egg dying and the PMC meeting.

3. Mayor Hufnagle thanked the Borough for the flowers and consideration given his family during the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

4. President Dodson thanked the Borough for the flowers following her recent surgery.

5. Mrs. Howells urged Council members to attend the Bucks County Borough Association meeting as they will be reviewing the bylaws. She also stated that the Pennsylvania State

Boroughs Association is now only giving out one Council Person of the Year award as opposed to two in previous years.

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". Mr. Hull 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 8:35 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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