

Sellersville Borough Council
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960

July 11, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Regular July 11, 2022 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:

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

Absent: Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle

Borough Manager: Eileen M. Bradley, Borough Manager
Solicitor: Randal S. White, Esq.
Engineer: J. Cheryleen Strothers
Perkasie Police: Chief Robert Schurr

II. CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Joan Keating of Lawn Avenue mentioned that the Druckenmiller Playground needed weeding. Ms. Bradley stated that the Public Works Department was working on removing all of the existing sand and mulch and would replace the materials, as weed killer could not be used.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND HEARINGS:

There were no Presentations or Hearings at this time.

V. DEVELOPER ITEMS:

A. Bucks County Technical Final Release

Ms. Bradley stated that Bucks County Technical/Solar Manufacturing had completed all requirements to allow closeout of the project. She recommended the release of all funds, return of the Letter of Credit and closing of the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull and seconded by Ms. Saylor and unanimously approved, to authorize the Final Release #7 of the Letter of Credit for Bucks County Technical in the amount of \$125,194.25. leaving Zero dollars and closing out the maintenance period for the project.

VI. BOROUGH BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes of June 13, 2022 Council Meeting
2. June 2022 Treasurer's Reports: See Treasurer's Report on file.
3. June 2022 Tax Collector's Reports: See Tax Collector's Report on file.
4. June 2022 Mayor Hufnagle's Report: See PPD Report on file.
5. June 2022 Reports from Operating Departments:
6. June 2022 Solicitor's Report: See Solicitor's Report on file.
7. June 2022 Engineer's Report: No Report Received.
8. June 2022 Reports from Commissions and Boards:
 - a. Public Management Committee Minutes of June 27, 2022
 - b. Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of June 7, 2022
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes of June 20, 2022
 - d. Zoning Hearing Board: No business.
 - e. Emergency Management Agency: No business.

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mr. Crouthamel, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution #2022-13, in Support of PA Senate Bill 1300

Mr. Crouthamel stated that in light of the alarming number of school shootings, he presented a resolution in support of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1300 which called for a ban on certain assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The resolution encouraged the State Judiciary Committee to forward the Bill to the entire General Assembly for their consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel and seconded by Ms. Saylor, to adopt Resolution #2022-13 in support of SB1300. The motion passed on a vote of five to two (Mr. Potoczny and Mrs. Howells opposed).

C. Resolution #2022-14, in Support of Joint Application to DCED for HARC Grant

Ms. Bradley noted that a resolution from Council was needed in support of a grant application to DCED's Historical and Archival Records Care Grants Program (HARC) on behalf of Sellersville Museum for digitization of copies of the Sellersville Herald.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel and seconded by Mr. Potoczny, to adopt Resolution #2022-14, authorizing application to DCED's Historical and Archival Records Care Grants Program on behalf of the Sellersville Museum

for digitization of copies of the Sellersville Herald. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Authorize Advertisement of Proposed Stormwater Management Ordinance

Ms. Bradley stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) required municipalities to update existing stormwater management ordinances prior to September 31, 2022. The proposed revision had been reviewed and vetted by Cowan Associates and was ready for adoption. Ms. Bradley requested authorization to advertise.

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mr. Hull, to authorize advertisement of a revised Stormwater Management ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance Repealing Chapter 65 Disorderly Conduct

Ms. Bradley noted that the current Codified Ordinance Chapter 65 Disorderly Conduct contained language regarding obscene language and loitering that should be removed. Chief Schurr added that much of what was covered in Chapter 65 was already covered by overarching State statutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mrs. Howells, to authorize advertisement of an ordinance repealing Chapter 65 Disorderly Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Special Event Approvals

Ms. Bradley stated that there were three applications for Special Event permits for gatherings over fifty attendees. As stated by Borough policy, those applications needed Council approval. They included: a Rally for Productive Rights on Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the War Memorial on Main Street; the Sellersville Theater's Members Party on September 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and the Grow a Pair Foundation 5K Run/Walk on October 9 through Lenape Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mr. Hull, to approve the scheduled Special Events as listed. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF BUSINESS AND COMMENTS:

C. Solicitor

1. Mr. White stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss litigation in the Elmhurst Gardens 2 litigation.

H. Manager

1. Elevator Maintenance

Ms. Bradley noted that on a recent inspection, the elevator contractor discovered damage to the rails of the elevator that would cost approximately \$5,000 to repair.

The work was ordered, but until repairs could be completed, the elevator was deemed “out of order.”

2. PWTA EDU Sales

Ms. Bradley noted that out of the fifty certified EDUs requested by Hilltown Township and approved for sale by Council at a prior meeting, the proportional amount designated for sale by Sellersville would be twenty-three EDUs at \$5,000.00 each. This would garner \$115,000.00 to Sellersville.

3. Bats

Ms. Bradley noted that she believed that there were bats in the third floor of Borough Hall, and she would investigate removal possibilities and costs.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. PMC Meeting of 07/25/2022

Ms. Bradley noted that she would be unable to attend the July 25 Public Management Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Detweiler was also unavailable that evening. As there was no business in the pipeline, she suggested cancellation of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Potoczny and seconded by Mr. Hull, to cancel the July 25 Public Management Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dodson read a letter from former State Representative Paul Clymer, thanking Council, and expressing his delight in the July 4 National Bell Ringing Ceremony.

Mr. Potoczny stated that he had attendance certificates for those who had recently attended the PSAB Conference in Hershey.

Mr. Crouthamel asked if Keystone Municipal Services had begun work on the Rental Inspection Program. Ms. Bradley stated that a Staff Meeting was held, and work commenced effective July 1. A report would be submitted for the end of August.

Mrs. Hallman stated that this year’s Winterfest would be moved to Saturday, November 26, known as “Small Business Saturday”, in an effort to promote the businesses in town.

Mrs. Hallman noted that the Park and Recreation Board had done some weeding at Cressman Pond and the memorial there. Hosta and other plantings were installed.

Mr. Potoczny thanked all those who assisted and participated in this year’s National Bell Ringing Ceremony on July 4.

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 30161 through 30234 totaling \$362,614.91.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull and seconded by Ms. Saylor to authorize payment of Bills for the month of June 2022 totaling \$362,614.91. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:50 p.m., Council again convened into Executive Session to discuss Litigation in the Elmhurst Gardens/Lenape Woods projects. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull and seconded by Mr. Potoczny, to schedule a Public Hearing for consideration of the Lenape Woods Tentative Planned Residential Development Application. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Borough Council, President Lois Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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