

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

August 13, 2018
7:30 O'clock P.M.

The regular August, 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 Kathleen J. Hallman Marie G. Howells Lynne Saylor
Borough Solicitor	:	Emma Kline, Esquire
Borough Engineer	:	
Police Service Provider	:	Perkasie Police, Sergeant James Rothrock
Manager/Secretary	:	David J. Rivet
Absent	:	Donald Crouthamel

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes:

1. Regular July, 2018 Meeting

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

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

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

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

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

1. See Perkasie Police Department Report on file.

E. August, 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; hung military banners and flags; swept streets.

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

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

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

Staff Report:

- a. All administrative matters are of the routine nature.
 - b. Building Permits:
 - 1. Sheryl & Thomas Lester 114 Green Street #2115 electric upgrade
 - 2. Angela Soost 480 Broadway Ave. #2116 deck
 - 3. Bucks Technical Associates 1500 E. Clymer Ave. #2117 commercial building
 - c. Zoning Permits
 - 1. Sean Yelper 118-120 N. Main Street sign
- F. August, 2018 Solicitor's Report by Fox, Rothschild, LLP
- 1. See Solicitor's Report on file.
- G. August, 2018 Engineer's Report
- 1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.
- H. August, 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 October 2, 2018
 - 2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chairperson
 - a. July Planning Commission meeting cancelled.
 - c. Next regular meeting scheduled for August 20, 2018.
 - 3. Zoning Hearing Board: Matthew A. Swierzewski, Chairperson.
No Business
 - 4. Emergency Management Agency: Craig A. Wilhelm, Coordinator
No Business
- I. August, 2018 Report from Committee of Council
- a. See Public Management Committee minutes for July 17, 2018.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Highway Design Manager, Steven Fellin and design consultant Brian Watson, P.E. Structures Section Manager with HDR, Inc. presented PA DOT's plans to rehabilitate the bridge carrying North Main Street over the SEPTA train tracks. According to Mr. Fellin the final design is expected to be complete in October, followed by advertising the project for bids in November and award in December. Project start time is planned for spring 2019. The cost is estimated at \$3.6 million and is 100% state funded. The bridge has been deemed historic and the essential character will remain. The concrete encasement of the lower beams will be removed, taking away a substantial dead load allowing for the bridge to carry a legal load after the project's completion. The official detour will be over state roads. The estimated time for completion is one (1) year.

Citizen concerns revolved around the status of Lawn Avenue as most local traffic will use Lawn Avenue, Noble Street and Maple Avenue to go around the job site. The sidewalks on Lawn Avenue were also of concern as they are as part of the official pedestrian detour. Council members Saylor and Howells raised the question of putting up decorative lighting on the rehabilitated bridge.

Resident Kathy Dabanian, 210 Washington Avenue raised a concern regarding the junk collection and un-mowed lawn of her neighbor, Robert Vandemark, 216 Washington Avenue. Ms. Dabanian shared photographs of the conditions at issue. Manager Rivet stated that the owner has been cited numerous times but is unresponsive. Manager further said that he will have the Public Works crew address the lawn and may engage the Perkasio Police to assist as the owner has previously chased the crew off when they attempted to cut the weeds and grass.

Tony Mancuso, 650 Wyckford Drive, raised complaints regarding a new home at 648 Wyckford Drive that has had tall grass all summer, an open window, a portable toilet on site and an open vault by the back basement window. Manager stated that the owner and builder have both been contacted several times this summer regarding the tall weeds and lack of action on completing the building for market. Portable toilet has been removed and the grass was cut August 13th. The back basement window is an escape route for the finished basement. The builder has experienced substantial water in the basement that has prevented them from selling it until the problem is addressed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Perkasie Police Sergeant Rothrock presented Council with the 2017 Police Department Annual Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinances

None

B. Resolutions

None

C. Motions

None

D. Authorizations

Donation to Bucks County Honor Tour – Mr. Hull moved to donate \$200 to the Bucks County Honor Tour. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hallman and passed with all in favor.

E. Agreements

Perkasie Regional Authority Transport Sewage- Mr. Potoczny moved to approve the sewer capacity agreement between Sellersville Borough and Perkasie Regional Authority to convey sewage through the Borough's existing sewage collection system, including the Borough's Northeast Interceptor, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) sanitary sewer EDU's from West Rockhill Township. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Howells and passed with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Potoczny thanked everyone for making the July 4th Bell Ringing event successful.

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 8:51 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on September 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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