

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

July 13, 2020
7:00 O'clock P.M.

The regular July, 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 Marie G. Howells Lynne Saylor
Borough Solicitor	:	Randal White, Esquire
Police Service Provider	:	Perkasie Police Chief Robert Schurr
Manager/Secretary	:	David J. Rivet
Absent	:	

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes:

1. June 16, 2020 Council/PMC Meeting

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

1. See Treasurer's Report on file.

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

1. See Tax Collector's Report on file.

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

1. See Perkasie Police Department Report on file.

E. July, 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; spread millings in alleys.

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. William & Kaitlyn Delany	218 E. Park Avenue	#2180 electric
2. Larry Friedman	77 Elm Street	#2181 A/C unit
3. Kyle Jenkins	310 E. Church Street	#2182 interior renovations
4. Pennridge School District	610 S. 5th Street, Perkasio	#2183 HVAC units
5. Karla Aichele	373 N. Main Street	#2184 roof
6. Devon Bergy	5 Jessica Lane	#2185 alterations & electric
7. Jesse Spangler	220 E. Park Avenue	#2186 electric
8. David Rivet	118 Cherry Street	#2187 electric
9. James Koons	40 E. Fairview Avenue	#2188 porch/deck replacement
10. Annette Soffa	445 Washington Avenue	#2189 electric

c. Zoning Permits:

1. Angel Alverio	83 W. Clymer Avenue	fence
2. Kevin & Lisa Fluck	480 Washington Avenue	fence
3. David & Deborah Rivet	118 Cherry Street	shed

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

1. See Solicitor's Report on file.

G. July, 2020 Engineer's Report

1. No written report from any Borough Engineers.

H. July, 2020 Reports from Commissions and Boards.

1. Park and Recreation Board: Kathleen Hallman, Chairperson

a. No meeting scheduled for July

b. Next regular meeting scheduled for August 4, 2020

2. Planning Commission: John Larsen, Chairperson

a. May and June meetings cancelled.

c. Next regular meeting scheduled for July 20, 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. July, 2020 Report from Committee of Council

a. See Public Management Committee meeting minutes for June 16, 2020

b. Next meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. James Miller, Chair of the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority addressed the Council regarding the Holiday House Pool closing this season due to COVID-19 and major pool repair concerns. The Holiday House Pool needs to have several leaks repaired before it can re-open next year. The financial situation is poor due in large part to a lack of pool patron revenues. The Authority is looking at needing approximately \$50,000 additional funds in 2020 to address the repairs and ongoing operational expenses. The Authority has plans to set up a

“Go Fund Me” account to solicit donations in an effort to reduce reliance on funding from the borough and township. Additionally, he has received volunteer help from the local Rotary Club to perform maintenance on and around the playground equipment, another individual has volunteered to dig up the broken lines and another has volunteered to donate pipe for the repairs.

Sean Kelly, Executive Vice President of Leon N. Weiner & Associates the developer for the Sellersville Senior Apartments development addressed Council regarding his company’s desire to have the three parcels comprising their project included in the current LERTA renewal council will be considering for the Sellersville Business Campus. Mr. Kelly stated that they are near final approval on their financial package approval with closing slated for September. The financial package includes a consideration of county taxes being abated for five (5) years. This provided not only a \$5,700 cost reduction but “points” on their funding application. Mr. Fredrick Schea with Grace Inspired Ministries stated that the funding has already been awarded.

President Dodson asked Solicitor White to comment on the request. Solicitor White stated that he has been in contact with the developer’s attorney, Nate Fox and the Bucks County Attorney and they have concluded that it is not legally possible to add the Sellersville Senior Apartments parcels onto the LERTA without going through the formal process of making a declaration that the area is blighted, including them in the Certified Redevelopment Plan Area and then putting them into the LERTA by ordinance. The process would take as much as two months. Further, the LERTA states that the parcels are exempt from all real estate taxes, including borough and school, not just county. Solicitor White assured Mr. Kelly and the other representatives participating that the borough is supportive of the project, however, the parcels cannot be added into the Sellersville Business Campus LERTA reauthorization as requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinances
None

B. Resolutions
None

C. Motions
None

D. Authorizations
Mr. Hull moved to advertise Ordinance 733 extending the LERTA for the Sellersville Business Campus for five more years. Motion was seconded by Mr. Potoczny and passed with all in favor.

Mr. Potoczny moved to advertise for bids for crosswalks and pavement markings. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hull and passed with all in favor.

Mr. Hull moved to advertise for bids for the collection of municipal solid waste and recycling. Mr. Crouthamel asked if some discussion of the type of program the borough wanted to have would be in order and if recycling would still be included? Manager stated that his initial run at the contract would be to keep services as is due to the popularity of recycling and twice a week collection. If costs or issues getting collection companies to bid the work become a problem, we would have time to go out again before the end of the year. Motion was seconded by Ms. Saylor and passed with all in favor.

E. Agreements
None

F. Appointments
None

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Robert Schurr stated that one of the patrol cars was involved in an accident at Lawn Avenue and Noble Street.

Mr. Crouthamel stated that the town clock is not working again. Manager stated that the repair company has been informed. Mr. Crouthamel asked if the pine tree at the fire department, that is decorated for Christmas, is healthy or is in danger of dying as one citizen asserted. Manager said that from the street it does not look like it is failing, but will further investigate. Mr. Crouthamel noted that there are long lines at TerraVida. When the business was first opened the owner said that the clients would go there by appointment only. Manager said that he would bring the question to the owner's attention.

Ms. Saylor noted that she likes the flashing red lights placed on some of the STOP signs.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

The monthly invoices were presented for payment authorization. Mr. Potoczny made a motion "that the invoices as presented be authorized for payment". Mr. Hull 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 \$ ____.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dodson adjourned the regular council session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Regular session resumed at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Borough Council, President Lois Dodson declared this meeting duly adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled to be held on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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