

Sellersville Borough Council's
Public Management Committee
Council Chambers
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, Pa 18960

January 15, 2019
7:00 O'Clock P.M.

The January, 2019 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Alexander Potoczny at the above designated time and location.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor :

Councilpersons : Alexander Potoczny, Vice-Chair
James G. Hull, First Alternate
Donald Crouthamel
Kathleen Hallman
Lynne Saylor

Absent : Thomas C. Hufnagle, Mayor
Lois A. Dodson, Chair
Marie Howells

Manager/Secretary : David J. Rivet, Manager/Secretary

FIRE REAL ESTATE TAX

Sellersville Fire Department President Greg Castelli, Vice President Matt Swierzewski, Chief Kurt Wagner, and Deputy Chief Tim Kelly addressed the PMC regarding the financial and personnel needs of the Fire Department. They outlined the sources of revenue from the municipalities they serve, state insurance fund, grants and fund raising activities. The department is looking at improvements in the fire hall and picnic grove in addition to the normal expenses the department has in utilities, equipment replacement and supply purchases. The Fire Department is looking for steady revenue sources that could reduce the number and/or types of fund-raising activities they hold per year. One potential source is a real estate fire tax of up to three (3) mills. The other townships, served by the department, East Rockhill a .75 mill fire tax, West Rockhill a .75 mill fire tax and Hilltown 1 mill fire tax, that they split among the departments that services them. Manager Rivet stated that currently a mill in Sellersville equates to approximately \$38,600 in revenue. Manager inquired if the Fire Department had a millage rate or revenue number in mind. The representatives stated that they will come back to Council with a specific request now that they know how much a mill equals.

The Fire Department is also trying to address dwindling membership by actively recruiting people to join the department even to serve in non-firefighting capacity. They are also sponsoring an Explorer Troop to spark interest in firefighting in youths.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND CELTIC FESTIVAL

The Pennridge Chamber of Commerce's 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day and Celtic Festival will be held on Saturday March 16, 2019 in Sellersville. In past years the borough has donated \$250 towards the event. Mr. Hull moved to donate \$250 towards the St. Patrick's Day and Celtic Festival. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

OLD FIRE HOUSE ROOF ESTIMATES

When the roof replacement was discussed at budget time, the question was raised as to how much it would cost to have a metal roof put on instead of shingles. The answer is \$27,975 plus another \$900 for snow catchers for a total of \$28,875 versus \$9,985 for regular "lifetime" shingles. The borough could also upgrade the shingles to Grand Manor shingles that resemble slate for \$14,200. Mr. Hull moved to replace the roof for the \$9,985 estimate provided by Timothy Schaffer Roofing and Siding, Inc. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hallman and passed with all in favor.

OTHER

PMC discussed the Appreciation Dinner and selected a country western theme. For the meal, borough staff is to check with the fire department kitchen personnel to make a meal selection in keeping with the theme. Hodge Podge was approved for DJ entertainment for the evening. No decision was made on a Friend of the Borough. The past floral center piece provider has retired and a new one needs to be engaged. Suggestions for a replacement included checking with Perkasio Florist, Fredericks and Bloom Flower Company.

Manager informed the PMC that North Penn Water Authority was starting a waterline replacement on High Street on Monday, January 21st. The project is expected to last four weeks depending on the weather.

Manager also informed the PMC that a pre-bid meeting for the Green Street sewer line replacement project would be held on Thursday, January 17th at 10 a.m. Bids are due January 31st at 10 a.m.

Manager informed the PMC that he was meeting with Mr. David Jones from Boucher & James to discuss their proposal to assist the Revitalization Committee.

Manager requested permission to further investigate hiring an intern to use a GPS unit to inventory the borough's street safety sign inventory and other street utilities such as sewer manholes. Mr. Crouthamel moved to approve further investigating hiring an intern. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hull and passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee, Vice Chair Alexander Potoczny declared this

meeting duly adjourned at 9:00 P.M. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled to be on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Attest:

David J. Rivet, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council