

Sellersville Borough Council's
Public Management Committee
Teleconference Via ZOOM
Sellersville, Pa 18960

March 16, 2021
7:00 O'Clock P.M.

The February 16, 2021 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee (PMC) was called to order by Chair Lois Dodson by teleconference at the above designated time.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent : Mayor Thomas Hufnagle
Councilperson Marie Howells

Manager/Secretary : Eileen M. Bradley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Dodson called for Public Comment on Non-Agenda items. Ms. Regina Diana of W. Park Avenue had no comments to make.

BARTH CONSULTING GROUP:

Mr. Crouthamel stated that Council should have a clear idea of the scope of work the Barth Consulting Group (BCG) would serve before deciding whether or not to hire the firm. Council agreed that the business community was in "survival mode", and needed help. The downtown area was critical to improving the Borough, but not the only area that needed attention. All felt that guidance from Stephen Barth would assist in refining a strategy. Ms. Dodson asked the Manager to invite Mr. Barth to the next PMC meeting, April 20, to discuss specifics of what BCG could do and at what price.

BRIDGE POLES FOR DECORATIVE LIGHTS:

Manager Bradley noted that work on the new utility pole outlets had been delayed by PPL, due to backordered supplies. The new light poles and outlets for the two bridges had yet to be ordered. Four 13-foot poles at the Railroad Bridge would be \$5,704.00 complete. Six 11-foot poles at the Firehouse Bridge would be \$7,965.00 complete. This would total just under \$14,000.00.

Mr. Crouthamel asked if the Firehouse poles included relocation of electrical lines. Manager Bradley stated that she believed it did, but would verify that with PPL.

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Crouthamel and seconded by Ms. Saylor, Council unanimously agreed to purchase the light poles and equipment for both bridges for \$13,669.00, pending verification of charges.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTER TWO REVIEW

The PMC discussed action items contained in Chapter Two chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Crouthamel stated that input was needed from the Revitalization Committee, and ways to further encourage their involvement. He wondered if the State Main Street Program was still active. Manager Bradley suggested that the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority could be more active in promoting Borough properties, and would contact Commissioner Harvey for assistance.

Ms. Saylor suggested that we could use our park facilities to attract families and businesses, such as guided walking tours.

OTHER:

OPEN SECRETARIAL POSITION:

Manager Bradley stated that the deadline for applications for the open secretarial position was this Friday. Approximately 25 resumes had been received and she was weeding through them.

LAKE LENAPE DAM REMOVAL:

Mr. Crouthamel had connected with the American Rivers organization, which works with Fish and Boat Commissions to gather information on the possible removal of the dam at Lake Lenape. Mrs. Hallman suggested that perhaps dredging the stream would be a better option to removing the dam.

Mr. Crouthamel was not suggesting that the dam needed to be removed. He was concerned about repeated flooding of the trails and ballfields, which could possibly be caused in part by the dam. He stated that we would need technical assistance and funding to manage the downtown flooding.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:

Mr. Crouthamel had attended a virtual meeting with Bucks County to update the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Participation allows the Borough to be eligible for PEMA/FEMA relief funding. Manager Bradley noted that she was familiar with the process, and would follow through with future meetings.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:

Manager Bradley noted that as a part of the federal American Rescue Plan, Sellersville would be eligible for \$423,000 in aid over the next year. Details were limited, but guidance would be issued through the U.S. Treasury Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Chair Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next regular Public Management Committee was scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Attest:

Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council