

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

March 19, 2019
7:00 O'Clock P.M.

The March, 2019 meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee was called to order by Chair Dodson at the above designated time and location.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor : Thomas C. Hufnagle

Councilpersons : Lois A. Dodson, Chair
Alexander Potoczny, Vice-Chair
Donald Crouthamel
Marie Howells
Lynne Saylor

Absent : James G. Hull, First Alternate
Kathleen Hallman

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

Solicitor : Randal White, Esq.

216 WASHINGTON AVENUE NUISANCE VIOLATION

Solicitor White briefly reviewed recent correspondence received from Robert Vandemark, property owner of 216 Washington Avenue, wherein he allegedly filed Notices of Appeal to the Commonwealth Court and the Court of Common Pleas the Borough Council's decision in the Nuisance Adjudication of February 11, 2019. The solicitor's office checked with the Bucks County Office of the Prothonotary and there has not been an appeal from Mr. Vandemark filed with that office. As the time to appeal the decision has passed, the Borough is clear to proceed with abating the nuisance.

RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

Solicitor White discussed the latest version of the proposed Rental Property Maintenance ordinance with the PMC. Solicitor White suggested that as an alternative to rolling the ordinance out over three years by sections, that rental property registration start in 2020 and have the inspections be done over the course of a year. The change will need to be reviewed by the potential inspection company to see if could be workable for them.

The PMC agreed to change **Section 6. Retention of Manager**, the distance a property owner or the qualified property manager be available from no more than twenty miles be to thirty miles.

FIRE REAL ESTATE TAX

Manager reviewed with the PMC and Solicitor, the expenses the Borough currently pays to the Fire Department. Manager requested that the solicitor review the expenses to see which ones could be paid with a fire real estate tax. Discussion on the Fire Tax turned to the amounts paid by the surrounding townships also served by the Sellersville Fire Department. PMC directed the manager to draft a letter to the towns requesting additional financial support to the fire department.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There are four voting member positions open on the Revitalization Committee. There are five applicants who have expressed interest in serving on the committee. Interviews were held with the applicants by select members of the Revitalization Committee.

Mr. Potoczny moved to appoint Claudia Schuster, Kevin Cadwallader, Robert Frankil and Kathy Tinsmith to fill the four vacancies on the Revitalization Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouthamel and passed with all in favor.

REVITALIZATION BYLAWS

PMC reviewed proposed bylaws for the Revitalization Committee.
PMC suggested the following changes:

ARTICLE IV – MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 1-ANNUAL MEETING Needs clarification on the officer terms of office and alternating years. Second section, second paragraph reads “Elections for two said positions will occur on alternating years” without stating which said positions.

Section 3 – Quorum (B) change the start of the sentence from “The number of members...” to “Five (5) members...”

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

Section 2- Disbursements in the first sentence add “...and Sellersville Borough Council” at the end. In the second and third sentences, add the word “Council”.

OTHER

Mr. Potoczny was selected as the voting delegate for the PSAB Conference. Mr. Crouthamel requested that a common sense gun regulation resolution be acted upon by the Council. Mr. Crouthamel volunteered to prepare a draft resolution for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Sellersville Borough Council’s Public Management Committee, Chair Dodson declared this meeting duly adjourned at 8:59 P.M. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled to be on April 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Attest:

David J. Rivet, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council