

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

October 20, 2020
7:00 O'Clock P.M.

The October, 2020 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:

Mayor : Thomas C. Hufnagle

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

Absent : Marie Howells

Manager/Secretary : David J. Rivet

OUTDOOR BURNING

The PMC briefly reviewed the request from resident Sue Weader, 465 E. Ridge Avenue requesting that the outdoor burning ordinance be revised to ban burning except for grilling due to smoke from her neighbor's fire pit causing breathing problems for her. PMC did not elect to revise the ordinance.

2021 DRAFT BUDGET

Manager Rivet briefly touched on highlights of the proposed 2021 budget which included no additional fees or tax increases. Council will review the 2021 budget in detail at the next PMC meeting November 17, 2020.

FIRE REAL ESTATE TAX AGREEMENT

Manager Rivet presented the latest draft agreement with the Sellersville Fire Department to distribute the fire real estate tax. Borough Solicitor White and fire department attorney Michael Kracht are communicating to work out any contract details. Final agreement approval is expected in November.

SEWER & TRASH BILL FORMAT

Manager Rivet informed the PMC that the Utilities Manager Cheryl Zischang has been experiencing difficulties with preparing the monthly sewer and trash bills particularly with

the folding machine destroying a sizable amount of bills that then have to be rerun and typed by hand. She suggested the borough go with a postcard format that would eliminate folding and cut down on postage as well. Manager Rivet stated that the new style bills will be rolling out as soon as the printer can produce the new forms and the utility program software company completes their transition.

FLOODING

Councilman Crouthamel stated that one of the Boy Scout leaders, Skip Davenport had approached him with concerns about the scout cabin being subjected to flooding which is causing damage. He inquired as to whether the creek could be dredged behind the dam or the dam removed to reduce flooding events. Manager replied that the PA Department of Environmental Protection dam division would be the agency to contact regarding possible options.

OTHER

Manager Rivet informed the PMC that the North Main Street bridge over the SEPTA tracks is expected to be completed by the beginning of November. PMC discussed whether the no parking regulations on Lawn Avenue should be made permanent as the PA DOT plans for Lawn Avenue would not allow for parking on Lawn Avenue and traffic flows much better without cars parked in the street. The topic will be further considered at future meetings.

Mayor Hufnagle suggested that the one way designation on Old Main Street be reversed after the bridge is opened so that vehicles would not be making a difficult left hand turn against traffic coming onto N. Main Street. He also informed the PMC that there were 75 candidates in attendance at the last police school.

Chair Dodson informed the PMC that the search committee has selected eight (8) semi-finalists to be interviewed on October 26th at Borough Hall for the manager's position. They will then select 3-4 finalists for full Council consideration.

Councilwoman Hallman asked if the COVID-19 situation would affect holding the annual employee's appreciation luncheon. PMC agreed that the social distancing requirements and sharing of food buffet style is not feasible and the luncheon unfortunately would have to be cancelled this year.

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 8:10 P.M. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled to be on November 16, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Attest:

David J. Rivet, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council