

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

February 21, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The February 21, 2022 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee (PMC) was called to order by Chair Lois Dodson at Borough Hall, 140 E. Church Street at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilpersons: Mayor Thomas Hufnagle
Lois A. Dodson, Chair
Alexander Potoczny, Vice-Chair
James G. Hull, First Alternate
Donald Crouthamel
Kathleen Hallman
Marie Howells

Assistant to the Manager: Brenda Detweiler

Solicitor: Randal S. White

Absent: Lynne Saylor
Eileen M. Bradley, Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Crouthamel announced that the Joint Recreation Authority (JRA) presented their business plan to West Rockhill Township Supervisors last week. The Supervisors approved release of \$13,000 towards the JRA budget. If there was progress with their business plan, they would consider an additional \$7,000.

Mrs. Hallman mentioned Spring Clean Up was scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Landis Supermarket was donating the hot dogs and the American Legion had offered to cook them for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public Comment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rumpf Building Presentation:

Mr. Steve Barth gave a presentation to Council on the Revitalization progress throughout the downtown. He segued into introducing Mr. David Halliday of Village Centre Properties and Mr. Jared Kimmel, owner of the mill building at 35 Maple Avenue, and their concept plans for the current Rumpf Building. They proposed to preserve the property by converting

it to apartments with a café/eatery and outdoor seating on the first floor. Mr. Kimmel said that he did not feel the building could be utilized in its present form for much longer but did not want to see a building sit vacant. Council was receptive to explore the concept in the future.

Support Letter Request – Grant for Crime Prevention/Victim Services Specialists:

Mrs. Detweiler stated that Chief Schurr had requested a support letter from Council for a regional grant to hire two Crime Prevention/Victim Services Specialists in conjunction with the police departments that comprise the Pennridge School District.

On motion of Mr. Potoczny, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously approved by all present, Council authorized the Manager to write a letter on behalf of Council to support application of a regional grant for hiring of two Crime Prevention/Victim Services Specialists in conjunction with the police departments that comprise the Pennridge School District.

Park Pavilion and Event Fees:

Mrs. Detweiler stated that Staff had discovered that there was not a Special Event application and/or fee currently on file for those seeking a permit. Currently there was an escrow requirement for using the pavilion at Druckenmiller Park, but not for facilities at Lake Lenape Park. The pavilion rental price was also much lower than surrounding communities. After discussion, Council requested Staff review the current programs and draft an application process.

Appreciation Dinner:

Mr. Crouthamel asked for suggestions to hold a Volunteer Appreciation night at a reasonable cost, possibly at Poppa Joe's Grove. Mrs. Detweiler mentioned that her previous place of employment hosted their volunteer picnic at a pavilion with catered picnic fare. Council requested Staff to check into options for a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Township Road Pump Station Dialer Purchase:

Mrs. Detweiler stated that Ms. Bradley had received a quote for purchase of a new 5G dialer/web-based cellular monitoring device for the Township Road Pump Station. The current equipment was incompatible with upgraded cell services and would be dropped by all cell carriers as early as February 22, 2022. The cost for equipment and installation was \$7,550.00 through COSTARS.

On motion of Mr. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, authorization is made for the purchase of a new dialer/web based cellular monitoring device at the cost of \$7,550.00 for the Township Road Pump Station.

Celtic Fest:

Mrs. Detweiler stated that a table had been reserved for the Borough for the Pennridge Celtic Fest in Perkasie on March 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Council requested from

Staff materials for Holiday House Pool, Parks and Recreation, the Sellersville Museum, and the Gallery of the Arts.

Elmhurst Gardens 2:

Mr. White stated that Council needed to secure dates in March for two (2) Public Hearing Meetings, a Special meeting of Borough Council to consider and vote on the application, authorize hiring Special Counsel to conduct the Public Hearings, and revise this evening's agenda in compliance with the Sunshine Law to address these issues.

On motion of Mrs. Hallman, seconded by Mr. Hull, and unanimously approved by all present, authorization was given to amend and post tonight's revised agenda within 24 hours to be in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

On motion of Mr. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, Council authorized the appropriate Borough officials to advertise Public Hearings to be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 and Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be determined for the Elmhurst Gardens 2 application.

On motion of Mr. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, Council authorized the appropriate Borough officials to advertise a Special Meeting of Borough Council to be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Sellersville Borough Hall, 140 East Church Street, Sellersville to consider and vote on the Elmhurst Gardens 2 application.

On motion of Mr. Potoczny, seconded by Mr. Hull, and unanimously approved by all present, authorization was given to hire Todd Savarese, Esq. as Special Counsel to administer and conduct the Public Hearings on March 21, 2022 and March 22, 2022 for the Elmhurst Gardens 2 application at a fee of \$275.00 per hour.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public Comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular Public Management Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council