

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

October 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The October 24, 2022 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee (PMC) was called to order by Chair Lois A. Dodson at Borough Hall, 140 E. Church Street at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilpersons: Mayor Thomas Hufnagle
Lois A. Dodson, Chair
Donald Crouthamel
Kathleen Hallman
Marie Howells
Lynne Saylor

Assistant to Borough
Manager: Brenda Detweiler
Borough Solicitor: Randal White, Esq. (via video conference link)

Absent: James G. Hull, First Alternate
Alexander Potoczny, Vice-Chair

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concept Presentation – SEPTA Train Station:

Mr. Jared Kimmel and Mr. David Halliday presented their concept plan for the SEPTA Train Station for Council to consider once Council entered into a lease agreement with SEPTA. They gave a background of their past and present projects, along with renderings of their ideas for the train station. They specialized in preserving historic buildings and repurpose their buildings to the fullest extent possible.

LERTA Discussion:

Mr. White noted that in August 2020, Council amended the LERTA ordinance to extend from 5 years to 10 years. The LERTA exempts real estate taxes for new businesses brought into the Borough. The extension for LERTA expires in March 2025. It does not include the Grassy Knoll. 4th Soil is the last development in the business campus area that falls within the existing LERTA. If the buildings were completed before 2025, they would be eligible to file for the exemption. Mr. Crouthamel commented that he felt the LERTA program had accomplished what Council set out to do to help grow business within the Borough.

2023 Meeting Dates:

Mrs. Detweiler discussed the 2023 Meeting Schedule with Council.

On motion of Mrs. Hallman, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously approved by all present, the 2023 Meeting Schedule presented was approved, with the changes to reflect the correct holiday dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization to Advertise Proposed Ordinance #742 Regarding Delinquent Accounts:

Mrs. Detweiler noted the proposed ordinance would allow Portnoff Law Associates to start charging for the validation notice as initial contact with a property owner as part of their collection process next year. Mrs. Detweiler requested authorization to advertise.

On motion of Mrs. Howells, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize advertisement for proposed Ordinance #742 regarding Delinquent Accounts.

Resolution #2022-20: Amendment to Portnoff Agreement (Fee Schedule):

Mrs. Detweiler noted that a resolution from Council would be needed to agree to the amendment of the fee schedule for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes and municipal claims by Portnoff Law Associates.

On motion of Mrs. Howells, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, to adopt Resolution #2022-20, amending the fee schedule to the Portnoff Agreement.

Resolution #2022-21: Records Dissolution:

Mrs. Detweiler noted that a resolution from Council was needed for the disposition of records according to statutory requirements.

On motion of Mrs. Howells, seconded by Ms. Saylor, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize the disposition of records according to statutory requirements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Crouthamel stated that he had met with Robert Bielunas of Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) this week. Consideration was being made to increase the weight limit of trucks from 58,000 pounds to over 90,000 pounds. The length of the trailers could be increased by five feet (10 feet for double trailers) as well. Pennsylvania roadways were not made to support the weight of the trucks and trailers. Mr. Crouthamel would forward a copy of the signed petition to Council for their review. Signing of the petition was an individual decision and not a Borough decision.

Mayor Hufnagle stated that he had traveled to Harrisburg last week for a State Firemans' Association meeting. There was concern that there would not be enough volunteers in the future. Boroughs were required to have a fire company, where Townships do not have the requirement. Council needed to start thinking about the shortage. Mrs. Howells believed that Greenville Borough had begun charging a fire service fee of \$225 per year per house.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss litigation, where no action was taken. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

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, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council