

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

March 27, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The March 27, 2024 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee (PMC) was called to order by Vice Chair James Hull at Borough Hall, 140 E. Church Street at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilpersons: Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle
James G. Hull, Vice-Chair
Donald Crouthamel, First Alternate
Kathleen J. Hallman
Marie G. Howells
Lynne A. Saylor
David A. O'Donnell

Absent: Lois A. Dodson, Chair

Manager: Eileen M. Bradley

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Bradley announced that Council had met in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. this evening to discuss personnel issues. Council would also meet after this meeting to continue discussion on personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Barry Kuhn of the Sesquicentennial Committee stated that the Anniversary Car Show was scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, April 21 at the Sellersville Fire Hall Grounds. Registration would begin at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00. Council was urged to be on site at 11:00 a.m. for judging. The show would be open to the public from Noon until 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

HEC-RAS Study of Perkiomen Creek:

Ms. Bradley introduced Doug Rossino of Gilmore and Associates who had submitted a proposal to proceed to the next steps of a HEC-RAS study to address flooding issues caused by the Perkiomen Creek. A full study would cost over \$30,000.00 but would be used for applying for various grants toward mitigation efforts. Most grants would require a 5-15% municipal match.

Mr. Crouthamel suggested we contact Perkasio Borough to inquire if they wished to contribute as a joint project. He asked if the study would indicate how many inches of rain would overflow the current banks. He also requested cost estimates for any proposed remediation efforts.

Mr. Matt Swierzewski from Ridge Avenue and the Sellersville Fire Department stated that the biggest issue was debris that gathered along the edges of the creek, which caused damming, and flooding.

Mr. Crouthamel then asked that if a pond or lake were created two to three feet below creek bank, would that effectively create more storage. Would removing the “S” curves in the stream alleviate much of the problem?

Mr. Rossino stated that it would, but the water would eventually level out, or create higher levels downstream. Changing the course of the stream would never be approved by DEP.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if multiple mitigation projects could be done simultaneously. Mr. Rossino stated that they would need to be done one at a time to protect the creek. Additionally, there is a May 15 to September 15 moratorium on work in the Perkiomen due to fishing season.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously carried by all present, to contract with Gilmore and Associates, Inc. to conduct a HEC-RAS watershed study of the Perkiomen Creek for a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

AT 8:05 p.m., Council convened into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Council reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was then made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and unanimously approved by all present, to appoint Vicki Kushto, Esq. of Clemons Richter & Reiss as Borough Solicitor.

Resolution #2024-07: PWTA Recertification Resolution:

Ms. Bradley stated that while Council had approved a resolution in 2022 authorizing an extension of 50 years to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority (PWTA), and that Council had discussed a revised resolution at their March 11 Council Meeting, the resolution before Council this evening would grant one additional Authority Board vote to Telford Borough. This would set the Board at three Perkasio representatives, two Sellersville, now two Telford, and one each for Hilltown, Silverdale and East Rockhill, based on usage of members.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howells, seconded by Mr. Crouthamel, and unanimously carried by all present, to adopt Resolution #2024-07, extending the life of the PWTA another fifty years, and authorizing one additional member for Telford Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Event Permit Pennridge Little League 5K Homerun:

Ms. Bradley was in receipt of a Special Event Permit Application for a Pennridge Little League sponsored 5K race on May 18, 2024 in Lenape Park. All paperwork was in order and the race would run the usual route through the park in Sellersville and Perkasio.

A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and unanimously carried by all present, to grant a Special Event Permit to the Pennridge Little League for a 5K Race in Lenape Park on May 18.

Mrs. Howells suggested that Sellersville hold its own 5K race fundraiser to raise money for the Park and Recreation Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Five Points Stormwater:

Ms. Bradley asked that this item be tabled for a future meeting where the Borough Engineer was present.

2015 HINO Dump Repairs:

Ms. Bradley stated that the 2015 HINO Dump Truck had a cracked bed that would need to be replaced. Hart Mechanical of Perkasio would replace the damaged bed with a stainless-steel bed for \$6,234.00. They would not know the underlying condition of the support structure until the bed was removed, which might incur additional costs.

EMS Service:

Ms. Bradley presented select pages of the Bucks County EMS 2023 Annual EMS Summary Report, indicating that Grand View Hospital EMS response time in Sellersville averaged 9:45 response time, and a fractal response time of 14:56 which meant that 90% of the time a GVH EMS vehicle arrived in 14:56 minutes or less.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Hull declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular Public Management Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough