

**SPECIAL SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 - 4:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pres. Brian Farrell, V. Pres. Pete Carroll, C/P Tim Charles, C/P Shane Hendricks, C/P Rich Mease, and C/P Erik Viker

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** C/P Rudnitsky

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Borough Manager/Secretary Paul Williams; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed; Borough Treasurer/Assistant Borough Manager Sheri Badman; Recording Secretary Chele' Weaver and Snyder County EMA Coordinator Derick Shambach

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Jr. C/P Jonah Markle

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Pres. Farrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

**Adopt Resolution 2014-13 adopting the Snyder County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Selingsgrove Borough – Copy Provided.**

Mgr. Williams took the podium and informed Council that the Borough has the benefit today of having Sol. Cravitz attending who also serves as Solicitor to the Snyder County Commissioners. We also have Derick Shambach attending who is the Snyder County Emergency Management Coordinator.

In January of 2014, Council adopted the Snyder County draft Final Hazard Mitigation Plan. This step was taken in order to retain the Borough's Community Rating Service rating. The current rating is 7 out of 10, 10 being the lowest. The number 7 rating provides a 15% discount for all residents within the Borough who have existing flood insurance policies or who will purchase flood insurance. This was a stop gap measure to retain the rating until such time that the plan was finalized and it met all the review comments of PEMA and FEMA.

Mgr. Williams shared a check list with Council, in advance of this afternoons meeting. The checklist mentioned the areas of the draft plan that PEMA and FEMA were not satisfied with. The plan did not meet certain parameters that PEMA and FEMA were looking for, there are examples on different pages of the checklist. One of them was to provide a land use map of County. There are many other incidental review comments that needed to be addressed.

FEMA has now approved the final plan. It is in the correct format and content for adoption.

Snyder County Emergency Management Coordinator Derick Shambach took the podium. He stated that most of the changes that were made were of maps. Watershed maps and land usage maps. Everything else was in the plan. This is the same plan that Council saw in January 2014. It has been accepted by the reviewing agencies and adopted by the County Commissioners.

C/P Charles stated that he noticed in the plan that approximately 7.5% of the County speaks a language other than English. He asked if the Borough would need to provide an interpreter during a flood or other emergency. Mr. Shambach replied that the County would provide an interpreter.

C/P Charles asked if there is anything in the changes that commits the Borough of Selingsgrove to anything they weren't committed to before. Mr. Shambach replied no.

Pres. Farrell asked if this Resolution has a timeline. Mr. Shambach replied that it is a five (5) year plan. Every five (5) years the Hazard Mitigation Plan is revisited and updated for the County and the Municipalities can then readopt the Plan.

Mr. Shambach stated that the Borough of Selinsgrove is one (1) of the most proactive Borough's as far as mitigation efforts.

Mgr. Williams asked Council to please consider the Resolution and take action.

Motion made by C/P Charles to approve Resolution 2014-13. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

**AYES: SIX (6)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

Mgr. Williams stated that the way the Resolution is designed he will need three (3) signatures. Pres. Farrell, V/P Carroll and President Pro Tem Hendricks will sign.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

C/P Charles stated that tentatively the Finance Committee is going to meet with Mr. Laudenslager and Mr. Heintzelman from Northumberland National Bank on Monday, June 2, 2014 to discuss the Gelnett Trust and looking into the pros and cons of a Uni-Trust.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council meeting recessed to an Executive Session at 4:14 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Council meeting reconvened at 4:50 p.m. No action was taken.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver  
Recording Secretary