

**SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014 - 4:00 P.M.**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** C/P Erik Viker

**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 The Daily Item Marcia Moore

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Pres. Farrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Mgr. Williams called the roll, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE / COMMISSION / BOARD REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – Tim Charles, Chairman**

**Specify additional amount of General Fund transfer to Capital Reserve Equipment Fund for 2014 –** C/P Charles stated the committee would like to transfer \$50,000.00 to the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund. The street sweeper is needing replaced and it is over \$200,000.00 for a replacement that would be purchased in 2018. The committee used \$66,000.00 of the carryover to balance the budget. There will be a one (1) mill tax increase and an estimated \$96,000.00 at the end of 2015.

Motion made by C/P Charles to transfer \$50,000.00 in revenue to the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund for 2014. Motion seconded by C/P Rudnitsky.

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

**Adopt Ordinance No. 818 authorizing the Tax Rate for 2015 at 17 Mills – Copy Provided**

Sol. Cravitz stated it will be 17 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of 170 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This has been advertised.

C/P Charles stated that this is an average of \$18.00 per tax payer.

Motion made by C/P Charles to adopt Ordinance No. 818 authorizing the Tax Rate for 2015 at 17 Mills. Motion seconded by C/P Rudnitsky.

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

**Adopt the 2015 Budget – Copy Provided**

Motion made by C/P Charles to adopt the budget as presented and advertised for 2015. Motion seconded by C/P Rudnitsky.

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

**Request authorization to borrow from other funds to pay expenses in 2015, as needed, until adequate revenues are received.**

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize to borrow internally to pay bills until sufficient revenues are received for 2015. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

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

**EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Ed Mann**

**Authorize settlement agreement** – Sol. Cravitz stated that he spoke with Attorney Potter this morning and that ESCRA has not met to consider what the Borough's counter offer is. ESCRA does have a meeting tonight, Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Recess to Executive Session at 4:17 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m.** – No action taken.

Motion made by C/P Charles to withdraw the offer to ESCRA that was made on Monday, December 1, 2014. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

C/P Rudnitsky stated that he realizes everyone here is voting the way they feel is best for the citizens. He still sees this as an opportunity to remove over \$600,000.00 of back claims and then work on solutions that have been raised for problems that the Borough knows exist going forward. C/P Rudnitsky is going to encourage people not to vote in favor of this motion. He will not.

C/P Charles stated that he is in favor of working with ESCRA to resolve this issue. He merely wants to see a total package not pieces. The Borough has an agreement and that they get a total agreement on how all the testing is going to be done and exactly how the billing is going to be. He wants a total package now and not agreeing on half of it now and work out the details later.

**AYES: THREE (3)                      NAYS: THREE (3) – C/P Hendricks, C/P Rudnitsky, C/P Mease**

Mayor Reed was asked to break the tie. He voted Nay. The motion is failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** – C/P Hendricks informed Council that the Parks and Recreation (PnR) Board met Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. There were only four (4) Board members that attended. There was not a quorum for a formal meeting, so an informal meeting was held.

Mr. Walt Nichols, who ran the ice skating rink last winter, is interested in joining the PnR Board. There is an existing vacancy that was created by Rocky Baer stepping down. There is also one (1) member who does not wish to be reappointed in January 2015, so there will still be one (1) vacancy.

C/P Hendricks made a motion that Council appoint Mr. Nichols to the PnR Board. His primary interest is running the seasonal skating rink full time. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Chele' Weaver  
Recording Secretary