

**SELINGROVE BOROUGH RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013 - 4:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pres. Brian Farrell, V. Pres. Pete Carroll, C/P Dottie Anderson, 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 Sean Christine; Borough Treasurer/Asst. Borough Manager Sheri Badman and Recording Secretary Chele Weaver

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Junior C/P Jonah Markle

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Pres. Farrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Mgr. Williams took the Roll Call of Council Members Present To Re-Establish A Quorum, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD – In Reconvened Session, this is at the Discretion of Council – None Present.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

**Specify additional amount of General Fund transfer to Capital Reserve Equipment Fund for 2013 –** Treas. Badman stated that the Borough is going to have \$100,000.00 extra carryover in the General Fund. She asked Council if \$15,000.00 could be carried over to the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund in addition to what has already been given. Treas. Badman would like to see this done by the end of 2013 and is requesting permission.

Motion made by C/P Anderson to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

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

**Adopt Ordinance #813, pertaining to a proposed Tax Levy for the year 2014, pursuant to the public notice given of this intent –** Sol. Cravitz stated that this Ordinance will fix the tax rate on all real property within the Borough of Selingsrove for the year 2014 at 16 mills. This is 160 cents on each one hundred dollars. This is the same as last year.

Motion made by C/P Charles to adopt Ordinance #813. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

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

**Adopt the 2014 Budget, as advertised**

Motion made by C/P Anderson to adopt the 2014 budget. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

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

**Request authorization to borrow funds from the Water and Sewer Funds to pay expenses in 2014, until adequate revenues are received.**

Motion made by C/P Anderson to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Payment and Ratification of Bills up to and including Wednesday, December 18, 2013**

Motion made by C/P Anderson to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Fire Company Expenditures/Emergency Services Banquet** – Treas. Badman stated that the Emergency Services Banquet had been held on Saturday, December 7, 2013. There is \$2,133.11 to allocate and this is for fundraising that has not been spent to date. There is also a pending donation of \$2,000.00 coming from the American Legion. It should be coming by Friday, December 20, 2013. Mayor Christine was interested in knowing if he could use the \$1,000.00 balance in the Mayor's account towards expenditures for the Fire Company. Treas. Badman did state that she used \$926.00 to pay for the radio for the Fire Police. There is only about \$200.00 left in the Mayor's account. Council would need to say that they will take \$1,000.00 from the carryover to pay all the expenditures for the TV, gym equipment and the cart for the TV at a cost of \$5,257.99 dependent on the receipt of the \$2,000.00 from the American Legion.

Motion made by C/P Anderson for General Fund expense up to \$1,000.00 contingent upon the \$2,000.00 from the American Legion. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

Mayor Christine did state that there was an intent for another \$500.00 to be donated. He has not gotten any confirmation of this yet.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Wyoming Valley Flood Mitigation Projects** – Treas. Badman stated that a representative is to be coming to the Borough Office on Monday, December 23, 2013 with Derick Shambach who is the Snyder County Coordinator of these funds. They owe the Borough \$33,284.75 from 2011. This is for the Isle of Que Emergency Access Ramp. They have had problems with the amount of money the Borough paid initially for Engineering. Back in 2012 when Mgr. Williams first started he, Treas. Badman and Engineer Coukart went out to the 911 Center and had a conversation with them explaining everything.

If they would come back and ask the Borough if we would be willing to accept \$1,200.00 less, can we accept this? Treas. Badman is asking for Council's approval. The Borough has been waiting for two (2) years to get this money.

Motion made by C/P Anderson for Treas. Badman and Mgr. Williams to accept the money. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Transfer of Title and Tags for 2013 Caterpillar 420F Backhoe**

Motion made by C/P Hendricks to authorize Borough Secretary or Treasurer to execute required documents. Motion seconded by C/P Anderson.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**Authorize signatures on Timothy & Heather Weikel subdivision plan** – Mgr. Williams stated that Borough Council granted conditional final approval for this plan earlier in the year. Mr. & Mrs. Weikel

have met the conditions, most of which are by plan, notes that will be recorded. Mgr. Williams does have a copy of the plan and would like a signature from Pres. Farrell. Mgr. Williams needs a motion to accomplish this.

Motion made by V/P Carroll to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

C/P Charles stated a concern with having the homeowner having to put in new sidewalks and curbing when they buy a new home or property. Is this the law that they must do it or is this something the Borough is just saying they want done? Mgr. Williams replied that this is something that the Borough may require but Council has the discretion to do this or not to do this. Mgr. Williams did state however that this has already been voted on and they have to do it. C/P Charles does not get a good feeling on the way Zoning is going.

C/P Charles stated that someday the Borough will use CDBG money to do the curbing and sidewalk and he feels that this may be a convenient way for the Borough to make someone else pay for it. The Borough may not do Pine Street for another 10 – 15 years. There is a lot on the corner of Walnut and Third Streets and if someone comes in and wants to build a house on it is the Borough going to require that they put in a handicap accessible sidewalk just because they happen to be building a house even though the Borough is not doing Third and Walnut Streets. Mgr. Williams stated that sidewalks are discretionary and can be required at any time.

Pres. Farrell stated he is not understanding this either. Why is it required on this one (1) lot when we haven't done it to others? Sol. Cravitz stated that the Borough can require improvements as a result of a subdivision and this is one (1) of the required improvements to put it in now because somewhere down the road it is going to be required. It will most likely be cheaper now because of the construction that is going to be taking place.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** – C/P Anderson stated to Council that she wishes everyone well. Pres. Farrell stated on behalf of Council that she will be missed. C/P Anderson stated that she feels Council will really need to have a workshop on the Gelnett Trust with a discussion about the principals of things. This Trust is very well established and has a good form in place. The Borough is clear about not using it to replace tax money. The biggest impact will be when the Borough can make a multiyear gift. The Borough will have to figure out how many multiyear gifts they can manage to carry. She feels that some places are starting to treat the Borough as though "hey you have the money and we want some of it." This is one (1) of the perks to having this kind of money.

V/P Carroll stated that he has a concern with the ESCRA Board having possibly two (2) vacancies at the beginning of 2014 and there is no representation. C/P Charles stated that perhaps the Borough will be better off at this point with no representation because of what we have been receiving. The Borough needs to find two (2) capable candidates. Mgr. Williams stated that he has an appointment with a prospective candidate which is Ed Mann who is currently serving on the Zoning/Hearing Board. Treas. Badman and Mgr. Williams will be meeting with Mr. Mann on Monday, December 30, 2013 to give him some background. Mgr. Williams also told Council that he received a phone call from Arnold Gentner who is also a member of the Zoning/Hearing Board and he is interested in getting together to talk.

V/P Carroll also stated that EI Associates met with the Borough and they had a good meeting. EI Assoc. seemed to take it all in and will meet with the Borough on January 8, 2014. Mgr. Williams stated there was a beginning number that EI has committed to. There is more yet to come and when they entertained the idea of solving the buildings humidity problem it was a good sign. There will still be some discussion on the Change Orders and value-cost engineering. EI seems to want to continue a relationship with the Borough.

Pres. Farrell asked if EI is going to cover the work that the Borough had done as far as the leak. C/P Anderson stated that this is between Palmer Construction and the on-site Clerk because their plans were drawn correctly. V/P Carroll stated that Mgr. Williams has tried to contact Greenfield Terrace and that apparently the representative has moved on. The Borough would like to do a face to face with him and go over some things that the Borough paid for him to do and weren't caught or done properly through the process.

Mgr. Williams stated that the work that was done in the courtyard amounted to about \$17,500.00. The outside air infiltration that was done cost \$6,800.00 and EI Assoc. stood behind this 100%. This is the first thing that they took responsibility for as it was not detailed on the plans.

C/P Charles asked if at future meetings could C/P Anderson sit in for questions and answers. V/P Carroll stated that they are public meetings and of course she could come. C/P Charles stated that this would be important because she has been with this since day one (1) and would hate to lose the knowledge. He would love to see her help bring this to a close. C/P Anderson stated that she appreciates this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver  
Recording Secretary