

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. Marvin Rudnitsky, V. Pres. Pete Carroll, C/P Tim Charles, C/P Rich Mease, and C/P Grant Neff

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: C/P Hendricks and C/P Farrell

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Paul Williams; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed; Junior C/P Jonah Markle; Borough Treasurer/Assistant Borough Manager Sheri Badman; Recording Secretary Chele' Weaver; DH&L Fire Company Drew Heintzelman, Colin Rice and Sean Christine; Susquehanna University Mike Coyne; Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce Paul C. Donecker; SEDA-COG Rob Cook and Mike Fisher; Parks and Recreation Meg Will and Selingsgrove Borough Resident Vincent Stoops

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Pres. Rudnitsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mgr. Williams called the roll, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF January 4, 2016

Motion made by C/P Charles to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company/DH&L Ambulance League

Drew Heintzelman the Assistant Fire Chief reported for the month of January 2016 there were 25 incidents by Township and they are as follows: One (1) in Chapman Township; one (1) in the Borough of Freeburg; one (1) in Jackson Township; three (3) in Monroe Township; nine (9) in Penn Township; eight (8) in Selingsgrove Borough and two (2) in Shamokin Dam Borough.

Out of the 25 calls there were: Eight (8) automatic alarms; one (1) CO alarm; one (1) motor vehicle accident with extrication; five (5) medical assists; five (5) motor vehicle accidents without extrication; one (1) odor investigation; two (2) structure fires; one (1) traffic control and one (1) vehicle fire. There was a staff count of 120 for 82.32 man hours.

V/P Carroll brought to Mr. Heintzelman's attention that the insurance office of Chris Kenawell has in the past handed out smoke detectors to residents with the help of volunteers from the Fire Department in the Western part of Snyder County. The Fire Companies would actually help install these devices. V/P Carroll asked if Mr. Heintzelman wouldn't mind looking into this. Mr. Heintzelman stated that he would check with Chris Kenawell's office.

Selingsgrove Projects, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes 12/15/15 – Copy Provided

Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes 11/24/15 – Copy Provided

SARI (Pool) – Richard Mease

C/P Mease informed Council that opening day at the pool will be Friday, May 27, 2016. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016 the pool will have FREE admission to the public. The pool is contemplating staying open through Labor Day, which is Monday, September 5, 2016; if they can afford to do so.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Megan Will

Ms. Will would like to thank Council on behalf of the Board for the new signs that have been installed at the various parks. They look spectacular.

Ms. Will informed Council that Tricia Shipman is the new President of Kidsgrove.

SEDA-COG – Mike Fisher

Authorize CDBG-DR Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 – Copy Provided

Mr. Fisher took the floor and stated that the Borough has finally gotten its contract. This is the green light for SEDA-COG to proceed. Originally, SEDA-COG submitted for \$650,000.00. These are special Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which are set aside as part of disaster relief from Tropical Storm Lee.

Mr. Fisher stated that SEDA-COG has reviewed the contract and they do not have any issues as it relates to the contract language. Mr. Fisher asked Sol. Cravitz if he had a chance to review the contract and Sol. Cravitz stated that yes he had.

Mr. Fisher stated that the next step is to sign the contract and submit it back to the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED). An environmental review also needs to be done for this activity which will be handled by Mr. Fisher's office. This will take approximately 1 ½ - 2 months to complete and have the funds released. A bank account should also be opened. You cannot co-mingle with the Borough's CDBG monies because it is not an IDIS draw down system. Mr. Fisher stated that he is going to double check with the State to make sure this is correct. This is a reimbursement program and could take up to 30 days for approval and release of funds.

Mr. Fisher believes that if the Borough is successful in spending these monies that there could still be some money left in the pool. The Borough may be able to get some additional dollars. The Borough was going to do approximately four (4) homes with rehabilitation and elevating utilities on the property. This will cost approximately \$35,000.00. The other part of the grant was going to four (4) homes for complete elevation above the 100 year flood plain. This would cost approximately \$100,000.00 per home.

Mr. Fisher stated that the elevations should be based upon the best available data. This can be done by hiring an engineer. At some point down the road the Borough's flood plain is going to change.

Mr. Fisher stated that SEDA-COG has lots of experience with housing rehabilitation and some experience with moving utilities above the flood plain. They do not have any experience with raising houses. They hire an engineer to do this work. Mr. Fisher would like to do an RFP that SEDA-COG will hire a consultant for professional engineering services for elevation projects.

Mr. Fisher recommends that a committee be formed to review the guidelines. Council will eventually have to adopt the guidelines in relationship to who is going to qualify and how the homes will be selected. Mr. Fisher did state earlier that SEDA-COG will do two (2) things – rehabilitation plus elevate utilities and rehabilitation plus raise the house. He does not feel that there is enough money with the \$500,000.00 to do both. If elevations are done, he does not feel that \$100,000.00 is going to be enough. SEDA-COG does not have a lot of experience in this area.

Mr. Fisher stated that this committee, when it is formed, should meet within the next two (2) months.

Because these are federal funds, anything over \$25,000.00 will need to have a complete lead abatement done. This will push the cost up.

Mgr. Williams feels that some members from the Borough Administration Committee could form this committee because they deal with contracts.

Motion made by V/P Carroll to approve the CDBG-DR Grant. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Others in Attendance

Borough Resident Vincent Stoops

Mr. Stoops would like Council to please publish the text of proposed ordinances and resolutions on line so the public can read them and be informed when they come to meetings.

Chamber of Commerce Priest Paul Donecker

Priest Donecker took the floor and wanted to thank the Borough for having no parking meters. People really do appreciate this.

He would also like to thank the Borough in advance for support of the proposed REC Center. He encourages Council to be supportive not only in words, but in generosity. This will cost approximately \$500,000.00.

Priest Donecker also wanted to thank the Borough for snow removal. People on Sunday, January 24, 2016 were able to pull up in front of All Saints Episcopal Church and were able to get right to the curb. He does understand that the Borough crew was out at 3:00 a.m. and it was noted immediately on Sunday morning. Priest Donecker spoke with a few business owners and they felt it was outstanding. The Chamber and Chamber members including All Saints Episcopal Church would like to thank Mgr. Williams and the Borough crew for doing such a spectacular job with the snow.

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION / BOARD REPORTS:

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – Tim Charles, Chairman

Payment and Ratification of Bills

Motion made by C/P Charles to pay the bills as presented. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. – Exoneration Requests

Mgr. Williams stated that there is one (1): Rebecca Dodson – she is a non-resident – this is for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. The amount is \$5.50/year for a grand total of \$27.50.

Motion made by C/P Charles to grant this exoneration request. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Consider the adoption of Resolution 2016-03 pertaining to the exoneration of Mike Bolig for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes for 2015, Uncollectible Per Capita Taxes for 2015 and Collectible, Delinquent Per Capita Taxes for 2015 – Copy Provided

Motion made by C/P Charles to adopt Resolution 2016-03. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Authorize Berkheimer Associates to collect the Delinquent Per Capita Taxes for 2015 that are determined to be collectible.

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize Berkheimer Associates to collect the Delinquent Per Capita Taxes for 2015. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Approve RFP for 2016 Borough Cleanup – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that this is the Request for Quotations – for the Borough’s Municipal solid waste disposal. He stated that this is for the Borough’s spring cleanup which is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 and Tuesday, April 12, 2016. The schedule can be revised to include a third day by the Borough based upon adverse weather conditions or other unanticipated conditions which may require an additional day.

Motion made by C/P Charles to do the Request for Quotations for their Municipal solid waste disposal for the Borough’s spring cleanup program. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Yearly Update provided by Rudy Gelnett Trustees – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that the highlights of the Trust are: the rate of return for 2015 was 1.98%; the Fair Market Value for the last day of fiscal year 2014 was \$5,829,354.02; the Fair Market Value for last day of fiscal year 2015 was \$5,648,939.42. This has dropped over \$100,000.00.

C/P Charles stated that the way they base the payment to the Borough is based on a three (3) year average. Actually, the Borough will get around \$300.00 a month more because the Borough had one (1) high year in the average. The allotment for 2016 is \$18,858.62. The projected income for the Borough ending on December 31, 2016 is \$226,303.50.

Pres. Rudnitsky stated that Scott Heintzelman is no longer with Northumberland National Bank and is now with Janney Montgomery Scott and he is resigning as Trustee. Mr. Heintzelman has submitted to the Finance Committee (and will also get a copy to the Borough’s Solicitor) a document called Seek Release and Verification which has the effect of releasing Mr. Heintzelman from his obligations as Trustee and appointing Robert Laudenslager the Co-Trustee as the Sole Trustee. It is a very significant document and is the traditional document that is used at times of transition with Trustee’s.

Pres. Rudnitsky wants Sol. Cravitz to look at this and Council will decide whether to authorize entering into this at their Monday, March 7, 2016 meeting. No action taken.

Act 141 Election

C/P Charles stated that this gives the Borough the 4% return yearly on the Gelnett Trust.

Motion made by C/P Charles to concur with the Act 141 Elections as presented. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Gelnett Trust Request for \$1,000.00 from DH&L Fire Company

C/P Charles stated this was done last year and is for their 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Open House. DH&L provides fire safety gift bags for children, Easter eggs and candy. The total cost is projected at \$1,500.00.

C/P Charles stated the committee recommends their \$1,000.00 request.

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

AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – Shane Hendricks, Chairman

Authorize Engineer to prepare Ordinance for 2016 Street Project listing property owners and curbing/sidewalk replacement.

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize the Borough's Engineer to prepare the Ordinance for the 2016 Street Project listing property owners and curbing/sidewalk replacement. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Authorize Engineer to prepare bid documents for the following projects:

CDBG Handicap Ramp Project on Broad Street

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize the Engineer to prepare the bid documents for the CDBG Handicap Ramp Project on Broad Street. Motion seconded by C/P Neff.

AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Curbing/Sidewalk and Paving Project (Broad Street and add alternates)

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize the Engineer to prepare bid documents for the Curbing/Sidewalk and Paving Project on Broad Street and add alternates. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

C/P Charles stated that the add alternates are one (1) or two (2) other jobs that are included if an outstanding bid is received that is below what the Borough anticipates on paying.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION / PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – Brian Farrell, Chairman – No Report

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Richard P. Mease, Chairman

Street Closure – Ta-Ta Trot

C/P Mease stated that this will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016. This event starts at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about 1 ½ hours. The course is not changing from last year. The Ta-Ta Trot will be getting in touch with DH&L Fire Company to line up the Fire Police and they will also set up an appointment with Police Chief Garlock.

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

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Marvin Rudnitsky, Chairman

Adopt Resolution 2016-04 regarding Public Participation Rules – Copy Provided

Pres. Rudnitsky stated that he would like to, with Council's consent, defer consideration of this Resolution until the next Borough Council meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016. Council members agreed to defer.

Borough resident Vince Stoops asked Council if the text of this proposed Resolution will be published so the citizens can see it. Sol. Cravitz stated that meetings that had been held back in 2008 had this very same subject brought up to get some kind of structure with regards to their meetings. Over the years the Selinsgrove Borough Council has been very lenient with regards to the public participating. Sol. Cravitz did state that at times more structure is needed. As more and more of the public gets involved in the Council meetings, to have structure is quite handy because it keeps everyone on the same page and keeps the meetings moving.

Sol. Cravitz stated to answer Mr. Stoops question has to be up to the Chair. If something is only under discussions proposed it does not have to be published. Pres. Rudnitsky asked if it is the Borough's practice to let people come into the office to review these papers. Mgr. Williams stated not something that is in draft form. It is a work paper.

Mr. Stoops stated his concern is that this is going to go from draft, to no citizens other than members of Council and appointed officers having seen it, to being the rules. He is asking Council to take a voluntary transparency step to make it available to the citizens of the Borough. If this is left in the Borough Office, Mr. Stoops will come and review it there, take pictures and publish the pictures.

2016 Committee Assignments – Copy Provided

Recommendation on Parks & Rec. Coordinator, etc. Position

Pres. Rudnitsky is happy to report that the committee has a recommendation to offer to Council. Her name is Makenzie Stover. She lives at 305 Creek Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. She is a graduate of Clarion University and is presently working for Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority. She has done some work with the Borough's previous Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jess Runkle.

The committee was impressed that Ms. Stover is presently doing and has been doing many of the things that the Borough needs her to do here in the Parks and Recreation area. Admittedly, she knows nothing about Zoning, but most of the applicants know nothing about this area. This is something that has to be learned.

Motion made by Pres. Rudnitsky to engage Makenzie Stover who will work 35 hours a week with her compensation at \$15.11/hour. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Grant Neff, Chairman – No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION – Earl Moyer, Chairman – No Report

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Cyril Runkle, Chairman

Mgr. Williams did state that a meeting was held on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The committee heard and made two (2) verbal decisions that related to granting of relief to those encroachments from the two (2)

dwellings that are proposed for elevation on the Isle of Que – Walshaw and Schrader. The next meeting is Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The discussion will be on the REC Center proposed for 8th Street in Selinsgrove at the former Christ United Methodist Church site.

CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – Dalton Savidge, Chairman

Mgr. Williams stated that the written examination and the physical agility tests took place on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The oral exams are still pending and as soon as there is an eligibility list created, the Civil Service will meet and approve the list.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Bo and Joan Fasold

Meeting Minutes from Thursday, January 21, 2016 – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams stated that approximately 19 trees were planted in the fall – six (6) of them being placed down at the Pump House.

The Commission did acknowledge that Council approved the budget and their budget request for the New Year.

Mgr. Williams stated that the Commission would like to replace the sign at the Tree Museum. A discussion took place as to what logo they might use for this purpose.

Mrs. Fasold shared the tree list that will be available in the spring. They do not have locations as to where these trees might be planted or who might receive them.

Tree grates were also discussed. These grates are used around the base of trees that are well established. As a pedestrian you are able to walk across them and it also provides some extra walking space for pedestrians. The Commission is looking at a poly plastic or recycled material.

Their next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Keystone Room.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Jeff Reed – No Report

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq.

Sol. Cravitz stated they are still proceeding with the litigation with ESCRA and going through discovery.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Update on pending projects – Coukart & Associates, Inc. – Copy Provided

Update on pending projects – Larson Design Group – No Report

BOROUGH TREASURER – Sharon M. Badman

Approve Treasurer’s Report for Month of December 2015 – Copy Provided

Motion made by V/P Carroll to accept. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Treasurer’s Report for Month of January 2016 – Copy Provided

Motion made by V/P Carroll to accept. Motion seconded by C/P Charles.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 2016 Street Cleaning Schedule – Copy Provided

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

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 2016 Recycling/Borough Cleanup Schedule – Copy Provided

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

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Provide Articles for March 2016 Newsletter (deadline 2/19/16)

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Paul A. Williams

Manager's Monthly Activity Report – Copy Provided

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 – Mgr. Williams and Treas. Badman met with Kay Spigelmyer who has been the chairperson for the Concerts at the Gazebo for the past 25 years. Mgr. Williams is happy to announce that Elaine Herrold has accepted taking over the position that Mrs. Spigelmyer has been holding. Mrs. Spigelmyer noted that it is time to pass the baton.

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 – Mgr. Williams stated there was an inspection done by a third party at the swimming pool. This was a confirmation that the barriers for accessibility for ADA compliance were completed. The funds are from the 2009 CDBG monies.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – Mgr. Williams stated that there were three (3) interviews held at the Borough Office with energy audit firms. A firm by the name of Tremco (which has been selected by the Selinsgrove Area School District as their energy auditor) will be doing both the Middle and Intermediate Schools for one (1) price. This firm offered their services to the Borough, some places of worship and the senior center at an extremely reduced cost.

Borough Council had authorized the expenditure of \$7,000.00 for this purpose previously. Mgr. Williams is pleased to inform Council that both the Senior Center and the Borough will be done for under \$2,000.00 by Tremco. The timeline is still being worked on. Mgr. Williams does expect it to start later this month.

Friday, January 29, 2016 – Mgr. Williams met with Trish Brill from Middleburg Signs. Her services have been used in the past for directory signs at the Borough building. New signs are being designed and will help to direct people to the Community Rooms. These signs will be placed at the alley entrance and the High Street entrance.

Mgr. Williams stated that he would like to acknowledge and thank the Public Works Department for picking up and mulching the Borough residents Christmas trees during the first 10 business days of January 2016.

Mgr. Williams also stated that the snow storm we had during the weekend of January 23rd, the Borough streets were done first – the streets were plowed three (3) times – in the morning; mid-day and then later in the afternoon when the snow was lightening up. Mgr. Williams would like to thank the availability of Pres. Rudnitsky, Mayor Reed and C/P Charles to authorize snow removal downtown. A number of contacts were made to business owners or representatives of the businesses to have them work with the

Borough and put the snow curbside so it would make the removal of the snow easier from the Central Business District.

V/P Carroll is requesting that Mgr. Williams or Mayor Reed do a letter, Resolution or a Proclamation of appreciation for Kay Spigelmyer for her many years of service with the Concerts at the Gazebo. Council is leaning more towards a Proclamation.

V/P Carroll stated he did get some phone calls about snow blowing. He did state that if the residents look at the insert that is placed in the newsletter in regards to grass clippings, removal of leaves, etc. the Borough needs to follow through and start placing some phone calls to the Police Department and let them know that the Borough wants some action taken. People are continually violating by putting leaves out in the street, grass clippings and especially the snow blowing. **Residents need to remember to direct the blower toward their households and not back out into the street.** This really needs to be addressed and not just verbally.

Mayor Reed did state that in the past Chief Garlock has directed the officers that if they witness anything that they do stop (in a courteous way) for snow or grass clippings in the street and to instruct residents to refrain from doing it. V/P Carroll did state that the Borough's police officers are thin to none and the Borough has been accused of not having enough police officers. One (1) officer cannot be everywhere when this is going on. Mayor Reed will check with Chief Garlock as to what can be done and get back with Council.

Adopt Property Maintenance Agreement with CK-COG – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams informed Council that the Borough already has a relationship with Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-COG). They provide the plan review and building inspections (3rd party) for work that takes place within the Borough. They have been appointed to represent the Borough with any appeals that may be taken under the Uniform Construction Code.

When it came to the enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code the Borough's Ordinance calls for a separate appointment. In regards to one (1) particular property on the Isle of Que it was determined that the Borough lacked the relationship and the new Director of CK-COG Chad Smith put forth a proposed agreement that would be entered into between CK-COG and the Borough of Selinsgrove for the administration and enforcement duties under the Borough's adopted Property Maintenance Code. Mgr. Williams would like Council to consider this agreement.

Motion made by C/P Charles to use CK-COG Code Enforcement Department to provide the Municipal Property Maintenance Administration Services. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Proposals to Demolish Property at 106 S. Third Street – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams is not asking for Council's authorization for demolition this evening. The inspection took place at the end of December 2015 and resulted in this property being posted "unsafe". The Borough was provided with access to the house to help with this inspection.

Mgr. Williams stated that a Property Code Official can change the placard from "unsafe" to "condemned" if in the event no action is being taken by the property owner to address the improvements that make the structure unsafe. In this particular case, there has been two (2) meetings held with the owner's sons. Mgr. Williams spoke with the one (1) son just to see what progress they are making as a family. This family had received an offer from someone to purchase the property who was planning on raising it and building another structure in its place. The Borough is trying to ascertain if this is still a possibility. If the property owner does not on their own address this property, the Borough could demolish the property and file a lien against the property to reimburse itself for the expenses. Mgr. Williams would prefer not to go this direction and the homeowners understand this.

Mgr. Williams feels that this should be the first of several homes that the Borough does tackle and address. He feels the Borough should not stop here. There are some other properties that need to be addressed.

Mgr. Williams stated that the request is to allow the Borough staff to seek proposals for the demolition of this property. He is not asking Council for authorization to demolish this home but in keeping with the FEMA and PEMA grant monies that the Borough has – the Borough has a due diligence to deliver both the Walshaw and Schrader properties within a timeline.

This structure is an impediment. Even though there is monies allocated in this grant (\$14,000.00) to underpin this property. It is almost a waste of money because it is a structure that should not be saved. The Borough would be trying to save a structure that should be either demolished or potentially raised.

Motion made by V/P Carroll to go forward to get quotes for demolition. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Sol. Cravitz stated that over the years Council has been very, very, very reluctant - in fact, they have never condemned a property and raised it in the 25 years he has been working with Borough. Things have changed with the Isle of Que because of the flood regulations and now they (being the Federal and State Government) may not give the Borough any choices anymore. These are different times and the Borough is going to be faced with this more and more on the Isle of Que.

Pres. Rudnitsky stated that the residents of the Isle of Que deserve to have the Borough back them and to make sure that their properties aren't further diminished by people who abandon their properties. If monies need to be budgeted each year, he feels it is an appropriate thing to do.

C/P Charles stated that the timeline the Borough is establishing with this property, will have to be lived with on all the other abandoned properties on the Isle of Que. This is moving along rather quickly and is not being driven by the condition of the home but by the work that is being done next door. C/P Charles hates to see Council take on this very aggressive timeline for a different reason and then the Borough comes along and has five (5) or six (6) other homes that they have to deal with and then decides they're going to take their good old time. This takes the Borough's ability to work with the property owner while they decide what they want to do because five (5) weeks later the Borough is pushing to have the home demolished.

Notice: PSAB 2016 Annual Conference, June 5-8, 2016 at the Hershey Lodge

Mgr. Williams stated that any Council members are welcome to attend for the full conference or for part of it. The Borough Office can make the reservation for Council members.

Statements of Financial Interest Due by May 1, 2016

Streetscape Project to Enhance Selinsgrove – February 2, 2016, 8-9 AM, Keystone Room – Copy Provided

ZONING – Paul A. Williams, Deputy Zoning and Permit Officer

Update of ZONING, SIGN, OCCUPANCY & DEMOLITION PERMITS ISSUED – Copy Provided

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Donald Bottiger, Chairman – No Report

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Ed Mann

Meeting Minutes – Copy Provided

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTH. – Bill Hetherington/Dianne Mengel

Meeting Minutes 11/19/15 – Copy Provided

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

C/P Mease

C/P Mease would like to revisit comments made by Mr. Stoops about having the public participation rules posted online. He does not feel this is an outrageous request and he does not see how it would interfere with any business being done in Selinsgrove or anyone individually. C/P Mease is requesting that Council at least entertain the idea to fulfill this request. He feels that when Council gets this proposal together, even before Council votes on it, to make it accessible for other people to see it before Council votes upon it.

Pres. Rudnitsky stated he has heard the arguments against doing this and he tends to share C/P Mease's viewpoint – he would rather have them out, even though it is a draft – there can be complications when drafts are circulated and people think they were adopted. He would not be opposed to having this put out so Council can look it over.

V/P Carroll

The Zoning Hearing Board is meeting Thursday, February 4, 2016. V/P Carroll asked Sol. Cravitz if more Council members showed up at the meeting, because it is a public meeting, will Council be violating the Sunshine Law by three (3) or more members showing up. Sol. Cravitz replied no.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by C/P Charles to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion seconded by C/P Neff.

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver
Recording Secretary