

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: C/P Brian Farrell

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Paul Williams; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed; Borough Treasurer/Assistant Borough Manager Sheri Badman; Recording Secretary Chele' Weaver; DH&L Fire Company Drew Heintzelman; Selingsrove Chamber of Commerce Paul C. Donecker; SEDA-COG Mike Fisher; Monroe Township resident Shawn Park and Selingsrove residents Vincent Stoops and Jason Martello

OTHERS ABSENT: Jr. C/P Jonah Markle

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 June 6, 2016

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

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company/ DH&L Ambulance League – Drew Heintzelman

Mr. Heintzelman stated that the Fire Company no longer uses the software Fire House. They are now using an on-line based system called Emergency Reporting.

Mr. Heintzelman stated there were 33 calls in May 2016 and they are as follows: Two (2) in Chapman Township; ten (10) in Monroe Township; ten (10) in Penn Township; seven (7) in Selingsrove Borough; one (1) in Shamokin Dam Borough; two (2) in Union Township and one (1) in Washington Township for a total of 79 man hours.

Mr. Heintzelman stated there were 23 calls in June 2016 and they are as follows: Two (2) in Jackson Township; four (4) in Monroe Township; six (6) in Penn Township; six (6) in Selingsrove Borough; two (2) in the City of Sunbury; one (1) in Union Township and two (2) in Washington Township for a total of 75.58 man hours.

Mgr. Williams wanted to share some information with Mr. Heintzelman. The street project for 2016 should have started on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. This involves the company HRI on Broad Street replacing/repairing approximately 24 inlets. They will also be milling and paving Broad Street. The project completion is scheduled for before school opens. He also offered to share the schedule for heavy loads crossing the Veteran's Memorial Bridge from Sunbury enroute to the PPL Power Plant.

Selingsrove Projects, Inc.

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Selingsrove Chamber of Commerce

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C/P Hendricks stated that there are two (2) typos in the minutes. The first one pertains to the Chamber Award given to Nicholas Conrad. He is a 2016 graduate.

The second one is pertaining to the Logan Hile Benefit Wiffleball Tournament. The date of the Tournament is actually Saturday, July 30, 2016. This will be held at Penn Township and is approximately \$50.00 per team to enter. There will be eight (8) players on each team.

SARI (Pool) – Richard Mease – No Report

Parks & Recreation Committee – Megan Will – No Report

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 C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Statewide Tax Recovery/Berkheimer – Exoneration Request – No Report

Approve Cohen Law Group Professional Services Agreement for Wireless Facilities - \$5,400.00 – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that this has to do with contracting with Cohen Law Group to help to prepare an Ordinance for projects within the utility right-of-way. This proposal will help to prepare the Borough to deal with this.

Borough resident Vincent Stoops took the floor and stated that there is no reason to believe at this time that there is a need for an Ordinance. C/P Charles stated at this point Council has no control unless there is an Ordinance – they can come in and do whatever they want in the right-of-way. Mr. Stoops stated just like the electric and gas companies needing to use the right-of-way for a utility. Before Council starts changing and creating special Ordinances for new technology and then ends up with 30 different Ordinances for 30 different types of technology consider whether or not the current Ordinance is applicable to what is there. He is encouraging Council to take a step back and breath before Council starts throwing laws around.

V/P Carroll stated that the Borough is trying to get some leverage to address this. Because of the technology coming the Borough is trying to address right-of-way issues that we are not aware of. All of a sudden this company has found a loophole that they could start coming in and putting up towers. What will we do when the next company comes in and decides to put a tower in front of anyone of our homes? Why would the Borough allow this to happen – there are telephone poles – they would like to install additional poles as well as use existing telephone poles.

Mr. Stoops stated that the purpose of government is not to seek leverage over businesses. The purpose of government is to make sure that businesses aren't harming anyone. Mr. Stoops is just asking that Council step back and just pause for a moment before \$5,400.00 is spent on a problem that does not necessarily exist.

Mgr. Williams stated that this proposal is not to just address the right-of-way issue. This is for all wireless facilities – new proposed towers, a monopole and in this case a structure within the right-of-way. Cohen

Law Group made a proposal to the Borough back in 2014 after the work was completed on assisting the Borough with their negotiations with Service Electric Cablevision. At that time Borough Council opted not to take that course of action. Mr. Stoops is correct in that technology is changing and the Borough really does not know what is coming down the road. By having something in place within the Zoning Ordinance it may give the Borough some control. Right now the Borough does not have those controls in place.

C/P Charles stated that after reviewing the agreement he would like to make a motion to approve the Cohen Law Group Service Agreement for the Wireless Facilities for \$5,400.00. Motion seconded by C/P Neff.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Review 2nd Quarter 2016 Revenues & Expenditures – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that this report does show at the end of six (6) months a surplus. A lot of this surplus is due to the Broad Street program. There were a lot more residents than normal that put their own sidewalk and curbing in. Most of this surplus will go into next year's street program.

Sales Quote for Bus Shelter – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that this will be erected on South Market Street next to Chris Kenawell's State Farm Insurance Office. This shelter will have a dome roof and will have three (3) sides with an open front. The monies will come out of the General Fund. Motion made by C/P Charles to purchase the shelter at a price of \$3,400.00 plus shipping – the Borough crew will assemble it and put it in place. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Approve SEDA-COG Professional Services Agreement to Administer the CDBG-DR Funds – Copy Provided

- a. Administrative Fees \$12,500.00**
- b. Delivery Costs \$60,700.00 (estimated on 5 properties)**
- c. Relocation Costs \$12,000.00**

Mike Fisher took the floor and stated that this will raise properties and also rehabilitate properties that have been impacted repeatedly by floodwaters. SEDA-COG has done some outreach to the neighborhood and they have received three (3) applications. Two (2) of the three (3) at least preliminarily look like they are eligible. SEDA-COG is ready to go and will most likely start interviewing the two (2) homeowners this week or next week. Outreach will also be started for contractor participation in the next couple of weeks – this will provide a pre-approved contractor list as part of the Borough's guidelines to participate.

Mr. Fisher stated that 100% of these funds will be coming from the Grant to pay for the services. The delivery cost, which is the cost associated to pay for the majority of SEDA-COG's services, plus the Engineer when they do have a house that is going to be raised. SEDA-COG has secured the services of Stahl Sheaffer and this will be up to \$8,300.00 per unit.

Mr. Fisher stated that the Borough will provide the homeowner with up to \$150,000.00 assuming that they need that much. SEDA-COG will take each project one (1) step at a time. They do not know how much it is going to cost.

The State has already said that their limit is \$150,000.00, but they have also said that they really have no experience. They really have no idea how much it is costing and are guessing \$150,000.00. The door

Treas. Badman stated that Officers Fortin (now a Reading Police Officer), Grove and Petrovich will be awarded a Class A Commendation for their efforts.

The citation reads: A Unit Citation is awarded for actions on and about 16 June 2015 within the Borough of Selinsgrove, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In that in a combined effort, Officers engaged and assisted in a major drug investigation and arrest resulting in the seizure and elimination of a substantial quantity of heroin, cocaine and assets from drug sales activity within the confines of this Borough and its environs. Said action resulted in the successful arrest and prosecution of two (2) suspects, and eliminated significant and ongoing risk to the public. This action was undertaken at risk to the attached personnel and completed without harm to the public, officers or those charged. This action serves in the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and the Selinsgrove Police Department.

C/P Hendricks stated it would be appropriate for Mayor Reed to present their awards to them at the Monday, August 1, 2016 Council meeting. This has been done in the past.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq.

Sol. Cravitz stated there are three (3) items to talk about in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

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 June 2016 – Copy Provided

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

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Paul A. Williams

Manager’s Monthly Activity Report – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams stated that today, Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – HRI the Contractor for the 2016 Street Project intended to mobilize. Mgr. Williams is not quite sure if this happened. Some of the first work that people will see is the saw cut of the pavement surface, working on the inlets – some of these are repair, some are replacement and some are new. All in advance of work to mill and resurface Broad Street – with hopes that Broad Street will drain better than it does today.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 – Mgr. Williams attended a seminar hosted by DEP/PPL re: LED street lighting. It was held in Bloomsburg at the Caldwell Consistory. It was a session based on converting street lights from high pressure sodium to LED. Mgr. Williams stated that the Borough does lease its street lights (not the green ones) from PPL. In exchange PPL does maintain them for the Borough. Law enforcement likes LED lighting because they can see colors better in the dark.

C/P Neff stated that the high pressure sodium (light gives off an orange tint) lights were created to help cut fog and not overwhelm driver’s eyes at night. PennDOT does not like the LED lights, but C/P Neff does not know if PennDOT would have the ability to stop PPL from doing this.

Mgr. Williams stated that the Ornamental Streetscape Project should be nearing completion on Friday, August 26, 2016. C/P Neff stated that TRA Electric’s completion date will be the end of July 2016 because there is a 30 day burn (meaning they have to be on for 30 days straight).

V/P Carroll stated that Kay Spigelmyer was recognized at the gazebo concert on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 for all her years of service with setting up the concerts. This event was very well attended.

ZONING – Deputy Zoning Officer – Makenzie Stover

Update of ZONING & SIGN PERMITS ISSUED – Copy Provided

PARKS & RECREATION COORDINATOR – Makenzie Stover

June 2016 Report – Copy Provided

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Donald Bottiger, Chairman – No Report

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Ed Mann

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NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTH. – Bill Hetherington/Dianne Mengel – No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHERS

Vince Stoops took the floor and stated he would like to make a suggestion. At the last Planning Meeting it was brought up about not having students involved in municipal government – specifically Susquehanna University (S.U.) students. A newsletter is sent out two (2) times per year (the S.U. students do not receive a copy of this). Perhaps S.U. can use their email system to get this out to all the students. This is a free solution.

V/P Carroll also suggested getting the Town & Gown Committee involved.

Mgr. Williams stated that on Friday, July 8, 2016 there is an event called Meet the Artist – it is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It will be held from 6 – 9 p.m. and will be held at venues throughout the Borough of Selingsgrove.

Saturday, July 9, 2016 is the Ta Ta Trot. It may be busy along the route until mid-day. Pres. Rudnitsky will be welcoming the runners to Selingsgrove.

Sunday, July 10, 2016 is Antiques on the Avenue.

Saturday, July 16, 2016 is Hops, Vines and Wines on University Avenue.

Recess meeting at 7:50 p.m. for an Executive Session as requested by Sol. Cravitz.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

No action was taken.

Selingsgrove resident Jason Martello took the floor and asked Council if there are any extra packets available on the things that were voted on tonight. He stated he was looking over the sign posted at the back of the Council Chambers and it states that it would be available online if someone didn't have time to look them over or that they would be available at the meeting. Pres. Rudnitsky replied that this is for Resolutions and Ordinances that are being considered for adoption.

V/P Carroll stated he can take this matter under Borough Administration and discuss this with Sol. Cravitz, Mgr. Williams and Asst. Mgr./Treas. Badman.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by C/P Charles to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Motion seconded by C/P Mease.

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver
Recording Secretary