

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 – 6:30 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 Erik Viker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: C/P Rich Mease

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Paul Williams; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Sean Christine; Borough Treasurer/Assistant Borough Manager Sheri Badman; Director of Public Works Corby Bowersox; Water Department Supervisor Rick Kline; WKOK Lauren Koch; Council Elect Marvin Rudnitsky; Borough Residents Margaret Siro and Vincent Stoops

OTHERS ABSENT: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Pres. Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Mgr. Williams called the roll, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Sean E. Christine, Mayor – Mayor Christine wanted to discuss with Council Ordinance No. 812 Repealing Section 126-63, Levy of Per Capita Tax, of Chapter 126, Taxation, of the Selingsgrove Borough Code. He provided Council members with a copy of the letter he has written.

At the regular meeting of the Selingsgrove Borough Council on November 4, 2013, Council voted four (4) to three (3) in favor of Ordinance 812 to repeal the Per Capita Tax in the Borough of Selingsgrove. Arguments in favor of the ordinance included the very nature of the tax presenting a nuisance to the taxpayer, the collection cost of the tax to net only an approximate \$5,500.00 per year, the concept that the Borough does not need that particular tax, and the failure of the Borough to collect approximately 20 percent of the tax.

After careful consideration, he hereby veto's Ordinance 812.

In accordance with section 3301.3(a)(2) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code:

“Council shall proceed to a reconsideration of the ordinance either at the meeting at which the vetoed ordinance was returned or no later than 10 days thereafter at any other scheduled meeting. If, after reconsideration, a majority of all elected officials, plus one, votes to override the mayor's veto, the ordinance shall have full force and effect as if it had received the approval of the mayor. The vote shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names and votes of the members shall be entered upon the minutes. A scheduled meeting, as used in this section, may be either a regular, special or reconvened meeting.”

Motion made by V/P Carroll to rescind the Per Capita Tax and override the veto. Motion seconded by C/P Anderson.

AYES: THREE (3)

NAYS: THREE (3) – C/P Charles, V/P Carroll and Pres. Farrell

VETO: Mayor Christine

Sol. Cravitz stated the Veto effectively puts the Per Capita Tax back on the books for 2014.

Borough Resident Vincent Stoops – Wanted to address with Council a crime that happened south of Pine Street and east of Market Street. There were at least three (3) vehicles that were broken into over the past week – including Mr. Stoops own vehicle and previous to this there were several other vehicles and homes where mischief has taken place.

Mr. Stoops wanted to know if perhaps the Public Safety Committee could take a look into doing something. These vehicles were locked and parked in proper parking places.

ADJOURN MEETING TO WORK SESSION AT 6:40 P.M. – Finance Committee Chairperson Anderson led discussion on proposed 2014 annual budget.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:25 P.M. – No action taken.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by C/P Viker to adjourn meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Attachments: None

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver
Recording Secretary