

**BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE
MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.....

President Steve Stecko convened the General Meeting at 6:37 pm in the Pennsbury Village Community Room. A quorum was reached with the following members of Council present: Vice President Bob Wable, Daryl Albert, Marita Haubrick, Paul Lim, Barbara Sigler and Carolyn Waldner. Also present were Mayor Lucy Harper, Borough Manager Irv Foreman, Clint Reilly (representing the Borough Engineer), Solicitor John Arminas, Tax Collector Patricia Notaro and Juliette Zimmerman of the Vacancy Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juliette Zimmerman of Pennsview Court noted that someone had dumped a grill at the dumpster on Community Court.

MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The minutes of the July 13, 2010 General Meeting were adopted unanimously (Bob Wable abstaining), with no additions or corrections, on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Barbara Sigler. On a motion by Barbara Sigler and seconded by Marita Haubrick, Council voted unanimously (Steve Stecko abstaining), with no additions and 1 correction, to adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2010 Continuation and Caucus Meetings. The correction: Paul Lim provided *sample* dumpster signing and will not write the *content*. On a motion by Bob Wable and seconded by Daryl Albert, Council voted unanimously by roll-call to accept the Accounts Payable as of August 10, 2010 in the amount of \$24,405.06.

OFFICIALS REPORTS.....

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

Steve Stecko referred to a letter from the Allegheny County Township Commissioners making reference to a move in the state legislature to eliminate all local government in Pennsylvania below the level of county. He asked Solicitor John Arminas to draft a resolution in which the borough goes on record in opposition to this action.

MAYOR

Mayor Harper gave the police report for the month of July that contained 16 service calls including: 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 criminal mischief, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 domestic N/A, 2 thefts, 1 lock-out of vehicle, and 1 accident N/R.

MANAGER

Irv Foreman reported that Precision Sign & Awning of Carnegie had quoted a unit price of \$5.75 for a decal sign to be applied to refuse cans. Concerning chronic spillage of refuse adjacent to dumpsters on Pennsbury Boulevard North (near Bldg. 3) and on Countryview Court (opposite Bldg. 21), the cause is attributable to residents failing to keep the side doors closed and possibly raccoons. Council considered various options but all had significant disadvantages. Accordingly, the consensus was it would be best to leave the existing cans in place. Appeals to residents to keep doors closed will be repeated through newsletters and flyers. Bob Wable said he would monitor the situation.

TAX COLLECTOR

Patricia Notaro reported collecting \$160,839.83 to date for Real Estate Taxes. Refuse Fees collected to date are \$39,757.00 + \$630.00 penalties. Irv Foreman reported that Jordan Tax Service collected \$7664.77 in Local Earned Income Tax and \$135.99 for Business Privilege Tax.

ENGINEER

On a motion by Daryl Albert and seconded by Carolyn Waldner, Council voted unanimously to authorize NIRA Consulting Engineers to advertise for bids to replace air piping at the sewage treatment plant at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00. A recommendation that baffle skimmers be installed to facilitate removal of scum that accumulates behind the baffles in the clarifiers will be considered at a future meeting. The cost submitted by CWM Environmental is \$1065.00.

SOLICITOR

John Arminas said the proposed snow removal contract will be published in the Suburban Gazette August 11 and 18, with bids to be opened at the September 14, 2010 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.....

PUBLIC WORKS

Daryl Albert reported on several actions that came to his attention:

- A unit owner raised some issues concerning retaining wall work being undertaken by the condo association in the aftermath of water damage in the rear of Bldg. 21 on Countryview Court. The owner also spoke with the borough solicitor and building inspector Tom Hayostek. It was felt there was no issue here for the borough, although Daryl Albert asked Clint Reilly to tell the condo plumber about a drain pipe currently *day-lighting* on to the road surface, to determine where it is going and that it is not to be left as is.
- An open ditch near the Maintenance Building needs work and it may need to be addressed next year.
- The crack-sealing by Nether Asphalt was a “nice job”.
- Concerning a referral from the condo office pertaining to smelly drinking water at 109 Community Court, Daryl Albert visited the unit and did determine an odor that might be sewer gas. He asked that the unit owner be notified, and the condo maintenance supervisor be asked to check it out for treasons of safety.
- On a motion by Daryl Albert and seconded by Bob Wable, Council voted unanimously to accept a proposal from Firefighter Sales & Service to repair a hydrant at a cost of \$690.00. Daryl also obtained a reduction for the installation of markers from \$1386.00 to \$840.00.

CONDO LIAISON – No report.

FINANCE – No report.

CONDO LIAISON – No report.

ADMNISTRATIVE LIAISON

Barbara Sigler said the newsletter is ready to go.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Harper said the Town Meeting is being planned for September 30.

PARKS AND RECREATION – No report

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – No report.

OLD BUSINESS.....

DUMPSTER SIGNS

Paul Lim provided some sample decal-signs. Irv Foreman will compose some wording for Council to use for discussion at the Caucus Meeting. Steve Stecko said to put it on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS.....

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL

Mayor Harper is making contacts for holiday lighting proposals. Irv Foreman is to ask for the electric box key to be returned by last year's lighting contractor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Paul Lim and seconded by Bob Wable, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully yours,

Irv Foreman, Borough Manager