

**IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
via Zoom and Facebook Live**

**December 9, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:36 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Sal DiPaolo, President,  
Bill Linwood, Vice President, Todd Savarese,  
Chuck Bristow, Elaine Butkus, Christina Finello,  
Matthew Piotrowski

**OTHERS:** Tony Judice, Mayor  
Mark Eisold, Borough Engineer  
Greg Sturn, Borough Solicitor  
Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer/Secretary

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**MINUTES OF 11/11/20:**

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Janet Pacchioli read the Treasurer's report into the record. The report was accepted subject to audit.

**BILLS LIST:**

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$64,400.41 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$2,963.15.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT via Facebook Live:** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** No report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Elaine Butkus to accept the Code Enforcement report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT:** None.

**ENGINEER:**

Mark Eisold reported that the Greeley Avenue stormwater management project will be sent out for bid this coming weekend. Copy of bid schedule and updated cost estimate was provided to Council and bid opening will be held in mid-January. PECO indicated they would like to begin work in the spring.

He met with Councilman Todd Savarese and the resident of Pennsylvania Avenue, who has ownership responsibilities of the basin and who has concerns about the roadway itself. The road could use crack-sealing along the curb and there is settlement, and that road was not paved when the rest of the Borough's roads were done as it was new and in good condition.

Todd Savarese agreed that crack-sealing should be done at this time.

Mark Eisold noted that crack-sealing was done on the Borough's roadways in the fall of 2017, and he contacted a contractor who will provide a proposal.

Janet Pacchioli said the roadway along Twining Avenue is eroding, and she asked Borough Engineer to look at it.

Mark Eisold continued that he will also get a price for an additional speed bump on Chase between Pennsylvania and Greeley Avenues and report back on it.

Todd Savarese suggested strategically addressing issues with the roadways on an incremental basis as opposed to responding to individual complaints by residents.

Mark Eisold agreed. Also, in early 2018, a thorough cleanup of inlet storm pipes and gutter lines were done throughout the Borough.

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Sal DiPaolo requested Borough Engineer to take inventory of issues of the Borough's roadways.

Mayor Judice commented that a resident asked about paving along the roadway of the railroad crossing, so who would be responsible for that?

Janet Pacchioli added that the issue is the roadway around the railroad tracks, and she tried to reach a representative of the railroad with no response.

Sal DiPaolo suggested contacting State Representative Meghan Schroeder's Office for assistance.

Greg Sturn indicated that he will send a letter to reps of the railroad.

Mark Eisold continued that the Fire Dam project has been completed and total cost for the project was \$18,500.00.

#### **SOLICITOR:**

Greg Sturn said regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue cul-de-sac stormwater structures; he was able to get a copy of the deed and it references the plan, so he will try to get a copy of it from the Register of Wills Office.

Also, he recommended that Council accept the LECK Trash Collection contract and authorize Council President to sign on behalf of Borough Council.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to accept the LECK Trash Collection contract and authorize Council President Sal DiPaolo to sign on behalf of Borough Council.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chuck Bristow noted that Todd Savarese previously suggested installation of a crosswalk across Jacksonville Road, and he suggested that Council pursue it more vigorously as it would be beneficial for the Borough as well as for safety reasons.

Todd Savarese agreed that is a priority for him.

Janet Pacchioli commented that LECK will send a newsletter to residents regarding changeover of trash collectors as an introduction to their company.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Judice provided the police report for November 2020; four traffic citations and two written warnings were issued; no parking tickets; one reportable accident and one nonreportable accident. Check received from District Court was in the amount of \$606.10.

There are two “Letters to Santa” boxes placed in the Borough; one on Ryan Avenue and the other at the Commons Park on Wilson Avenue, and there have been responses to the letters.

Bonnie Rowe has distributed luminaria candles/bags to residents.

Donations will be collected until December 16<sup>th</sup> for the Warminster Food Bank and Bethana in Southampton.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Sal DiPaolo said Parks and Recreation Committee suggested sending residents a Christmas Card from Borough Council reminding them about all the Borough’s traditions. Also, the Christmas Card Exchange will continue, so please leave cards on the porches of 48 Chase Avenue, 85 Lincoln Avenue, 1 Valentine Road and the Borough Office, and that tradition is with the agreement of the USPS.

**FINANCE:**

Christina Finello reported that the proposed 2021 Budget of Ivyland Borough has been duly advertised including a posting on the Borough’s website. There is no proposed tax increase, and it is ready for consideration of adoption by Borough Council.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to adopt the 2021 Budget for Ivyland Borough as advertised.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Todd Savarese to enact Tax Ordinance No. 2020-2 for Ivyland Borough setting the tax rate at 11.25 mills for real estate taxes and setting fire tax rate at 2.25 mills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Bill Linwood said Council received a copy of the estimate for the lease of the new police vehicle and it is a three-year lease that needs to be changed to a four-year lease, which lowers the cost, and there is a request for approval by Council to order the vehicle and begin outfitting.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to authorize the pursuit of the agreement for a new police vehicle.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY:**

Mayor Judice reported that the flagpole at the Borough Office was repaired and the spotlight at the Veterans Park has burned out while waiting for the new light fixture that was ordered that still has not come in.

**STREETS/WALKS:**

Todd Savarese said he reached out to State Representative Meghan Schroeder's Office regarding exploring the feasibility and practicality of a potential crosswalk uniting the grid with Ivyland Village providing safety for residents to cross Jacksonville Road. If Council agrees, this project would be in tandem with the parkland. In addition to receiving guidance from State Rep Meghan Schroeder regarding required permits and approvals from outside agencies, she indicated that she would work with Borough officials to secure funding.

Willard Avenue terminates at Jacksonville Road and there is ample sight distance on the right and left towards Street Road and Bristol Road and directly across Willard Avenue on Jacksonville Road is where the former Navy homes are located, which will need to be removed to create parkland. He sent google images of the location to State Rep Schroeder's Office.

State Rep Schroeder's Legislative Assistant forwarded his email along with the google images to PennDOT and PennDOT's response was that the Borough would be responsible for installation of a crosswalk and would not need a permit from PennDOT to do so. The Borough would only need a permit from PennDOT if a crosswalk were to be placed at a mid-block location. If the Borough would like to install flashing warning devices for the crosswalk, a permit would be required from PennDOT.

Mayor Judice commented that a crosswalk was just installed on Byberry Road at Pennypack Park in Upper Moreland Township, which is an interesting design and something to consider.

Chuck Bristow suggested contacting officials of Upper Moreland Township regarding cost, design, and info on funding assistance.

Todd Savarese requested Borough Engineer to contact Gilmore Engineering regarding that crosswalk design.

Bill Linwood clarified that the previous plan for a crosswalk would still be feasible. Is that correct?

Mark Eisold replied yes, and it would include adding sidewalk, painting the crosswalk and then determine the type of signage for safety precautions.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** None.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

James Cantore, President of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported there were 69 calls YTD. Grant was applied from the Office of State Fire Commissioner due to loss of revenue from COVID-19 pandemic. Training schedule has been posted; there are a few new members; fire prevention videos were produced; all vehicles are in-service and social media is being used to gain interest in joining the fire company.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chuck Bristow said he was contacted by an organization - [www.textmygov.org](http://www.textmygov.org), which is a service where residents text issues or request information to a central phone number at the

Borough Office that is routed for a response, and cost is approximately \$1,500 per year. Several municipalities use it, and he will provide more information to Council.

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Janet Pacchioli said she will need time to consider it.

Chuck Bristow said a resident asked about recycling Christmas trees as opposed to discarding them in the trash.

Janet Pacchioli replied Granieri does recycle Christmas trees and cost estimate for two pickups is approximately \$1,000. Also, LECK will have a trash truck, a recycle bin, and a recycle truck that picks up yard waste curbside.

**PUBLIC COMMENT via Facebook Live:**

A resident volunteered to help with the luminarias.

Nancy Piotrowski offered to pay for the luminarias to be placed around the gazebo.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter beginning at 9:07 p.m. until 10:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

