

**IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
(via Zoom Video Conference and Facebook Live)**

July 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members: Sal DiPaolo, President,
Bill Linwood, Vice President, Albert DeGideo,
Chuck Bristow, Todd Savarese, Christina Finello,
Elaine Butkus

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 06/10/20 – emailed to Council:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Albert DeGideo to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT – emailed to Council:

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

BILLS LIST – emailed to Council:

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$32,675.45 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$7,823.14.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli questioned whether Council was ready to make a decision on the use of the gazebo for a baby shower event to be held on September 13th.

Sal DiPaolo replied that Council will make a decision in August, which will depend on the circumstances.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

9-1-1 CENTER:

Janet Pacchioli noted that a County rep indicated they wanted to attend this Council meeting; however, no one was in attendance.

Greg Sturn said the County rep indicated they were going to provide an overview of the expansion plan publicly at a Council meeting. Expansion is for a 20 X 20 space with an existing wall including HVAC and electrical and one or two parking spaces would be removed. Plan was previously reviewed by Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer.

Albert DeGideo commented that for the past eight years there has been an issue with the Borough dealing with the County not cutting the grass at the 9-1-1 Center. He sent the County Commissioners a notice that it is a disgrace and residents are putting up signs on the County's property saying "Cut Your Grass." Since he sent that notice, the County has been cutting the grass, but they need to realize that it needs to be ongoing. In terms of their expansion plan, the Borough should hold \$1,000 in escrow for grass cutting purposes if necessary

Greg Sturn said that could be a condition of waiver of land development process for the County.

Chuck Bristow questioned whether the noise from the 9-1-1 Center's HVAC system has been resolved.

Albert DeGideo replied the noise issue was during the nighttime in which they put up shielding, so now requirements of the ordinance have been met.

Todd Savarese asked about the zoning district of the 9-1-1 Center.

Greg Sturn replied it is located in the Government Zoning District.

Sal DiPaolo asked for further information on the expansion plan to be provided for Council's review.

Greg Sturn indicated that he will reach out to the County in regards to attending next month's Council meeting.

ZONING OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTS:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Todd Savarese to accept both reports.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Sal DiPaolo announced that the next publication of the Loud Speaker will be next week. Also, many have been asking when the new Borough's website will be available.

BIDS FOR SEALING SCHOOLHOUSE PARKING LOT:

Janet Pacchioli said an email was received from Geff Rapp in regards to seal coating of the former schoolhouse parking lot in which two bids were received; one from Master Seal Company for \$2,340.00 and the other from FB Seal Coating Company for \$1,295.00.

Albert DeGideo commented that those amounts seem high from what he paid to have his driveway done and he will provide the name of that company to Janet Pacchioli.

Todd Savarese questioned whether there is any tenant responsibility in the lease for that expense.

Lisa and Geff Rapp (via Facebook Live) commented that it is in the lease, and they are happy to use any company and bids include paint striping.

Todd Savarese said if the lease indicates that the Borough is responsible for repair and maintenance that does not mean paint striping, and he would like to see the line item cost for seal coating as well as for striping.

Greg Sturn indicated that he will review the lease and report back.

ENGINEER:

Mark Eisold said in regards to the property of the former Navy buildings; Eagle Industrial Hygiene Associates, Inc. is scheduled to begin work of removing asbestos from those buildings on Monday, July 13th and the contract price is \$6,900.

Also, in regards to demolition of the building; two bids were received back in 2018 in the range of \$45,000-\$100,000, and he suggested sending out for bid again. Also, he put together a demolition schedule for Council's review.

Cost estimate for Jacksonville Road crosswalk project is approximately \$26,000 and \$12,000 for a flashing beacon, and he put together a conceptual plan of what Council would like to see on that property.

Sal DiPaolo suggested moving forward with the bid process for demolition of the buildings to get a better understanding of scope/ cost of the project.

Mark Eisold said demolition is just for the buildings and not the asphalt because it is unknown what will be placed on the property and disturbance needs to stay under one acre or another costly permit will be needed. Asphalt can be demolished at later date if necessary.

Christina Finello noted that this project may be eligible for Brownfield grants for FY 2021.

Mark Eisold said usually grants have specific requirements including a timeline.

Chuck Bristow questioned whether the Comprehensive Plan could provide guidance on the use of the property.

Sal DiPaolo replied the update of the Commons and Memorial Parks satisfied provisions of the Comprehensive Plan with the only remaining item of tree-lining Pennsylvania Avenue. Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss and consider parkland options for the property.

Mayor Judice suggested passive parkland as opposed to active.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve moving forward with the bid process for demolition of the former Navy buildings located on Jacksonville Road.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Mark Eisold said regarding the PECO Green Region Grant for the fire dam project; plans were updated with additional information and permit will be needed from the Bucks County Conservation District as well as a general permit from the County. Scope of work will be sent to several contractors and we will get three quotes with the hope that work would begin in August through September.

There was an onsite meeting on Greeley Avenue where PECO is looking to do some work along the railroad and he prepared a plan for drain piping, which is the beginning of a larger project of stormwater management improvement. Confirmation is needed as to whether the project would qualify to use liquid fuels funds.

Albert DeGideo said during the meeting with PECO; they indicated that their work will be to resolve the erosion issue around their utility pole. Tying both projects together using liquid fuels funds will be beneficial for the Borough.

Phase I of the Greeley Avenue Stormwater Management Improvement Plan that ties into PECO's work was reviewed by Council.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Sal DiPaolo to approve using liquid fuels funds or funds from the Borough's infrastructure account for Phase I of the Greeley Avenue Stormwater Management Improvement Plan.

Sal DiPaolo clarified that all work will be done within the Borough's right-of-way. Is that correct?

Mark Eisold replied on the lower end the right-of-way is very wide on that side, and he will look to see where the right-of-way is on the other side. We discussed with PECO about their cooperation in regards to that, so if it is slightly out of the right-of-way, then we would need to come to an agreement with PECO to get the pipe behind the wall.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said he sent a copy for Council's review of an ordinance regarding EPA's requirement for all municipalities aimed at industrial and commercial users of the sewage disposal system and they are required to perform certain types of pretreatment procedures before discharging into Warminster Municipal Authority's sewage disposal system. Following review of the ordinance, Council may wish to authorize advertisement next month and consider enactment in September.

Chuck Bristow asked for further clarification on proposed ordinance.

Todd Savarese said Warminster Municipal Authority had Warminster Township adopt a ordinance penalizing those who are not taking measures to make sure that they are not discharging toxic and hazardous substances into the disposal system, and they want Ivyland Borough to adopt a similar ordinance that will give Warminster Municipal Authority the ability to issue fines, criminal penalties to those who do not abide by the ordinance. Since the Borough is a customer of the Warminster Municipal Authority, why couldn't it be addressed through an agreement and why is the Borough being asked to adopt a separate ordinance? Also, what other municipalities are serviced by the Warminster Municipal Authority?

Chuck Bristow asked about date for adoption.

Greg Sturn replied participating municipalities need to enact the ordinance within six months of the date of Warminster Township's ordinance. He will review the ordinance and report back.

Other matters; the Mill is still on the market; fire alarm issue has been resolved; two properties in the Borough will be going up for Sheriff's Sale; and there was inquiry with reps of Ivyland Hotel about the possibility of a compromise and they are willing to discuss it.

Todd Savarese asked for a copy of the Zoning Hearing Board's written decision regarding the matter of Ivyland Hotel to be sent to Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Janet Pacchioli noted that the property located at 4 Ivybrook Boulevard has been sold.

Christina Finello noted that one of the Bucks County Commissioners indicated they are waiting for in-person municipal meetings to resume and she extended the invitation to Ivyland Borough until such time.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice said regarding the police report for June 2020; there were 44 calls for service; 28 traffic citations issued; three written warnings and one parking ticket. Check received from District Court was combined from April/May in the amount of \$293.09 and no check has been received for the month of June yet. One non-reportable accident was investigated.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sal DiPaolo said the Parks and Recreation Committee will hold a Zoom meeting to discuss future parkland.

FINANCE:

Christina Finello said discussion will begin next month on the 2021 budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood said he will discuss with the police officers about additional enforcement on the use of fireworks as he has received many complaints and it has become more of a nuisance as opposed to a celebration.

Mayor Judice suggested that a notice be posted in the Loud Speaker about the ordinance.

Bill Linwood said there is zero tolerance and fines will be issued. He asked for a copy of the ordinance to be sent to Council.

Council's position is zero tolerance.

BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Elaine Butkus said the Critter Control Company that was sent to resolve squirrels indicated there is a larger issue than just installing a cap and that a chimney company should look at it further.

Albert DeGideo suggested calling Vennis Chimney Company who has worked on several chimneys in the Borough.

Mayor Judice said there is an issue with the amount of space for the storing of Borough files/materials and the options are the second floor office; third floor area of the Borough Office building or installing a storage barn in the area next to the Borough Hall.

Albert DeGideo suggested a storage pole barn large enough for the police vehicles to be parked in.

Following further discussion; Sal DiPaolo asked Borough Property Committee to explore the possibility of storage on the third floor of the Borough Office building.

Todd Savarese commented that residents from the Village mentioned to him about the condition of the gazebo in which the cedar shingles are deteriorating, and if not addressed, it could compromise the structure.

Mayor Judice said a resident mentioned to him about two street lights not working in the Commons area of the Village; also shrubbery needs to be trimmed.

Sal DiPaolo suggested calling Armor Lighting Company to get a price for new LED bulbs.

STREETS/WALKS:

Todd Savarese said there are fallen limbs along the berm at Ann’s Choice and he will contact them about it. Also, an article will be placed in the Loud Speaker about making sidewalk repairs as necessary.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

Dave Sharp, Fire Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported there were four calls in the past 30-day; 35 YTD. The Fire Company will be applying for an Office of the State Fire Commissioner Grant to replenish funds due to loss from COVID-19 pandemic. In-person training has resumed while maintaining social distancing. Also, Fire Company personnel have discussed sealing and repairing of the parking lot.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Bristow commented that there has been an up-tick in tractor trailers traveling through the Borough and he encouraged additional enforcement.

Sal DiPaolo asked Mayor Judice and Chuck Bristow to look into a webcam and microphone for the Borough Hall to continue broadcasting public meetings when in-person meetings resume.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2020