

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

June 10, 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,
Excused: 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 05/10/20 – emailed to Council:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2020 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

BILLS LIST – emailed to Council:

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$43,154.22 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$414.00.

Chuck Bristow made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli reminded Council that financial statements are due.

Also, Council received a “thank you” note from Ian Sharp, recipient of the Ivyland Borough Norman Kelly History Award.

There was a request by a resident for approval to use the gazebo for a baby shower event to be held on Sunday, September 13th from 1-5 p.m. that would include a small amount of people in the gazebo with others driving by.

Council indicated tentative approval, and depending on conditions, final approval may be considered in August and the permit may be subject to restrictions.

Janet Pacchioli continued that the Borough Office is operating during regular hours although the doors are closed to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT – via Zoom and Facebook Live:

A resident commented that Council is doing a great job.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – emailed to Council:

Council reviewed Zoning Officer’s report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – emailed to Council:

Albert DeGideo commented that the Code Enforcement Officer needs to send another notice to the County 9-1-1 building as their grass is too high again. It was suggested asking one of the County Commissioners to join Council’s next meeting.

Sal DiPaolo commented that the grass is also high at two properties located on Wilson Avenue.

Janet Pacchioli said Code Enforcement Officer sent notices to the responsible parties of those properties.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to pay for an additional grass cutting at the property located at 101 Wilson Avenue.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT & PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Sal DiPaolo noted that the State has moved to the “yellow” phase that permits restaurants to have outdoor dining. Also, the Borough Office is conducting business during normal business hours of 10-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, but the office itself is closed to the public. The Commons Park is open; however, the basketball hoop will not be put back up until the “green” phase.

ENGINEER:

Mark Eisold said in regards to the PECO grant for the Fire Dam streambank stabilization project; that plan is in the process of being put together and we will send out for bids for Phase I of that work, and once quotes are received the project could begin by August.

Regarding PECO railroad project; permit requires application fee of \$200 and professional service fee of \$1,000 for engineering/legal services on behalf of the Borough. Performance bond in the amount of \$2,000 would be in place for two-three years that would cover any damage during construction as well as any cleanup from a future storm. Project includes filling in PECO’s right-of-way along the railroad to stabilize their facilities in which their poles have been severely undermined due to erosion. This is a temporary measure from their standpoint to protect their facilities although they realize there is a larger drainage project, which we can discuss with them further.

Todd Savarese asked for the purpose of the meeting to be held on June 15th with PECO.

Mark Eisold replied the purpose is to discuss PECO coordinating with the Borough to look at ways of funding the ultimate project of installing storm drainage within Greeley Avenue to divert the water from flowing down to the railroad.

Council agreed to a site visit meeting with Borough Engineer and PECO reps on June 15th at 2 p.m.

Mark Eisold said regarding the former Navy homes on Jacksonville Road; the lowest bidder submitted a proposal that requires signature from Borough officials to move forward with getting that work scheduled.

Greg Sturn said standard contractor’s terms are to provide certificate of insurance to the Borough and we should request whether the contractor will contact their insurance company about making the Borough an additional insured.

Mark Eisold said following asbestos abatement and demolition of the buildings; Borough Council will need to consider what a future park may look like, and he will put together some photos of parks. His firm researched grants for the project in which the listing of those grants will be sent to Borough Council for review.

Todd Savarese suggested as a Phase III of the new park development could be the possibility of having a crosswalk installed with flashing light/yield to pedestrian sign across Jacksonville Road.

Mark Eisold said back in 2010-2011, there was discussion with PennDOT about the best solution in getting pedestrians across Jacksonville Road. At that time, it was suggested installing a crosswalk across Wilson on the northern side of Jacksonville and a sidewalk from Wilson up to the intersection of Kirk Road and a crosswalk across Jacksonville at the intersection of Kirk Road and Jacksonville. Cost estimate was \$22,000 and flashing light was not discussed then. Project could be revisited to include a flashing light and the costs would reflect today's standards.

A resident asked about lowering the speed limit on Jacksonville Road from 35 to 25 MPH; other residents commented they were in favor of the crosswalk concept.

Albert DeGideo said back then the sidewalk was the issue. We cannot have pedestrians walking from a sidewalk onto a street that has none. The shortest distance for sidewalk installation would be Wilson down to Kirk and then across the road tie into the sidewalk on the other side.

Chuck Bristow asked why that project did not move forward.

Albert DeGideo replied because residents on Brewster Drive were not happy that the Borough spent taxpayers' dollars on surveys to come up with a plan for a crosswalk.

Chuck Bristow said anything that would help join the two sides of Jacksonville Road would be worthy of discussion, so he would like to reengage.

Sal DiPaolo suggested contacting PennDOT again about the parkland project and Borough's proposed multimodal connections.

Albert DeGideo asked the Borough Engineer to provide estimated cost of the project.

Mark Eisold agreed and suggested asking PennDOT to conduct a site visit to see what the options are.

Christina Finello noted there are ongoing speeding issues at the intersection of Johnsville Blvd. and Jacksonville Road, which would be near proposed crosswalk location.

Janet Pacchioli expressed concern about a crosswalk at that location even with a flashing light.

Sal DiPaolo asked about getting access to records of accidents due to speeding in that area.

Bill Linwood said he will follow up on it.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said the Borough should be receiving installment payments as a result of arbitration award.

Regarding Ivyland Hotel zoning appeal; there was delay of writ in that the court requested the Zoning Hearing Board to send the records, and that will be taken care. The matter will then move forward with a briefing and possibly further testimony. Also, Council may wish to consider a compromise in terms of the plan.

Todd Savarese suggested Borough Solicitor inquire with attorney representing the applicant of Ivyland Hotel about what their vision of compromise might be prior to briefings, etc.

Greg Sturn agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice said the police report is combined April/May 2020; there was one physical arrest; 11 traffic citations and one parking ticket issued. As of publication of this report, check was not received from District Court. Also, three non-reportable accidents were investigated.

He spoke with Sergeant Carey in regards to the new police vehicle, and Ford is no longer offering a choice between Explorer and Taurus body-style vehicles, and they are only offering Explorer interceptor packet, so comparative bids would be Dodge Durango and Charger.

Also, he had a meeting with the owners of the restaurants in the Borough in regards to the State moving into “yellow” phase permitting outdoor dining and they were provided with guidelines from the Bucks County Board of Health. Owner of Tony’s Place submitted their plan that was sent to the Borough Office. Owner of Taormina’s indicated she would speak with the owner of the property about the possibility of placing four to six tables in the grassy area and she would report back.

He gave kudos to the Fire Company for their assistance with removal of a tree that fell across Twining Avenue during a storm.

He offered a proposal to Council to invest funds to get the third floor of the Borough Office building cleaned/repared so it can be used for storage. At the current time, file storage has reached critical mass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood said after the new police vehicle has been outfitted; a police camera will need to be added to the existing police vehicle that will be for the safety of officers as well as the Borough.

He spoke with police officers about increasing enforcement for traffic running “Stop” signs in the Borough.

Janet Pacchioli added that there was a call from a resident about an increase in truck traffic through the Borough.

BORO PROPERTY: No report.

STREETS/WALKS:

Todd Savarese said he will provide a report on inventory of sidewalks at the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

James Cantore, President, Ivyland Fire Company, reported that the Fire Company's monthly meetings have also been held virtually although members have been checking equipment at the Fire House making sure it is in operational condition. There were seven calls in the past 30 days; 31 YTD. Fire Company was called to assist with removal of fallen tree due to storm. 2020 upcoming events will be posted and training is ongoing. He questioned whether the 5K Run will be canceled in August.

Sal DiPaolo replied he will get in touch with Jon Severn about the 5K Run.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Albert DeGideo said he mentioned at the Public Safety meeting about restaurants opening as well as daycares and provided guidance from the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet Pacchioli reported the third springtime dumpster has been removed.

Chuck Bristow thanked the Fire Company for their assistance. Also, he would like updated public information to be posted in the next Loud Speaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT – via Zoom and Facebook Live:

Sal DiPaolo congratulated Christina Finello on her unofficial win in the election to the U.S. House to represent Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District.

Resident's comments/questions were in regards to a business occupying the Mill showroom; a pedestrian bridge being costly; concern about the safety of a crosswalk with flashing light that may encourage children to cross the busy road; and a request for dumpsters to be placed in the Borough more frequently for yard trimmings, etc.

Bill Linwood suggested relocating dumpsters from the driveway of the Fire House to another location to allow for more parking spaces.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened an Executive Session that began at 9 p.m. until 9:17 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2020