

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

November 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 7:46 p.m.

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

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 10/14/20:

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

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 \$30,573.24 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$7,641.25.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli said that the sealing and line striping on the parking lot of the former schoolhouse property as well the parking lot of the Borough Office building has been completed.

Ed Hoffman, Deputy Chief of Ivyland Fire Company, commented that sealing of the parking lot at the firehouse has not yet been completed due to weather conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – via Facebook Live:

Residents thanked Council for broadcasting the meeting via Facebook Live.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to accept the Zoning Officer’s report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to accept the Code Enforcement report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Vacancy Appointment:

President Sal DiPaolo announced that he, along with Vice President Bill Linwood and Mayor Judice met with candidates interested in serving as member of Borough Council. Matthew Piotrowski is a registered elector of Ivyland Borough and has expressed his willingness to accept appointment by Borough Council to serve the remaining term vacated by Councilman Albert DeGideo.

Councilman Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Bill Linwood to adopt Resolution No. 2020-4 appointing Matthew Vincent Piotrowski as member of Borough Council of Ivyland Borough on this 11th day of November 2020.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Mayor Judice administered the Oath of Office to incoming Councilman Matthew Vincent Piotrowski of Ivyland Borough.

ENGINEER:

Mark Eisold reported that the Fire Dam Streambank Stabilization project was completed. Also, he inspected the basin at the end of the cul-de-sac on Pennsylvania Avenue and it is in good condition.

Todd Savarese noted that Mr. Kuser, resident of 1245 Pennsylvania Avenue asked who is responsible to maintain the basin including the outflow structure. Mr. Kuser also indicated that the inlet from the cul-de-sac at the curb line is a concave, which may indicate cracking in the storm sewer pipes.

Mark Eisold replied he will review the record plan regarding the basin/inflow structure as well as inspect the inlet from the cul-de-sac at the curb line for any settlement.

Sal DiPaolo asked for the status of the Greeley Avenue stormwater management project.

Mark Eisold replied plans and bid specs have been completed and he questioned whether Council would like to authorize going out for bid in early December.

Council agreed.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said regarding the Warminster Municipal Authority Sewage Pre-Treatment Ordinance; he has been assured by WMA's Solicitor as well as Warminster Township's Solicitor that this ordinance is not directed at residential users; however, it is directed at commercial business users, although it could be directed at a residential user if they exceed limits set forth in the ordinance. He recommended that Council consider enacting the ordinance, and if it becomes problematic, it could be repealed.

Council opened Public Hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Chuck Bristow suggested notifying the business owners about the ordinance.

Greg Sturn replied there is no requirement; however, Council may do so.

Todd Savarese suggested posting the ordinance on the Borough's website.

Mayor Judice suggested contacting the WMA to see whether they have posted a digital copy on its website, and if so, the Borough can provide a link for residents from WMA's website.

Sal DiPaolo asked Janet Pacchioli to contact WMA regarding how they plan to educate the public as well as inform the WMA that Borough Council has adopted the ordinance, and then proceed from there.

Council asked for any public comments. There were none.

Council closed Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 Warminster Municipal Authority Sewage Pre-Treatment Ordinance.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Greg Sturn continued that regarding the Ivyland Hotel zoning matter; the applicant requested a conference with the judge who is handling the case; however, it has not yet been scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice provided the police report for October 2020; there were 42 traffic citations; six written warnings and four parking tickets issued; one reportable accident and five nonreportable accidents were investigated. Check received from District Court for the month of October was in the amount of \$1,000.16.

Also, a resident asked about the possibility of adding a speed hump on Chase Avenue between Pennsylvania and Greeley Avenues to slow traffic.

Mark Eisold said he could get a price and then Council could decide to move forward or not.

Sal DiPaolo suggested considering parking limitations to manage the congestion on certain cross streets, and Council can decide what needs to be done overall to manage traffic in the grid.

Todd Savarese suggested looking into the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian crosswalk connecting the Village to the grid.

Sal DiPaolo replied that would be crossing a State road and suggested contacting State Representative Meghan Schroeder to find out what that would entail.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sal DiPaolo announced that there will be no events held for the remainder of 2020.

FINANCE:

Christina Finello said Council was provided with a copy of proposed 2021 balanced budget that includes no tax increase.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve advertisement of proposed 2021 balanced budget for Ivyland Borough that includes no tax increase.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Christina Finello suggested posting the budget on the Borough's website.

Chuck Bristow suggested posting a link to the budget on the Borough's Facebook page as well.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve posting the budget on the Borough's website.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood reported that the Public Safety Committee requested purchasing a new police vehicle earlier than anticipated since parts for the Crown Vic are not available and it is unsafe to drive.

Sal DiPaolo questioned whether purchase would affect proposed 2021 budget.

Bill Linwood replied he does not believe so; however, he will have the figures by the next Council meeting in December.

BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Elaine Butkus said now that the weather has changed, she will see what the third floor of the Borough office building needs so it can be used as a storage area.

STREETS/WALKS:

Trash Bids:

Todd Savarese said bids for trash contract effective January 1, 2021 were opened on November 4, 2020 with Borough officials in attendance as well as reps from Waste Management and LECK and both the three-year and five-year contracts include renewal options for two, one-year periods. The lowest responsible bidder was LECK at \$23.40 per dwelling unit per month and cost for the duration of the three-year contract totaled \$842.40, also LECK's cost for five-year contract was more competitive as compared to Waste Management's contract. Bids are available for public inspection.

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to award refuse contract to LECK, the lowest responsible bidder for a period of three years beginning January 2021, 2022 and 2023 recognizing that the contract includes two, one-year renewal options.

Todd Savarese said reason for the motion as stated is that a three-year contract with two, one-year renewal options with a new company may be the more prudent course of action.

Mayor Judice noted that references for LECK's were checked with a positive result.

Chuck Bristow clarified that there is no charge for residents in getting new trash containers. Is that correct?

Greg Sturn replied that is correct. There is no charge for residents for delivery of new containers.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

Ed Hoffman, Deputy Chief, Ivyland Fire Company, reported that in the past month, there were 30 calls, 65 YTD. Grant was applied from the Office of State Fire Commissioner due to loss of revenue from COVID-19 pandemic. Training is planned for November and new members have joined the Fire Company. The website has been updated and four fire prevention videos have been produced, which can be viewed at www.ivylandfireco.org. Both the engine and TAC are in-service, and the driveway at the firehouse will need to re-paved and the kitchen has been remodeled. Also, Santa will be visiting the Borough.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Bill Linwood noted that Albert DeGideo wrote a letter recommending James Cantore as Emergency Management Coordinator for Ivyland Borough that will be sent to the Governor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Hoffman commented that tractor trailers traveling on Wilson Avenue through the Borough have been taking down tree branches/limbs and it is getting worse.

Chuck Bristow suggested investigating companies that install traffic enforcement cameras.

Mayor Judice replied he will investigate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident comments via Facebook Live were regarding lighting issue at the cul-de-sac; trains running in the middle of the night; and about getting extra trash cans from LECK.

Sal DiPaolo commended Councilwoman Christina Finello for her willingness to throw her hat in the ring and fight the good fight, and he appreciates all she does for the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2020