

IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members: President Sal DiPaolo, Vice President Bill Linwood, Albert DeGideo, Vince Mancinelli, Christina Finello, Elaine Butkus

ABSENT: Council Member: Chuck Bristow

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MINUTES OF 7/11/18:

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 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:

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$36,227.56 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$4,727.93.

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli said that Meg Quinn who used to work for the Bucks County Housing Group contacted the Borough Office indicating interest for the handicapped ramps from the homes formerly occupied by the BCHG when Ivyland Borough retains those buildings.

A “thank you” letter was sent to Council for their donation to the Bucks County Tour of Honor Program.

The Bucks County Boroughs Association will be hiring a part-time Business Manager and they are reaching out to all of the Boroughs to identify staff or elected officials who might be interested in applying.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT:

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to accept the Zoning Officer’s report for July 2018.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: None.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Sal DiPaolo reported that he and Greg Sturn met with Rich O’Brien of Keystone Municipal Services in regards to former Code Inspector who has now been replaced with an interim inspector.

Also, the 5K Run will be held on August 18, 2018.

ENGINEER:

Mark Eisold reported that pothole repairs on Borough streets were completed and they will be inspected.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said in regards to the homes formerly occupied by the BCHG on Jacksonville Road; he received a proposed advertisement from Attorney George Schlossberg, and following a few clarifications, the ad will need to be ran one time and then there is a 90-day period required by the Federal government. At the end of that 90-day period, the possibility of another homeless provider who would be interested in submitting a proposal would not be able to, after which time, the Borough would then contact reps of HUD, the Navy and National Park Service. Also, Mr. Schlossberg indicated that it was the appropriate time to move forward with the deed in which the BCHG would convey the property back to the Borough.

Consensus by Council was in favor of obtaining the deed conveying those properties back to the Borough.

Greg Sturn said fireworks are covered under the Borough's existing firearms ordinance, and he suggested adding an amendment to that ordinance to include prohibiting "rockets" (projectile-type fireworks.) He will draft the amendment and advertise it so it can be reviewed and considered by Council at its next meeting.

Consensus by Council was to authorize drafting amendment for advertisement for consideration by the next Council meeting.

Greg Sturn said that minor subdivision plans are required to be reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission as well as the Bucks County Planning Commission per ordinance, and Mr. Piotrowski, the applicant, is required to submit his minor subdivision plan to the BCPC.

Janet Pacchioli noted that Council has a copy of Boucher & James review letter of that minor subdivision plan.

Greg Sturn said there are some ruins of the old barn on Mr. Piotrowski's property and they are subject to the requirements of Historic District Ordinance as they are a structure and therefore should not be removed or demolished without Borough Council's approval.

Council was in favor of having the applicant come to its next meeting in regards to that matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Greg Sturn said Council may wish to consider adopting the final Municipal Waste Management Plan of Bucks County by resolution ratifying that plan.

Janet Pacchioli noted that Chuck Bristow reviewed the plan and recommended approval.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Vince Mancinelli to adopt Resolution No. 2018-6 ratifying final Municipal Waste Management Plan of Bucks County.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice reported for the month of July 2018; there was one physical arrest; 71 traffic citations; two written warnings and five parking tickets issued. Check received from District Court was in the amount of \$1,516.98. Police Department Officers investigated two non-reportable accidents and one reportable accident.

Also, he and Greg Sturn met with reps of PennDOT in regards to Judd's proposed development of Spring Mill Country Club, and although the development would be located in Northampton Township; PennDOT would keep Ivyland Borough officials informed and indicated that Judd Developers should pay for any roadway intersection improvements.

Regarding Jacksonville Road and Johnsville Boulevard; in order for PennDOT to change the right-hand lane on Johnsville Boulevard to a turning lane, they would need something in writing from Warminster Township officials, so Borough officials will need to make that request to Warminster Township.

Sal DiPaolo suggested that a letter be written from Chairman of Public Safety, the Mayor and Borough Solicitor.

Mayor Judice continued that also discussed at the meeting with PennDOT was the possibility of a traffic light to be installed at Bristol and Greeley Roads where Tony's Place is located and that it would be a synchronized light from Mearns to Greeley to Jacksonville Roads to alleviate traffic flow. PennDOT indicated that if a signal is warranted the Borough would need to make a request in writing to PennDOT to conduct a traffic study to determine whether a traffic signal is warranted, and if it is, the Borough would be responsible for erecting and maintaining it since the Borough would be the owner of the signal.

Sal DiPaolo questioned whether there would be any expense to the Borough for requesting a traffic study to be done by PennDOT.

Mark Eisold noted that PennDOT should be informed that late afternoons, evening and weekends are peak hours to be studied.

Mayor Judice added that he will send an email to PennDOT about it.

Also, he received the Inter-Municipal Animal Control Services Agreement that needs to be renewed with Warminster Township and it needs to be signed by Borough officials.

Greg Sturn said he will review the agreement and it should be attested by Borough Secretary and signed by Borough Council President.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the Inter-Municipal Animal Control Services Agreement subject to any revisions by Borough Solicitor that will be attested by Borough Secretary and signed by Borough Council President.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sal DiPaolo reported that the Amazon order for a basketball net was incorrect.

FINANCE:

Christina Finello provided a copy of the Ivyland Borough Finance Committee's Budget Directive - 2019 Budget Preparation Guidelines including timeline for preliminary line item budgets to Borough Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood reported that the Public Safety Committee met with reps of Innovative IT Concepts to discuss items that need to be addressed for the Police Department and the Borough Office and the one item that is necessary to have at this time is a Static IP Address, which is approximately \$150.00 for service to support it. Also discussed was an upgrade to the phone system as well as a change of email address such as ivylandboro.org, etc.

Sal DiPaolo suggested that reps of Innovative IT Concepts attend the next Council meeting to discuss upgrading the phone system as well as the other items that need to be addressed.

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the cost of \$150.00 a month for service to support Static IP Address.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Elaine Butkus reported that revised painting proposal was approved by Council.

Also, there was discussion about getting prices for cleaning out the gutters of the Borough Office building.

STREETS/WALKS: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

Dave Sharp, Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported there were 48 calls for service YTD; a new member of the Fire Company will be meeting with Public Safety Committee; training is ongoing and we will be getting a new shed. Also, meetings were held about the new Tac truck.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Albert DeGideo added those meetings were to review the specifications on the new fire truck.

Also, he read a letter that he wrote on behalf of Borough Council to State Representative Bernie O'Neill regarding the new Pennsylvania Law on fireworks into the record.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sal DiPaolo said regarding the Borough's Street Tree Ordinance; the intent is to replace expiring one inch caliper street trees with a shade tree from the list of specific trees attached to the ordinance.

Janet Pacchioli said she changed the language on the cover sheet list of trees, so when a tree is removed it *shall be* replaced from approved list of trees that is attached to the ordinance, and if that is Council's intent, Code Enforcement Officer needs to enforce it.

Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stuart Folkman, 64 Valentine Road, commented the trees that Judd Developer planted in Ivyland Village appear to be too big for the lots.

Greg Sturn said he will look into whether those trees are street trees.

Doris Martincheck, 20 Garrison Avenue, requested assistance from the Borough about excessive noise coming from Berger Brothers after 10 p.m. There is no barrier from the noise from her bedroom as it is on the second floor of the home. She cannot even sit in her backyard after work due to the loud noise.

Albert DeGideo said there is a noise ordinance that prohibits noise above a certain level from specific distances.

Mayor Judice added that he spoke with the Zoning Officer about this matter, and during daytime business hours, there is not much that can be done unless the noise reaches a certain decibel; however, after 10 p.m., that falls under the Borough's Noise Ordinance, so he instructed the Zoning Officer to write a letter to Berger Brothers informing them that loud noise after 10 p.m. should cease and desist.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2018

