

**IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

*February 14, 2018*

**SWEARING IN:**

Judge Dan Finello administered the Oath of Office to incoming Ivyland Borough Councilman Walter T. Chuck Bristow, III on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:32 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Vince Mancinelli

**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 TO HONOR THE VICTIMS OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA**

**MINUTES OF 1/2/18 and 1/10/18:**

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting and the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Janet Pacchioli read the end of year 2017 Treasurer's report as well as current Treasurer's report to Council. The reports were accepted subject to audit.

**BILLS LIST:**

Janet Pacchioli reported that prepaid bills list totaled \$48,000.52 and unpaid bills list totaled \$5,980.68.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Albert DeGideo to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Janet Pacchioli said audits have been completed. Also, it has been reported by residents that recyclables and trash are being collected at the same time by the same truck. Also, there were calls about recyclables collected, but the trash was not.

Albert DeGideo questioned when the contract expires with Waste Management.

Janet Pacchioli replied she is not sure, but it may be close to the end.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chuck Margiotta, 1215 Pennsylvania Avenue, thanked Council, the Mayor and Janet Pacchioli for everything they do for the Borough. Also, he saw the same trash truck collect both recyclables and trash at the same time. He asked if something can be done about the disrepair of the road at train track crossing at the Railroad.

Greg Sturn replied that it is the Railroad's responsibility.

Sal DiPaolo asked Janet to contact rep of Waste Management to set up a meeting.

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer's reports were provided to Council for review.

Albert DeGideo asked for the status about the sign at Tony's Place that advertises Seasons Hearth & Patio for Fairless Hills.

Janet Pacchioli replied the Zoning Officer was contacted about that.

Albert DeGideo asked for the Zoning Officer to address a roofing sign posted on a telephone pole at Chase Avenue and Jacksonville Road.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT:**

Sal DiPaolo said Borough officials have been approached by a commercial realtor who would like to list the Mill, and he along with Bill Linwood and Geoff Rapp will be meeting with the realtor sometime in the coming week to discuss options.

**ENGINEER:**

Mark Eisold said in regards to the Mill, research was done by someone in his office as there are restrictions and requirements. Also, in regards to the TA (Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Grant Program) an initial list was posted and the Borough was not on that list; however, the remainder of the list will be posted and hopefully the Borough will be on it.

**SOLICITOR:**

Greg Sturn said ordinance to revise decreasing the weight limit of trucks from 26,000 lbs. to 19,500 lbs. unless those trucks are making local deliveries in the Borough was advertised and is ready for enactment by Council.

Council convened a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. to consider proposed ordinance.

Mayor Judice noted that Public Safety Committee recommends that the Borough enact the ordinance based upon 19,500 lbs. weight limit, which is a division limit for classes of trucks.

Council asked for any public comments. There were none.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 decreasing weight limit of trucks to 19,500 lbs. unless those trucks are making local deliveries in the Borough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Council closed Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Greg Sturn said in regards to the homes previously occupied by the BCHG; he asked if Borough Council would like to retain George Schlossberg, Attorney to assist the Borough in taking title of the property and lifting the 30-year restricted use. He informed George that consensus by Council was to have an open space/parkland use and there are several ways to handle it resulting in fees ranging from \$7,000.00 and \$17,500.00. If Borough Council is interested, George would submit a fee agreement.

Option 1 - would be to approach the Navy about changing the restricted "homeless" land use to parkland in the deed and in the relevant agreement, or

Option 2 - if unsuccessful with the Navy, prepare and file a "Parks" public benefit conveyance application with the National Park Service and seek conveyance of the site to the Borough at no cost through NPS.

Mr. Schlossberg's fees for Option 1 are \$7,000.00 and for Option 2 is \$17,500.00.

Christina Finello suggested that the fee agreement schedule would be on a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to authorize Council President Sal DiPaolo to sign a fee agreement with George Schlossberg, Attorney to assist the Borough in taking title of the property located on Jacksonville Road previously occupied by the Bucks County Housing Group and lift the 30-year restricted use based on general parameters at a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00 initially that will be approved by Greg Sturn, Solicitor and Christina Finello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Greg Sturn said he met with the Borough's Planning Commission regarding the wireless communication ordinance and redrafted the ordinance in accordance with recommendations made by the BCPC (Bucks County Planning Commission) and that was completed and resubmitted to both Planning Commissions today. Also, he discussed rear yard setbacks requirements in residential districts and the Borough's Planning Commission recommended specifying a minimum distance between accessory building and the main building.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**MAYOR:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Sal DiPaolo reported that the quarterly Loud Speaker publication will be getting a new facelift. Also, plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held tentatively on March 31, 2018 at 1 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

Christina Finello reminded everyone that the meeting date for Finance Committee has been changed to the first Tuesday of each month.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Bill Linwood said he met with Sergeant Carey and Corporal Petrun in regards to complaints about parking issues on Greeley Avenue. Trucks are parked on the street blocking the lane and cutting the roadway down to one lane. Recommendation by the police was to make “No Parking” on both sides of Greeley from Lincoln Avenue to Bristol Road.

Albert DeGideo added that it is a difficult for fire trucks to get down there as well.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Albert DeGideo to authorize Greg Sturn, Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of Greeley Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Bristol Road.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Bill Linwood continued that the officials of the Ivyland Fire Company are aggressively making strides to handle their in-house issues and they have rewritten their constitution of bylaws.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY:** No report.

**STREETS/WALKS:**

Christina Finello commented there was work being done by PECO at Freedom and Valentine Roads at the handicap ramp where they removed part of the sidewalk and replaced it with blacktop, which is unsightly.

Albert DeGideo said they used blacktop because they cannot pour concrete this time of year, but his concern is that it will be forgotten.

Janet Pacchioli said she will call Ted Durand, our contact from PECO about it.

Christina Finello suggested revisiting the parking situation in the Village.

Bill Linwood said Public Safety Committee has discussed that and will contact reps of the 9-1-1 Center as it is a public safety issue.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Chuck Bristow commented that the Planning Commission met on January 25, 2018.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

Dave Sharp, Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported 2018 officers have been elected and posted on the website. List of events for 2018 were sent to Mayor Judice for publication. There were 14 calls YTD and the Fire Company is licensed by the State of Pennsylvania through 2021. Goals for 2018 are Operations; Infrastructure; Membership; Financial Planning & Stability. We have redone operating guidelines and officer qualifications as well as bylaws and memberships have been renewed along with membership application. Also, we request to move the “No Parking” sign right across from the Fire House on Wilson Avenue so as to provide more room for fire trucks to make the turn.

Albert DeGideo suggested moving the sign five feet west.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Albert DeGideo said we have new equipment in the Borough Hall such as a white board, projector, projector screen and cart. Also, new members of Borough Council are required to have incident command training, which is available online. And, he provided Council with the yearly report of the Bucks County Emergency Health Services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Christina Finello suggested that Borough Council have representation, a dedicated seat on behalf of Ivyland Borough on the Board of the Warminster Municipal Authority.

Sal DiPaolo asked Greg Sturn to look into that.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Stuart Folkman, 64 Valentine Road, commented that there is broken glass spread around the detention basin on Valentine Road and questioned where it is coming from.

Albert DeGideo suggested seeing if that occurs the day after trash collection.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council \_\_\_\_\_, 2018