

**IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

*May 9, 2018*

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council Members: President Sal DiPaolo, Vice President Bill Linwood, Albert DeGideo, Vince Mancinelli, Elaine Butkus, Chuck Bristow, Christina Finello (7:35 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Tony Judice, Mayor  
Geoffrey Attanasio, Engineer with Boucher & James (filling in for Mark Eisold)  
Greg Sturn, Solicitor  
Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer/Secretary

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**MINUTES OF 4/11/18:**

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018 Council meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Janet Pacchioli read the Treasurer’s report to Council noting that reports were completed prior to making the USDA Loan payment in the amount of \$32,513.00. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Christina Finello entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**BILLS LIST:**

Janet Pacchioli said with the addition of the USDA Loan payment in the amount of \$32,513.00 the new total for prepaid bills was \$75,276.32 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$3,348.87.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Janet Pacchioli said two applications were submitted for special events; one from the Hess family for a graduation party to be held on Twining Avenue on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-10 p.m. and the second one is from the DiPaolo family for a fundraiser event to be held on Chase Avenue in which the request is for Chase Avenue to be closed between DuBois and Twining Avenues from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve special event application submitted by the Hess family for a graduation party to be held on Twining Avenue on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-10 p.m.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve special event application submitted by the DiPaolo family for a fundraiser event to be held on Chase Avenue in which the request is for Chase Avenue to be closed between DuBois and Twining Avenues from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0-1. Sal DiPaolo abstained.

Janet Pacchioli said she received a packet that included copies of Ivyland Fire Company financial records and other official documents that were sent to the Ivyland Borough Office including a letter written by Kelly Solly, Treasurer, who resigned. Janet read the letter into the record and noted that all documents mentioned in the letter will be retained in the Borough Office.

Also, two essays were submitted by students of William Tennent High School's Guidance Department in which both were nicely written. Award is \$500, which is currently the amount in the history award account.

Christina Finello said at Finance Committee, we discussed that often times there is more than one quality essay and Council may wish to give out more than one award if they choose to. Also, since there are more students in the Borough who are graduating than there has been in the past, we will most likely see an increase in applications. Proposed is to add \$1,500 to the \$500 in the history award account for a total of \$2,000 and adjust the amount going forward as needed. So recommendation is to transfer \$1,500 from unreserved funds to Account #452.720 – History Award Capital Account.

Discussed was that the guidance counselors provide guidelines for the essays as well as that Borough Council would review parameters as to the number of the awards given out by the Borough each year. Consensus by Council was that they were in favor of awarding two students this year.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Albert DeGideo to transfer \$1,500 from unreserved funds to Account #452.720 – History Award Capital Account and that going forward parameters for the essay award would be reviewed by Borough Council.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Janet Pacchioli said Bostic Painting, LLC provided a price quote for painting work to be done on the Borough Office building in the amount of \$15,841.25. Copy of the quote was provided to Council for review.

Sal DiPaolo suggested using the same specs and getting two other quotes for painting work.

Janet Pacchioli continued that Council received a copy of the MS4 training material provided by Boucher & James in regards to the NPDES permit and police personnel will also be given a copy of it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT:**

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the Zoning Officer’s report as presented.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT:**

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report as presented.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT:**

Sal DiPaolo announced that the Borough did not receive award of the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Grant Program.

**ENGINEER:**

Geoffrey Attanasio said in regards to the TA Grant Program; local portion was controlled by the DVRPC and the other portion was controlled by the State that was opened statewide making it more difficult to obtain the award.

Also, Boucher and James was asked to check on any potholes on Borough streets and several areas of concern were identified, so received was a quote from Bux-Mont Asphalt Company in the amount of \$6,630.00 that was provided to Council for review.

Mayor Judice commented that a corner of the speed hump located on 85 Lincoln Avenue is beginning to breakdown into gravel.

Albert DeGideo questioned whether the area of Kirk Road at Jacksonville Road on the list is located on Ivyland Borough's side of the road.

Geoffrey Attanasio replied he will confirm that.

Vince Mancinelli commented that he will add areas to that list.

Sal DiPaolo questioned whether Boucher & James inspected the storm drain inlet behind 79 Valentine Road.

Geoffrey Attansio replied that is on the list.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,000.00, following review by Vince Mancinelli, who will review and make any necessary additions to the list provided by Boucher & James, Inc. and also subject to the confirmation by Boucher & James that the area of Kirk Road at Jacksonville Road as listed is on Ivyland Borough's side of the street.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

**SOLICITOR:**

Wireless Facilities Ordinance:

Greg Sturn said the Wireless Facilities Ordinance has been properly advertised and available for public inspection. This ordinance has also been reviewed and approved by the Bucks County Planning Commission as well as the Borough's Planning Commission.

Council convened a Public Hearing to consider adoption of Wireless Facilities Ordinance at 8:23 p.m.

Sal DiPaolo asked for any comments from Council members. There were none.

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Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to adopt Ordinance 2018-3 – Wireless Facilities Ordinance of Ivyland Borough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Council closed Public Hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Granieri Contract:

Greg Sturn said Mike Granieri has been working without a contract since Borough Council accepted his bid months ago, so he sent a contract to Granieri for signature and it is now ready for signature by Sal DiPaolo, President of Borough Council on behalf of Ivyland Borough.

Contract includes all bidding documents along with Granieri's actual bid provision releasing Granieri from responsibility for residential mailboxes damaged by snowplows, but it does not release for damage caused by actual physical contact and also a provision for aerating and over-seeding carried over from previous contract.

Truck Weight Restrictions:

Greg Sturn said he provided a copy of the entire case to Mayor Judice. The D.A.'s office typically declines prosecution of violation of basic municipal ordinances such as traffic violations, so he suggested that, when appropriate, he should be brought in on the case.

Also, State statute that authorizes this type of ordinance indicates that if there will be a restriction based on truck weight there needs to be engineering data and traffic study to support the ordinance. He would like to look at the State statute further in regards to restriction on vehicles based on safety considerations and suggested Sergeant Carey may assist with review of the safety aspect of it.

Geoffrey Attanasio added that a traffic study will be required to prove Borough streets could not handle certain weight over a period of time; however, a safety consideration would be the best route to proceed with to seek the protection the Borough is looking for.

Vince Mancinelli expressed concern about expenses incurred by the Borough for traffic study for a citation that may not hold up in court anyhow.

Mayor Judice said the “No Trucks” signs also include language that says, “Except for Local Deliveries,” which according to the judge in this case was a “local delivery,” and the fact that it was in another municipality was irrelevant. So we should remove the language of “Except for Local Deliveries” from all signs and just have “No Trucks.”

Sal DiPaolo requested that Public Safety Committee perform a safety study especially on Wilson Avenue and also the language of “Except for Local Deliveries” should be removed from all signs.

Greg Sturn said he will further review State statute and report back to Council.

Removal of Railroad sign:

Greg Sturn said a letter was sent to the railroad about removing the sign and there was no reply. A quote in the amount of \$265 was received from Granieri to remove the sign, so he will request permission from railroad officials to go onto their property for Granieri to remove the sign.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve the cost of \$265 for Mike Granieri to remove the sign on the railroad property if permission is granted by railroad officials to be on their property.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Sal DiPaolo asked for the status on the matter of the Navy housing on Jacksonville Road.

Greg Sturn replied he will call George Schlossberg about it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Judice reported for the month of April 2018; there were no physical arrests; 61 traffic citations were issued; three written warnings and four parking tickets were also issued. Checks received from District Court were in the amount of 981.39; and there was one reportable accident investigated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Sal DiPaolo reported that Parks and Recreation Committee are planning the Memorial Day Parade and he invited all members of Council to march in front of the band. Also, Granieri will be planting another tree at War Memorial Park and that tree will be dedicated to former President of Borough Council, Bob Severn during the Memorial Day Service.

**FINANCE:**

Christina Finello reported the audit was completed and everything was fine with it.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Bill Linwood reported that the Public Safety Committee has been researching IT support, and a local company Innovative Concepts provided an estimate of \$10,000 a year to provide IT support both for the police department and office computer system. Another IT professional indicated that the cost of \$10,000 was in line; however, they do not provide IT service for municipalities. The rep of Innovative Concepts indicated they would make a presentation before Council at its next meeting and would also provide references.

**BORO PROPERTY:**

Elaine Butkus said Council discussed painting of the Borough Office building.

**STREETS/WALKS:**

Christina Finello asked about the status of the walkway at the corner of Valentine Road and Freedom Way where PECO previously worked on and still has not been repaired.

Janet Pacchioli replied she will call PECO rep about it.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** None.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

Dave Sharp, Fire Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported there were 32 calls YTD; going forward, the focus will be on rebuilding relationships within the Borough and surrounding communities as well as participating in community events. Four sets of new gear were ordered to be in compliance; State grant funding was received for new equipment for Tac 62. Training is ongoing and Coin Toss event will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 p.m. A new Treasurer will be appointed at the next business meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Albert DeGideo reported that there is wifi in the Borough Hall building that is password protected.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sal DiPaolo said there has been request for Council to support the 5K Run event to be held in the Borough on August 18, 2018.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Albert DeGideo to support the 5K Run event to be held in Ivyland Borough on August 18, 2018.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Sal DiPaolo said he spoke with the realtor who is listing the Mill and informed him that Council would support a feasible development plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

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

