

IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 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, Mayor Tony Judice

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE FLORENCE

MINUTES OF 8/8/18:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Elaine Butkus to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Janet Pacchioli read the Treasurer’s report to Council noting there was an earned income receipt adjustment of \$800.00. The report was accepted subject to audit.

BILLS LIST:

Janet Pacchioli reported the prepaid bills list totaled \$43,604.06 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$7,807.72.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli reported that Tilley Fire Equipment Company performed annual inspection for all fire extinguishers and sprinkler system for the Borough Office/Hall and report finding was in regards to the pressure zone and retest for a cost of \$1,040.00.

Sal DiPaolo suggested that inspection should also be performed on fire extinguishers at the former Dorothy Henry School building.

Council authorized expenditure for work to be done by Tilley Fire Equipment Company.

Janet Pacchioli announced that on Tuesday, September 25th will be the Bucks County Borough's Association General Membership Dinner Meeting at 7 p.m. at Doylestown Country Club.

Joanne Cutri's mother recently passed away and a fruit basket was sent on behalf of Council in which Joanne sent a "thank you" note to Council.

A building permit was issued to officials of Ivyland Presbyterian Church for repairs to be made to the steps of the church and Council may wish to consider waiving permit fee in the amount of \$154.54.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Vince Mancinelli to authorize waiving building permit fee in the amount of \$154.50 for repair work on the steps of the Ivyland Presbyterian Church.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0. Sal DiPaolo abstained.

Janet Pacchioli continued that there was a response from State Representative Bernie O'Neill in regards to the letter sent by Councilman Albert DeGideo.

MATT PIOTROWSKI:

Mr. Matt Piotrowski, applicant proposing a minor subdivision plan of property located at 980 Jacksonville Road, presented a plan showing the main house side elevation and street side elevation and proposed is to subdivide the left side of the property approximately one-quarter acre to give to his son who would build a small house. Existing driveway would be shared with an easement for his son to access his property.

Borough Engineer provided a review letter for the project; and zoning ordinance comment referred to natural resources to be noted on the plan identifying natural resources.

Photos were attached to the plan; one labeled overgrown vegetation. There is one tree on the property that would need to be removed, and the remaining of the property is overgrown weeds that were never trimmed down, and he will comply.

SALDO; Item #4 refers to requirement to apply to the Bucks County Conservation District and he asked for that to be deferred until building permit stage. Stormwater management will need to be in place for new home, and at that time, he will apply to the BCCD. Item #5 curbing on Jacksonville Road; he requested a waiver from that as there is none now. Also requested was a waiver for installation of sidewalks as there are no sidewalks near his property.

Item #7-Street Trees; two street trees are required on subdivided property, four on main property, and due to the overhead wires, sewer lateral, water line and installation of water/sewer for new home; there is an existing tree that would remain and he proposed a street tree on either side of the driveway as well as two trees to buffer one home from the other as well as landscaping in front of barn. Item #8- Name of Streets and Width; requested was a partial waiver as he will provide aerial photograph of the area, but does not want to show everything within 100-feet. Item #9 – small projects in watershed and he requested to comply in building permit stage. Underground basin was installed and working properly. Existing driveway entrance will not be expanded and impervious surface ratio will be resubmitted to Borough Engineer. Act 537 Planning Module will be submitted to DEP for sewer capacity and a letter was received by the Borough indicating a “will-serve” water/sewer for the property and requested was to defer until building permit stage. Stormwater management will be installed when home is built.

Historic Overlay District; no zoning variance will be needed for setbacks and proposed new home will not block the view of historic structure. Proposed home will be positioned behind the existing stone walls of former barn and will have the same features of existing residential home that will be approximately 1,800 sq. ft. with a basement and garage that is not included in the 1,800 sq. ft.

Albert DeGideo said he would like to see sidewalks installed on this property.

Mr. Piotrowski replied he does not think a lot of people will use the sidewalks and expressed concern about his son not being able to afford it as well as build a house, so he requested a waiver for sidewalk requirement.

Mark Eisold commented that the Borough has a right to require a property owner to install sidewalks and some municipalities defer installation of sidewalks to be installed at a later date.

Bill Linwood said in the future, if sidewalks are installed on either side of this property, Mr. Piotrowski will be required to install sidewalks.

Mr. Piotrowski agreed to comply.

Greg Sturn said that is a condition that can be part of final approval of the plan. The overlay district is a zoning provision in the zoning ordinance and this will need to be granted as a variance by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Piotrowski disagreed on needing a variance because the home will be behind existing structure.

Greg Sturn replied that the Zoning Officer will make that determination.

Bill Linwood asked for required street trees to be included in the plan, and the applicant will comply.

Janet Pacchioli noted that the plan has been submitted to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Borough's Planning Commission has copies of the plan for review.

Greg Sturn said following reviews by both the BCPC and Borough's Planning Commission, the applicant will come back before Council for review of preliminary as final plan at its meeting in October to approve or reject it and that will be under deadline per MPC (Municipalities Planning Code) requirement.

INNOVATIVE IT CONCEPTS:

Stewart Garzarello, CEO of Innovative IT Concepts, recommended replacing the Comcast circuit with Verizon FIOS circuit and to keep the Comcast circuit, but buckle it up with router to be installed. Static IP address will be on the Verizon circuit, but not Comcast. Router will isolate traffic between police and Borough Office and recommended is a replacement switch as well as VoIP. Costs for licensing new email addresses from Microsoft will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deirdre McGlynn, 49 Brewster Drive, commented there was a devastating fire over the weekend in the Borough and she asked about response time of Fire Company as well as the water pressure from the fire hydrant.

Albert DeGideo said he operated the pump during that fire and Ivyland Fire Company was there in eight minutes from time of dispatch, and the fire truck carries 750 gallons of water and two minutes later water was putting the fire out.

Vince Mancinelli questioned how often the fire hydrants are inspected.

Albert DeGideo replied yearly.

Bob Kissell, resident of Holly Tree Farm, said two years ago, residents were promised by a rep of the Borough Engineer's office about a plan to fix the street. In fall 2016, there was supposed to be a plan to redo the cul-de-sac and there are safety concerns where there is a pool of water that, in the wintertime, turns into a pond of ice and there already has been a slip and fall.

Mark Eisold replied that property was taken over by the bank and reps of the bank have been contacted many times to get that issue fixed, but to no avail. It is the bank's property and they need to resolve the issue. Previously, Borough officials indicated that it was the bank's property and they needed to step up and do the work; however, the Borough does have escrow funds that can be used to get that work done.

Sal DiPaolo said it is a private road; however, Council will have Borough consultants work on obtaining the funds so that the HOA of Holly Tree Farm can get that work done.

Greg Sturn agreed to review the file on this matter.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to accept Zoning Officer's report of August 2018.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Vince Mancinelli made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to accept Code Enforcement report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Sal DiPaolo said the Borough has two main structures in town; the Hotel and Mill, which have been neglected. He suggested creating a nonprofit as a separate entity from the Borough in getting people involved to try and do something with those buildings.

ENGINEER:

Mark Eisold reported pothole work on Borough streets is 98% completed and the remaining work will be done in the next few weeks.

Stuart Folkman, 64 Valentine Road, said he emailed a document to the Borough in regards to the Borough getting registered so that residents would be able to buy flood insurance.

Mark Eisold replied a few years ago, floodplain maps were modified and adopted by municipalities. Those maps show that there is no defined floodplain in Ivyland Borough, so there is no reason for the Borough to join that organization and property owners will not be able to collect any funds from that program because there are no defined floodplains; however, agreed to look into it further.

Sal DiPaolo indicated that Council will take it under advisement and Borough Engineer will look into it.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said Council may wish to consider acting on proposed amendment to the firearms and other devices ordinance.

Council opened Public Hearing at 9:05 p.m. to consider proposed amendment.

Council asked for any public comments. There were none.

Council closed Public Hearing at 9:06 p.m.

Albert DeGideo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-4, amendment to the firearms and other devices ordinance.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Greg Sturn reported progress is being made on the former BCHG property and an appraisal showed property value of zero due to the existence of the homes. Deed has been sent to HUD so they can transfer property back to the Borough.

Council discussed cost for demolishing those homes and requested Borough Engineer to get quotes. Also discussed was that property becoming future parkland.

Mark Eisold said following direction from Borough officials, architects from his firm will look into what makes the most sense for that property.

Greg Sturn advised not spending too much on a plan until restriction is lifted, because although it seems unlikely, another homeless provider could come up with a viable plan for that property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR: No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sal DiPaolo said we are planning for the Borough-wide Yard Sale this Saturday. Bonfire event is scheduled for October 20th. Also, there is a new basketball net at the park.

FINANCE:

Christina Finello reminded Council that budgets from committees are due as soon as possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood said in regards to cost for static IP address; FIOS 150/150 \$139.98 a month; FIOS 300/300 \$214.98 a month with a \$99 setup fee for either one; Comcast 75/10 \$134.00 a month and 150/20 \$154.00 a month with setup fee of \$99. Innovative IT Concepts recommends FIOS 150/150. Also recommended is upgrading memory in the two computers in the police department for a cost of \$357.17. Yearly cost for Innovative IT Concepts services will be confirmed for 2019. He requested a budget line item of \$3,500 for upgrade of computer equipment.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to authorize expenditure of \$139.98 a month including \$99 setup fee for static IP address: FIOS 150/150 per recommendation by Innovative IT Concepts.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Elaine Butkus asked about quotes for gutter cleanout of Borough Office building.

Sal DiPaolo requested that inspection should be done on fire extinguishers in the former Dorothy Henry School building.

Janet Pacchioli replied she will work on getting quotes for gutter cleanout as well as contact Tilley about inspection.

STREETS/WALKS:

Janet Pacchioli suggested that a survey of sidewalks that are in need of repair should be done.

Vince Mancinelli agreed to do a “sidewalk tour.”

Mark Eisold suggested review of ADA guidelines prior to survey of sidewalks being done.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

Dave Sharp, Chief of Ivyland Fire Company, reported 56 calls YTD; two new members were introduced at Public Safety Committee meeting; testing of annual fire extinguisher has been completed; and shed has been ordered. Training is ongoing; Fire Prevention Night will be October 15th from 6-8 p.m., and he thanked Borough Council for their continued support.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Albert DeGideo said Bucks County officials reported that Hurricane Florence will not have a major impact on our area; however, that could change, so the Fire Company is prepared to assist as needed and operational generators are on-hand. Also, the Fire House will be open if necessary

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PERSONNEL:

Council convened an Executive Session on a personnel matter that began at 9:35 p.m. until 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2018

