

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

**May 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

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

**OTHERS:** Tony Judice, Mayor  
Chris Peterson, 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 4/14/21:**

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Todd Savarese to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Janet Pacchioli read the Treasurer's report as of May 12, 2021 into the record. The report was accepted subject to audit.

**BILLS LIST:**

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$73,860.59 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$7,035.58.

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Matthew Piotrowski to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Janet Pacchioli announced that Terry Oldroyd passed away and Ted and Doris Beechwood passed away on Saturday and Monday, who were long-time residents of Ivyland Borough.

Also, she was contacted by Joe Lovecchio, Conductor of the Warminster Symphony, who questioned whether Council would be in favor of having them perform a concert sometime in August.

Council was in support with State protocols in place.

**MIKE DIGLIA – 1120 JACKSONVILLE ROAD:**

Mike Diglia commented that he is head wrestling coach at Council Rock North High School, and he would like to purchase the former McMillan building located at 1120 Jacksonville Road for a proposed gym to be used for wrestling classes. Hours of small group classes would begin at 5, 6, 7, and 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday mornings. Regarding parking, parents would drop-off and pickup their children as well as high school-age children who drive, and he proposed a parking area in the back of the building.

Sal DiPaolo commented that it is a nonconforming property previously used for a small business located in a residential district and concern has been expressed by the neighbors about the open lot becoming paved for parking as well as the safety concern turning off Jacksonville Road as opposed from Gough Avenue. Also, he asked about a five-year plan for the business and what the need for parking would be then.

Mr. Diglia replied he would be open to one row of parking around the backside of the building for approximately 10 parking spaces as well as a privacy fence.

Bill Linwood commented that a privacy fence or a row of hedges to deflect the commercialized look of the property would be something the community would rather see than just an open parking lot. Also, he suggested that traffic could turn into the site on the side lot, which would be safer for the children being dropped off as well as for traffic on Jacksonville Road not having too many vehicles slowing down to turn into the lot.

Mayor Judice agreed that screening the onsite parking lot from surrounding residents would be beneficial. Also, he suggested that a plan be put together for review by the Zoning Officer and Council.

Mr. Diglia agreed to provide a plan that includes landscaping to provide a natural look to the property.

Janet Pacchioli noted that the Zoning Officer informed the applicant that he is required to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for approval of the use as a special exception.

Mr. Diglia replied that he understands.

Todd Savarese commented that he feels the use is appropriate for this nonconforming property and the Zoning Officer will guide the applicant on the required number of parking spaces based on the use category. He asked the applicant to consider whether he would agree to a condition not to expand the building in the future prior to going before the Zoning Hearing Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Todd Savarese commented that the report indicated there was an application that was initially denied as it exceeded impervious surface ratio and then it was granted approval as there was a mistake made by the homeowner, so he assumes that our Zoning Officer has confirmed that the imperious surface ratio is correct upon issuance of the permit.

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Sal DiPaolo to accept the Zoning Officer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Bill Linwood noted that the property owner of 1125 Pennsylvania Avenue has made an attempt to making repairs to the house.

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Sal DiPaolo to accept the Code Enforcement Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

**ENGINEER:**

Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer, reported that Council authorized award of contract to Twining Construction Company for the Greeley Avenue storm sewer project and all construction documents have been finalized including the agreement, bonds and the insurance certificates were approved by the Borough's insurance agent. The contractor is training their personnel as they will be working adjacent to the railroad, which is part of the right of entry permit from the railroad. They also will be coordinating with PECO as the work will be done under high voltage power lines. Preconstruction meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. with Twining Construction, railroad officials and PECO, and during that onsite meeting, we will follow up on the status of the final executed agreement from PECO.

Also, Bux-Mont agreed to do both the crack sealing and inlet rehabilitation projects at the same time and will begin work next week.

The MS4 requirements need to be completed between now and the end of this year's permit period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, so we will need to review last year's annual report making sure everything has been completed and this year's annual report is due by the end of September.

Janet Pacchioli questioned whether Borough Engineer has been keeping an eye on the streambank stabilization that was recently done.

Chris Peterson replied yes, we have been monitoring it.

**SOLICITOR:**

Greg Sturn said he attended the court hearing on the fire code inspection violations for the Mill properties and the findings were in the Borough's favor, although the judge has not yet determined the fines to be imposed.

Sal DiPaolo added that the fines are for the year 2020 inspections and the Borough is still trying to schedule inspections for 2021, so we need to follow up on it.

Greg Sturn provided an update on the matter of the Ivyland Hotel to Council as noted in his report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Todd Savarese asked for the status of the County's 9-1-1 Center regarding the land development waiver granted by Borough Council six months ago.

Matthew Piotrowski replied the bump-out is still in design-phase.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Judice provided the Ivyland Borough Police Department's report for the month of April 2021; there were no physical arrests or nontraffic citations; there were 32 traffic citations and seven written warnings issued. Check received from District Court was in the amount of \$1,013.76. The Warminster Police Department responded to one reportable accident and made one physical arrest.

Also, any abandoned properties in the Borough should be kept in the forefront.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Sal DiPaolo announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be canceled; however, there will be a ceremony held at Memorial Park at 9 a.m.

**FINANCE:**

Janet Pacchioli reported that Finance Committee discussed funding the three Borough projects; the Greeley Avenue storm sewer project, the crack sealing, and inlet repairs totaling approximately \$93,000 and proposed is to use \$43,000 of liquid fuels and \$50,000 from unreserved funds. However, the amount of stimulus funds the State will receive for Ivyland Borough is in the amount of \$93,035.00, and guidance has just been issued on how those funds can be used, which are making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and expand access to broadband internet. So, it is possible the stimulus funds could be used for the Greeley Avenue project.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY:**

Janet Pacchioli said she received two separate quotes for a new heating system that she will provide to Council for review.

Mayor Judice commented that the thermostat is nonfunctional in the Borough Hall.

Janet Pacchioli replied she will contact Christian Brothers as the Borough's contract with them is until September.

**STREETS/WALKS:**

Todd Savarese said Granieri indicated that he will take care of repairing the broken light pole at the Borough Office building.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** None.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

Pat Gibbons, Chief Engineer of Ivyland Fire Company, reported that in the past 30 days, there were 11 calls; training is ongoing; and three new members met with the Public Safety Committee for introductions. Fire Company will assist with the Memorial Day ceremony as well as Southampton Days 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Fireworks. There will be no pancake breakfast during the 5K Run, but other alternatives are being considered, and a Coin Toss is planned for June 26<sup>th</sup> and Black Friday in November.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

It was questioned whether the property where the former Navy homes are located is in Warminster Township and the response was that those buildings are in Ivyland Borough and the plan is to demolish them and develop that space into parkland.

Janet Pacchioli commented that Mr. Dick Hammond passed away who was a long-time resident of Ivyland Borough.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council \_\_\_\_\_, 2021