

IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS: Tony Judice, Mayor
Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer
Greg Sturn, Borough Solicitor

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MINUTES OF 7/14/21:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Chuck Bristow to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Council meeting as submitted.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Christina Finello read the Treasurer’s report into the record. The report was accepted subject to audit.

BILLS LIST:

Christina Finello reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$39,915.89 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$10,307.95.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT: None.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Bill Linwood made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to accept the Code Enforcement report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Sal DiPaolo commented that the Warminster Symphony Concert was canceled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for the weekend of September 11th and 12th.

Also, Mayor Judice created a video of the storm sewer improvement project recently completed that worked great just in time before a torrential rainstorm.

ENGINEER:

Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer, said as mentioned, the Greeley Avenue storm sewer improvement project has been completed, and Twining Construction did a good job. Carroll Engineering recommends that Council approve payment application #1 in the amount of \$76,258.71, which covers all line items under the contract; however, relocation of residential water services did not need to be done resulting in a savings of \$5,726.08.

Todd Savarese clarified that previously, Council agreed they were not inclined to approve Change Order #2 due to the contractor's underestimated cost of materials for the project, and now Carroll Engineering is recommending approval by Council. Is that correct?

Chris Peterson replied Change Order #2 is due to price increases for piping materials, road control measures, etc., in the amount of \$3,297.05, and the relocation of residential water services did not need to be done resulting in a savings, and if Council approves the change order, it would be considered a "wash" noting that the revised contract total of \$88,028.95 as opposed to the original contract in the amount of \$90,457.98.

Greg Sturn recommended that Council decline approval of Change Order #2 as it is a public contract and was bid on certain specifications, and by approving the change order, would be altering the terms of the contract.

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to approve payment application #1 in the amount of \$76,258.71 to Twining Construction Company for the Greeley Avenue storm sewer improvement project, and TABLE consideration of Change Order #2 until the next Council meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Chris Peterson continued that regarding the application to PennDOT's Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program, signature of the application is required by a representative of Council.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Bill Linwood to authorize Councilman Todd Savarese to sign application to PennDOT's Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Chris Peterson provided brochures to be handed out during the Borough's 5K Run event informing residents on how their activities impact stormwater, which will satisfy MS4 permit requirements for public education/outreach.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said Council may consider authorization to prepare an ordinance updating the Borough's Property Maintenance Code as last revised in 2006 and date of current published ordinance is 2018, and he will include in the draft ordinance, "that subsequent additions of the property maintenance code will become the Property Maintenance Code of Ivyland Borough."

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to authorize Borough Solicitor to draft an ordinance updating the Property Maintenance Code for Ivyland Borough as well as advertise it for consideration by Borough Council at next month's meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 6-0.

Greg Sturn said he received a reply email regarding the noise from the railroad's tank cars indicating that they are functioning correctly and that is what they are supposed to do; also suggested was asking reps of the railroad to park them somewhere else.

Mayor Judice commented that he contacted State Representative Meghan Schroeder's Office and left a message, but he has not received a response yet.

Chuck Bristow suggested inviting State Representative Meghan Schroeder to a Council meeting.

Mayor Judice indicated that he will forward an invitation to attend next month's Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bill Linwood questioned whether there has been any determination regarding the storm sewer drain that floods out his yard causing a sinkhole.

Greg Sturn replied he was not able to find an easement on record.

Sal DiPaolo noted that the drain is located at the corner of Chase and DuBois Avenues.

Chris Peterson commented that it seems to be a joint failure that needs to be repaired.

Todd Savarese asked for assurance from Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer that this is damage resulting from a failure of the Borough's infrastructure.

Greg Sturn replied he will investigate further whether there is an easement on record.

Sal DiPaolo made a MOTION, seconded by Todd Savarese to authorize Borough Solicitor to investigate further whether there is an easement on record as well as have the Borough Engineer determine whether it is an integral part of the Borough's infrastructure as well as provide estimated cost of repair.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0. Bill Linwood abstained from voting.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice provided the police report for July 2021; 42 traffic citations were issued; one nonreportable accident; and there were two Borough ordinance violations in which warnings were given about open burning. Check received from District Court was in the amount of \$742.00.

Also, Warminster Township's Police Department investigated three separate incidents within the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sal DiPaolo reported that the tentative date for the bonfire/hayride is October 23, 2021. The Annual Boroughwide Yard Sale will not be held in September, and we are still working on getting the basketball backstop reinstalled as well as repairs to the swing.

FINANCE:

Christina Finello provided the Ivyland Borough Finance Committee's Budget Directive for the 2022 budget to Council noting that all committee chairmen must present preliminary line-item budgets to the Borough Office no later than Friday, August 27, 2021. Budget discussions will take place at the Finance Committee on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, and it is recommended that all interested committee chairmen are present at this meeting to discuss their specific budget requirements to avoid line-item deletions. All committee chairmen should present revisions and final budgets to the Borough Office no later than Friday, October 1, 2021. The final budget will be presented to Council by the Finance Chairperson on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 for all last-minute considerations. Council will vote to advertise the 2022 Borough of Ivyland budget at its meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, and then Council will vote to adopt the 2022 budget at its meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Bill Linwood reported that the Public Safety Committee has taken on the duty of determining whether there is a need or lack thereof for a police chief for Ivyland Borough. Preliminary research on the duties and requirements have begun, and he welcomes any suggestions from Council.

Christina Finello asked for the anticipated start date if a police chief was hired.

Bill Linwood replied if we decide to move forward, anticipated start date would be in 2023.

BOROUGH PROPERTY: No report.

STREETS AND WALKS: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

James Cantore, Assistant Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported that in the past 30 days there were 12 calls, 40 YTD. We need to schedule the new members to meet with the Public Safety Committee, and training is ongoing. Pancake Breakfast will be held during the 5K Run event; Coin Toss will be held on September 18th as well as on Black Friday in November. Fire Prevention event will be held in October. Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 5th and Santa will visit the Borough again on December 11th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

James Cantore reported that the tornado that hit recently was an F-3, which is rare for this area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Bristow commented that the police department needs a new standalone computer, and he will report back on estimated cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Margiotta commented that overgrown vegetation over streets/sidewalks needs to be cut back.

Christina Finello noted that the Warminster Municipal Authority will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, August 19th at 6 p.m. at William Tennent High School's Auditorium regarding their stormwater management program.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2021