

IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

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 IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS FROM UVALDE, TEXAS

MINUTES OF 5/11/22:

Chris Branchide made a MOTION, seconded by Todd Savarese to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 11, 2022.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Janet Pacchioli read the Treasurer’s report into the record. The report was accepted subject to audit.

BILLS LIST:

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills list totaled \$43,760.04 and the unpaid bills list totaled \$7,640.00.

Christina Finello made a MOTION, seconded by Chris Branchide to pay the bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet Pacchioli said a letter was received from Dan McPhillips, Recorder of Deeds, thanking the Mayor and Borough Council for including him in the Memorial Day Parade, and he offered to be a sponsor for the 150th Anniversary event.

Also, going forward, she will be sending the agenda, minutes, and any correspondence to Council via email prior to the Council meeting of each month, and if any Council members would like a hard copy that will be provided as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING REPORT APRIL/MAY:

Todd Savarese made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to accept the reports.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Sal DiPaolo announced that the Memorial Day Parade was a success, and he appreciates everyone who participated.

ENGINEER:

Chris Peterson reported there were inspections conducted over the past month of 19 stormwater outfalls across the Borough that are noted on the MS4 map and photos were taken along with completed forms that will be submitted with the annual MS4 report.

Also, two restorations were completed by PECO for new gas service installed at 101 and 93 Wilson Avenue, and during inspection, some issues were found that were resolved by PECO.

And we found a sinkhole at the twin inlet at the end of the cul-de-sac on Pennsylvania Avenue, and contacted a few contractors for quotes for repair work, and Reyes Construction Paving Company provided the lowest quote that includes pavement repair around the inlet and provided an option to replace the inlet top for a total cost of \$4,982.00.

Chris Branchide made a MOTION, seconded by Christina Finello to approve expenditure of \$4,982.00 to Reyes Paving Construction Company for pavement repair including replacement of the inlet top of the sinkhole on Pennsylvania Avenue.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

SOLICITOR:

Greg Sturn said regarding the matter of the Ivyland Hotel, Mr. Tulio, the owner, has declared Mr. Kretschman in default and indicated that the “deal was off,” and put the property back on the market.

Sal DiPaolo requested Borough Solicitor to contact the attorney representing Mr. Tulio informing him that if the deal does not go through within 30-days, the Borough will proceed with an enforcement notice of property maintenance code violations.

Todd Savarese said at the last Council meeting there were concerns from residents about the occupancy at the hotel, and he asked about a tenant registry.

Greg Sturn replied landlords are supposed to report tenancy.

Janet Pacchioli added that there is a tenant registry in the Borough Office.

Sal DiPaolo asked for a letter to be sent to the management group requesting a listing of all tenants of the hotel.

Consensus by Council was to issue an enforcement notice to the owner of the Ivyland Hotel for property maintenance code violations and to schedule a hearing before the Ivyland Borough Appeals Board.

Greg Sturn continued that regarding the Mill property, Mr. and Mrs. Prickett learned that their plan for apartments would need a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board, so they decided to construct a retail store, which is a permitted use and use the balance of the building for a plant-growing operation, which is not a permitted use, and the applicant would need a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board. The applicant filed a zoning application and there is missing information, so he, along with the Zoning Officer will meet with Mr. Prickett at the Borough Office tomorrow morning to discuss this further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Christina Finello announced that the grant application was submitted to the *Greenways Trails and Recreation* for the Ivyland Village Park project, and Councilman Piotrowski provided a preliminary rendering for purposes of the grant. Grant award is \$250,000 with a 15% match from the Borough, and if awarded, it will be used to demolish the former Navy homes on Jacksonville Road.

MAYOR:

Mayor Judice provided the police report for May 2022; 42 traffic citations, three written warnings and two parking tickets were issued, and there were two reportable accidents and three nonreportable accidents. Check received from District Court for the month of May 2022 totaled \$804.86.

Also, the Public Safety Committee has discussed naming a Chief of Police as opposed to a Sergeant-in-Charge model, and since the Borough does not have an official Chief, we are being shutout of several important avenues of communication and cooperation. Request was for Council to consider naming a Chief of Police in which candidates can be discussed during Executive Session next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report.

FINANCE:

Janet Pacchioli reported that the Borough will be receiving the second round of ARPA funds from the Federal government of approximately \$49,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Public Safety Committee report was provided by Mayor Judice.

BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Matthew Piotrowski said that windows and doors of the former Navy houses were busted into, so we will need to board up the front of them. Also, he placed a cone on the base of the sinkhole on Jacksonville Road.

Chris Peterson said a photo of that sinkhole was sent to PennDOT who indicated they are short on material at this time.

Sal DiPaolo asked for PennDOT to be contacted again about the sinkhole.

STREETS/WALKS:

Todd Savarese commented that he sent an email to Mike Granieri about some overgrown brush on the sidewalk along the front of where the former Navy homes are located.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

FIRE COMPANY:

Dave Sharp, Chief of the Ivyland Fire Company, reported that there were 14 calls in the past 30 days, 57 YTD. The Fire Company has been invited to assist with Upper Southampton's 4th of July Parade/Fireworks. Four orders have been received for Knox boxes. Training is ongoing. We will support the upcoming concert in the park and Coin Toss this weekend depends on the weather.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Judice said the logistics are being worked out for the upcoming concert.

Janet Pacchioli added that the concert will be held on June 25th at 7 p.m., rain date is June 26th. Also, the 2022 Christmas ornament will feature the Borough Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christina Finello wished her daughter a "Happy Birthday!"

ADJOURNMENT: 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Borough Council _____, 2022