

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Tuesday September 13, 2016 General Council Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sewickley Hills Borough Municipal/Recreational Building, located at 349 Magee Road, Sewickley, PA 15143-9117.
- PRESENT: Cynthia Phillips, Lucille Guttendorf, Lawrence (Randy) Newman, Natasha Brandenburg, Mayor David Malarik, Arthur Leonard (Solicitor), Emile Ketterer (Engineer), Wayne Hyjek (Treasurer), Diana Steele (Secretary)
- MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jack Faulkner
- CITIZENS ATTENDED: Craig Rowland, Joe Hajnas, Sr., and Joe Hajnas Jr., Sgt. Beck, Joe Warick, Don Fogel, Karl Boyer
- CITIZENS & GUESTS: Mrs. Phillips asks if there are any issues not on the agenda that anyone would like to discuss.
- MINUTE APPROVAL: Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has reviewed August 9, 2016 meeting minutes.
- MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Guttendorf to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 seconded by Mrs. Phillips, motion carried with all in favor, Mr. Newman abstains.**
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Hyjek gives the Treasurer's report with the following balances:
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| PNC | \$ 20,308.65 |
| FNB | \$292,484.09 |
| Sanitary Account | \$ 45,996.66 |
| Capital Reserve | \$ 84,858.04 |
| A/R (credit balance) | <\$ 650.00> |
| Taxes Collected | \$214,078.18 |
| Taxes Due | \$260,299.29 |
| Discounts | \$4,371.12 |
| Uncollected | \$39,969.06 |
- POLICE REPORT: Mayor Malarik gives the Police Report stating there were 14 calls for the month of August, they were pretty much basic calls. Sgt. Beck has nothing to add.
- SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Atty. Leonard stated the Resolution passed to accept the Ohio Township Police Contract for a five year period. The turnover of the sanitary lines to OTSA will be discussed in Executive Session.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele reported that Economy Septic contacted the office regarding fall cleaning of the septic system.
- MOTION: A motion is made to spend no greater than \$300.00 to clean the septic system by Mrs. Guttendorf, seconded by Mr. Newman, roll call is taken with all in favor.**
- Woods of Sewickley Hills:** Ms. Steele reported that John Wick replaced the signs in the Woods of Sewickley Hills. The cost of the signs approximately \$114.00, Wick's cost to install between \$100 and \$150.
- MOTION: A motion is made to approve the expenditure to install the signs at the Woods of Sewickley Hills of \$300.00 by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Guttendorf, roll call is taken with all in favor.**
- ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mrs. Ketterer has no formal report.
- COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Community Day:** Mrs. Brandenburg stated that Community Day was cancelled as there were only 15 respondents. She stated further that she has heard that some people do not read the newsletter, it is suggested that a post card be mailed for next year's event. Mrs. Brandenburg

asked if the funds allocated for Community Day could be used toward the playground. Mrs. Phillips answered that it would be a budget item for next year. The Borough has no update from QVRA regarding enlarging the parking area.

Playground: The Csensich family offered their used swing set to the Borough, however, it was discussed that there was no way to test for safety. A new swing set will require being cemented into the ground with rubber mulch underneath for safety reasons. Ms. Steele is asked to contact C.W. Howard Insurance Company regarding liability insurance for the addition of a playground.

Magee Road speeding: Mrs. Brandenburg asked Sgt. Beck about the speeding at the top of Magee Road, he stated that his officers have not observed anyone in violation. Ms. Steele is asked to contact PennDOT to do a study to reduce the speed to 25 m.p.h. the same as the rest of Magee Road.

2017 Draft of Budget: Mr. Newman stated that he and Mr. Hyjek have begun work on the budget for 2017. Mrs. Phillips stated that a draft of the budget would need approval at the October 11, 2016 meeting. Mr. Hyjek to email the draft of the budget to Mr. Newman and Mrs. Phillips, it will then be forwarded to Council. Mr. Hyjek stated he will have the draft ready by the end of this month.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Hunt Road: Mr. Rowland asks if there are any updates from Allegheny County Health Department regarding the run-off of sewage onto Hunt Road. Ms. Steele has not received any updates from ACHD to date. Atty. Leonard stated that it would be helpful if residents would call the ACHD and the DEP and report the situation.

Mr. Rowland stated that the site tests for Hunt Road were failed by an independent laboratory. He further stated the residents in question have temporarily moved out.

McLaughlin Distillery: There have been quite a few newspapers in the area reporting on the McLaughlin Distillery. Mr. McLaughlin would like to sell retail from his space on Blackburn Road, but, as of this date, he has not submitted a new plan.

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has had the opportunity to review and sign the checks to pay the bills.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Newman to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brandenburg, roll call is taken with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Phillips states the regular Council meeting will take a five minute break at 8:17 p.m. before going into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Atty. Leonard states at 9:04 p.m. the Executive Session has ended with no decisions made, the transfer of the Sewickley Hills sanitary lines and the pump station to OTSA was the subject of the Executive Session. Atty. Leonard will write a letter to the OTSA solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Brandenburg to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Phillips, motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele-Secretary