

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
General Council Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Phillips called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance 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, Jack Faulkner, Lucille Guttendorf, Michael Lepore, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Charlie Guttendorf (Treasurer), Diana Steele (Secretary)
- ABSENT: Joseph H. Hajnas
- CITIZENS ATTENDED: Chief Hanney, Don Fogel, Craig Rowland, Fabian O'Connor, Tom Klixbull, Evan Good
- CITIZENS & GUESTS: Mrs. Phillips asks if there is anything not on the agenda to be discussed, there is no response.
- POLICE REPORT: Chief Hanney reported there were 17 call in April, there have been reports of cars ransacked in the area and warns that your vehicles should be locked at all times. The Chief has been in touch with the FAA regarding the reports of drones in the area, they are researching listings of registered drone owners in the region.
- Chief Hanney reported that Ohio Township Police posted a radar sign on Magee Road due to the closure of Red Mud Hollow.
- AUDITOR'S REPORT: Fabian O'Connor reported that the audit has been completed for the Borough and has been filed with the DCED and also Allegheny County Planning.
- GUEST: Mr. Evan Good of Scalo Solar Panels gave an informational presentation regarding the placement of Solar Panels on the Borough building. He reported that for a period of five (5) years the Borough would purchase power from Scalo for a fixed rate that would be similar to Duquesne Lights's rates. After five (5) years the Borough would own the solar panels for 25 years or the life of the panels. After receiving information regarding the Borough's electrical use he will present a Solar Feasibility Analysis. He mentioned that if there is excess energy produced from the panels, it could be used within a 2 mile radius of the solar system.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has reviewed March 12, 2019 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Guttendorf to approve March 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Lapore, motion is carried with all in favor.

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has reviewed April 9, 2019 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve April 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Guttendorf, motion is carried with all in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Phillips reported that Mrs. Ketterer has not heard from the boring engineer regarding the landslide occurring on Fairhill Road. The resident was reluctant to allow access to their property. Mrs. Phillips stated that the erosion occurring was within the easement on Fairhill.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Atty. Shannon had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Guttendorf reported the following balances in the Borough's accounts as of April 30, 2019:

PNC	\$ 8,409
FNB – Money market	\$ 331,385
Capital Reserve	\$ 82,467
FNB- General Fund	\$ 278,820

Mr. Guttendorf stated he is awaiting three invoices for checks being signed tonight and will mail those pending receipt of those invoices from State Workers' Comp, The Blind Doctor and Pave-Rite.

Mr. Guttendorf researched with a PNC representative regarding moving the monies in our PNC account to a PNC Business account with no fee, previously the fee charged was approximately \$20/month.

Mr. Guttendorf reported he would prefer to wait for the road estimate from Mrs. Ketterer before transferring funds.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to open a PNC Analyst Business Checking account, seconded by Mr. Lapore, motion is carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to pay the bills as presented, and two invoices to be paid for The Blind Doctor, Pave-Rite, and State Worker's Comp, seconded by, Mr. Faulkner. Mrs. Guttendorf abstains from approving Mr. Guttendorf's check; roll call is taken with all in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele has nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Generator:** Mr. Faulkner asked Don Fogel to meet with Woodhyrst Inc. to install a generator at the Borough building. The bid came in at \$26,690.00. The need for a warming facility for residents when the power goes out for an extended period of time. Mr. Faulkner is going to research additional bidding contractors.

Architect for Stairs: Mrs. Guttendorf met with an architect to explore the possibility of accessing the attic with a staircase. The bid came in at \$37,000 to install stairs to the attic.

Mrs. Phillips stated she had received a bid from a contractor in 2018 for \$6,700 without engineering.

Landscaping: Mr. Hajnas has been in touch with John Wick to secure a date that the grasses can be removed from the front of the building and replaced in time for weekend rentals. Mr. Hajnas is also researching cost comparisons.

Salt: Mr. Lapore stated our salt usage was down from last winter. He is going to contact Bell Acres to obtain information regarding the new salt storage facility they have recently erected. Mr. Lapore stated that Liquid Fuels money could be used for the salt storage unit with PennDOT approval.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Phillips; motion is carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele- Secretary