

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
General Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hajnas 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: Joseph H. Hajnas, Cynthia Phillips, Michael Lepore, Teresa Hartle, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Diana Steele (Secretary),

ABSENT: Mayor Malarik, Jack Faulkner, Betsy Rengers (Treasurer)

GUESTS: Craig Rowland, Don Fogel, Michael Ott, Brenda and Peter Kovaks

CITIZENS & GUESTS: **Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority:** Mr. Hajnas asks if there is anything not on the agenda to be discussed. Michael Ott stated that he has been attending the Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority meetings. He stated the engineer for Aleppo is doing a cost analysis and has determined that \$11,000 would be the cost for a study to be shared by Aleppo, Glenfield, Sewickley Heights, and Sewickley Hills if they would like to be included in the study to bring sanitary sewer lines to these named municipalities.

Deep Cleaning: Mrs. Kovaks stated that she has been deep cleaning the Borough building due to the COVID19 pandemic, she has washed all the white walls, and cleaned the woodwork in the hallway and the restrooms. She stated further that the rentals have been very sporadic with cancellations still coming in. Mrs. Kovaks has been fielding questions from potential renters regarding the restrictions imposed by Governor Wolfe. Mrs. Kovaks asked that the lithographs be re-hung in the Borough hallway with brackets that are unable to be removed by the rentals.

CARES Act: Ms. Phillips stated that there is funding available from the federal government through the CARES Act for up to \$20,000 grant. The paperwork was to be submitted to Allegheny County by July 13, 2020. Included in the grant is any expenditures incurred by municipalities associated with COVID. Ms. Phillips submitted the paperwork to Allegheny County July 14, 2020. Ms. Phillips will also be attending the COVID training session to be held on July 16, 2020.

Fairhill Road Speeding: Mrs. Kovaks stated that at the bottom portion of Fairhill Road speeding has become problematic and asked what could be done to reduce the speed. Mr. Hajnas to contact Chief Hanney and/or Sgt. Beck.

Road Maintenance: Mr. Hajnas stated at the January, 2019 Council meeting five (5) hours was authorized for road maintenance; Mr. Hajnas asked for a discretionary fund of up to \$500.00 per month to cover the cost of materials and labor for minor maintenance issues occurring throughout the Borough. Mr. Hajnas stated that only verified contractors would be used for this expenditure.

Ms. Phillips stated part of the problem with Fairhill Road is that our road signs are not up to code for reflectivity, etc. Ms. Phillips stated that Bryan Brown has submitted a bid to replace the Borough signs to get them up to code.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to approve up to \$900.00 as a discretionary fund for repairs, maintenance of roads, rights-of-way, and drainage easement issues to be accomplished with prior successful contractors, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken with all in favor.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mr. Hajnas asks if Council has reviewed April 14, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve April 14, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Phillips, motion is carried with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas asks if Council has reviewed May 12, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve May 12, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Hartle, motion is carried with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas asks if Council has reviewed the amended June 9, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve the revised June 9, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Hartle, motion is carried with all in favor.

POLICE REPORT:

Ms. Steele stated there was very little going on in the Borough over June 2020 according to the Police Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Crack Sealing: Mr. Hajnas stated Tough Seal has completed the crack sealing on Borough roads the expenditure of \$6,735.00 was approved at the June 9,

2020 Council meeting. The work has been inspected by Mrs. Ketterer of NIRA Engineering.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mr. Hajnas asks for a motion to approve the bills as written and also bills that have been received this week at an expense of \$26,893.72.

MOTION: A motion is made by Ms. Phillips to approve the bills as written, and also the bills received this week, seconded by Mr. Lepore, roll call is taken with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas stated that he has purchased and spread mulch at the entrance to the Borough building and also purchased the hose connector for the sprinkler system.

Snow Removal: Mr. Hajnas stated pending a conversation with John Wick regarding snow removal for the 2020-2021 season, he is asking for a motion to approve the expense for an ad to be placed should the need arise to hire another contractor.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore for an expense up to \$2,000.00 to advertise, if necessary, for snow removal, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken with all in favor.

Affidavit of Residency: Ms. Phillips asked if all Council members have submitted the Affidavit of Residency to the Borough office. It has come to her attention that this affidavit should be submitted with every election or vacancy filled for a Council seat.

AED: Ms. Phillips stated she has asked for information on obtaining an AED for the Borough, Cintas will lease to the Borough at a cost of \$99.00 per month. Mr. Lepore stated he would check with Valerie Gaydos' office to see if it could be provided through her office.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Tree Removal: Atty. Shannon stated he is composing an indemnification clause for the trees adjacent to Hunter Hopkin's property on Borough lands to be removed by a contractor.

Reserve: Atty. Shannon stated the attorney for the Reserve have a draft of the Developer's Agreement and it will be circulated when it is approved.

COVID: Atty. Shannon stated he is preparing a waiver to be included in the Rental Contract for any liability in the future for COVID related issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **New Computer:** Ms. Steele thanked the Council for the new computer, stating that is working great and she is grateful for the upgrade. She also wished to thank Ms. Phillips and Ms. Hartle for the research they did to accomplish the task of getting the best for the money.

Zoning Hearing Board: Ms. Steele reported Rocco Grimaldi 's request for a variance to place gasoline tanks in excess of 500 gallons at 1011 Glenfield Road was denied by the Zoning Hearing Board.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Salt Storage:** Mr. Lepore reported that we are approaching the termination of our contract with Sewickley Heights Borough to store salt at their facility. As stated previously, Council is awaiting a decision from John Wick regarding snow removal.

Computer Repairs: Ms. Phillips asked if Mr. Hajnas has submitted his IT information regarding repairs made to Ms. Steele's computer, Mr. Hajnas stated he would submit it to the Borough office and asked Ms. Phillips to submit the information performed by her son, Alex, to Ms. Steele's computer, Ms. Phillips stated she would.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Ms. Phillips; motion is carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele- Secretary