

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Tuesday, December 10, 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, Michael Lepore, Joseph H. Hajnas, Teresa Hartle, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Mayor Malarik, Diana Steele (Secretary), Betsy Rengers (Treasurer), Emile Ketterer (Engineer)

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Bill Davis (Aleppo Township), Brian Brown (Leet Township, Chief Hanney, Craig Rowland, Ryan Andrews,

MINUTE APPROVAL: Mrs. Phillips asks if Council if everyone has reviewed the minutes from November 12, 2019 for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to approve November 12, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Hajnas, motion is carried with all in favor. Mrs. Phillips abstains.

POLICE REPORT: Ms. Steele states there were a total of 16 minor calls to the OTPD in November. Chief Hanny has nothing to report.

Brian Brown: Mrs. Phillips introduces Brian Brown from Brian's Property Maintenance to address the Borough's need for maintenance of inlets, catch basins, storm drains, potholes, snow removal, landscaping needs. Mr. Wick's contract expires in October 2020 and the need will arise to obtain bids to maintain the Borough for the above-mentioned needs. Mrs. Phillips stated the need immediately is to move the "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign closer to the actual school bus stop, also the trees around the signs need to be trimmed. Mr. Brown stated that he could trim the trees, move the signs and the sign at Fairhill Road for a maximum expense of \$1,200.00

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to hire Brian's Property Maintenance to move the "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign, trim the trees around the signs on Red Mud Hollow Road near the school bus stop, and

repair the sign on Fairhill Road, for a expense not to exceed \$1,200, seconded by Mrs. Hartle, roll call is taken with all in favor.

Bill Davis: Mrs. Phillips introduces Mr. Davis the Superintendent for Aleppo Township. Mr. Davis wishes to introduce a joint sewer project between Aleppo and Sewickley Hills to put sewers on Glenfield Road. It would begin with a feasibility study to determine if Sewickley Hills is interested. Mr. Davis states that a gravity system would be preferred, it is the most cost effective. Mr. Hajnas stated that the cost is an issue and Mrs. Phillips said that Sewickley Hills would explore the possibility. Mr. Davis stated that there are grants available through the DEP and asked for Council support at the next Aleppo Township meeting to be held on January 23, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Aleppo Township building, at 100 North Drive.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

MS4 Renewal: Mrs. Ketterer stated the MS4 renewal is due, it was renewed five years ago there is a \$1,250 engineering fee and the cost of the report is \$2,500 for five years.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Hajnas to spend \$1,250 for engineering fees and \$2,500 to renew the MS4 , seconded by Mr. Lepore, roll call is taken and the motion is carried with all in favor.

Hunt Road: Mrs. Ketterer stated she has done a Culvert Installation Feasibility Study for Hunt Road. The current culvert is an 18-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe, the facility was televised this year and no structural defects were found, however, the existing culvert is undersized. Mrs. Ketterer stated that a meeting between NIRA and the ACCD representative suggested the replacement of the pipe based on the watershed calculations. Mrs. Ketterer stated the ACCD representative informed NIRA that, based on field measurements of the width of the stream channel at the inlet to the existing culvert, they would require the installation of an elliptical pipe, plat arch or box culvert with a minimum width of 7'-7". Grant funding would be available, the cost for the installation is \$44,000 with engineering and permitting, with Grant funding possible for this installation and matching Borough funds 20%) are estimated at \$8,800.

Mr. Hajnas states at this time, the Borough will replace the culvert only, the reconstruction for the lower portion of Hunt Road could be delayed until next year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Atty. Shannon stated he had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Rengers

MOTION: A motion is made to approve the Budget for 2020 that was advertise by Mr. Lepore, seconded by Mr. Hajnas, motion is carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

Mrs. Rengers stated that the FNB General Account balance is in excess of \$250,000 which is over the amount FDIC guaranteed and asks Council to consider moving some of those funds into a PLGIT account with a higher interest rate.

OTVFD Invoice: Mrs. Rengers stated that she has received information from Mr. Nolfi regarding the gentrification tax value is \$92,154,570. OTVFD sent an invoice for fire coverage for \$46,318.23 reflecting ½ mil, Mrs. Rengers will investigate the ½ mil vs. .45% of mils of gentrified tax value and determine the amount due to the Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Hajnas to pay OTVFD up to \$46,318.23 or ½ mil of tax gentrification amount, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, roll call is taken with all in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele stated she needs a motion to advertise the meeting dates for 2020.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to advertise the meeting dates for 2020, seconded by Mr. Hajnas, roll call is taken and motion is carried with all in favor.

Ms. Steele stated she needs a motion to approve the 2020 Budget as advertised.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to approve the 2020 Budget as advertised, seconded by Mrs. Hartle, motion is carried with all in favor.

Ms. Steele asks for a motion to approve the Real Estate Tax Rate of 2.84 millage rate.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Hajnas to approve the Real Estate Tax rate of 2.84 millage for 2020, seconded by Mr. Lepore; motion is carried with all in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

School Buses at Woods: Mrs. Phillips introduced Ryan Andrews of the Woods at Sewickley Hills, Mr. Andrews is asking for the Borough's support to attend the Quaker Valley School District meeting to ask them to have school busses enter the Woods Development to pick up children in a safer location. Mr. Andrews stated that the HOA members of the Woods have sent requests to the QVSD to have school buses enter the development in the past, their response is that they do not enter cul-de-sacs, Mrs. Phillips asks Mr. Andrews to present facts, including copy of bus routes, and document QVSD buses entering other cul-de-sacs.

Woods entrance at Sweetwater Drive: Mr. Andrews asks Council to request from PennDOT that a traffic study be done at the entrance to the Woods, to determine if there is a remedy to the blind left turn from Sweetwater to Red Mud Hollow.

Mrs. Phillips stated that a traffic study was performed when the Woods was being built. Mr. Faulkner pointed out however, that there has been increased traffic on Red Mud Hollow road since the Woods was built out and that there will be increased traffic due to the two new developments that are proposed off Red Mud Hollow Road.

Volunteer Christmas Party: Ms. Steele asks Mrs. Phillips to get a motion to approve funds for the Volunteer Christmas Party.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to spend up to \$1,500 for the Volunteer Christmas Party, seconded by Mrs. Hartle; roll call is taken with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hajnas; motion is carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele- Secretary