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BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

At 7:00 PM Council President, John Wilwert, called the Workshop Session of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to The American Flag and welcomed all present. The record shows the meeting was properly advertised and was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table (from my right to left): Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Linowski, Mr. LaPera, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Solicitor Maddren, Ms. Leslie, Mayor Hess, Mr. Donaway, Engineer Catania and Secretary McKinley.

Since Mr. Swift had not arrived to make his presentation to Council, Mr. Wilwert moved on to

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mike Ruggieri from East Garrison Road spoke about the extremely loud music from Chester Talen Energy Park last Saturday and Sunday night. It was so loud he thought he was in attendance. The noise was penetrating everyone's home. It lasted until 11:00 PM Sunday night. He suggested that Council and/or Mayor Hess should write a letter to the Mayor of Chester about the noise. Mr. Ruggieri suggested asking the Mayor of Chester to have the speakers at the park turned around so the noise goes out over the river. Mayor Hess said he would follow up.

Roger Humphrey from 634 Creekside Drive spoke about money still being held by Pulte. Pulte is not in compliance. Mr. Maddren said he has tried to get in touch with Pulte's attorney with no success. He said we can negotiate the money back to Traditions at Ridley Creek.

George Scarino from North Gray Street said he wanted to confirm the work that was done on North Gray Street and Melvin Drive is guaranteed for a year after completion. Mr. Catania said it is. Has the Borough withheld any funds from the contractor? Mr. Catania said we do have a maintenance bond. Mr. Scarino said the company forgot to sod one section, his gate does not close properly and a pipe is not connected properly. "Other than that, it's a beautiful job." Mr. Catania said he would send Dennis to Mr. Scarino's home to check things out. Mr. Catania said we are not finished with the drainage yet.

On another matter, Mr. Scarino said 10 days ago while taking a break from cutting his lawn; a school bus came down Melvin Drive to North Gray Street. While it was discharging students with its flashing red lights on and stop sign out, someone drove right past the bus. Two days later two children were almost hit by a car that should not have been passing the stopped school bus. Mr. Scarino said the school bus driver was yelling and blowing the horn to let the motorist know what they did was wrong. He said he called the Police Department to report these situations and was told the police would monitor it. Mayor Hess asked to whom Mr. Scarino spoke. He said Sandra Fuller. Mayor Hess asked if the vehicles were coming down Melvin from Chandler. Mr. Scarino said yes. Mrs. Fooks asked if it was two different cars. Mr. Scarino said yes.

Sam Augustine, Director of Sales for J. P. Mascaro and Sons introduced Bill Fox, General Counsel for J. P. Mascaro and Sons. Mr. Augustine said they were here to discuss the trash bids. He said they have been the trash hauler for the last 5 years collecting from 2,400 units. They have 3 to 4 trucks in the Borough each week. They feel they are the lowest responsible bidder. He said the bid specifications specifically asked for bids for trash, recycling and yard waste individually. Some companies did not bid it that way. J. P. Mascaro and Sons has been collecting yard waste which is substantial in the spring and fall and that wasn't even in their current contract. Mr. Augustine said their bid was very close to what it was five years ago. He compared the other bidders'

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figures against theirs. He also spoke about bid bonds, equipment and the size of some of the other bidders and other things. He said they are collecting the City of Chester's trash now. Ms. Leslie said she had a resident ask if J. P. Mascaro and Sons supplies trash bins to some municipalities. Mr. Augustine said Brookhaven residents use their own bins. J P. Mascaro and Sons does have their own bins but they cost \$12-\$15 per bin. The Borough could buy the bins from them and sell them to the residents. Mr. Fox asked Council to carefully look at the bid bond papers in the bids. Both of the other bidders "conditioned their bid bonds". Mr. Augustine asked if the bids were going to be discussed any more tonight. Mr. Wilwert said no. Messrs. Augustine and Fox left.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL – Mr. Reggie Swift

Mr. Smith from Johnson Controls, Inc. apologized for arriving a little late. Among other things, Mr. Smith said that there are actually 465 street lights in the Borough—not 475 for which we are being charged by PECO. He said Johnson Controls has a good relationship with PECO and once they send the information to PECO he is confident they will take them off. Mr. Donaway asked Mr. Smith if he was saying we are paying for ten fixtures that don't exist. Mr. Smith said yes. He reviewed the "Project Highlights" power point paperwork he distributed to Council. He said Johnson Controls guarantees the energy savings. Total Project Cost \$188,022, Project 20 Year Savings \$532,462; Electric Utility Savings \$384,635, Operations and Maintenance Savings \$132,967; PECO Rebates \$14,860; Project 20 Year Excess Savings (Net Savings) \$362,372. Project Payback: 8.7 years (including interest of 2%). The scope of work includes Borough-wide LED street lighting upgrade (Cobra-heads and "Decoratives" and Parks (Eaton, Sampson, Somerville and Garzia). Mrs. Fooks asked about Garzia Park. Mr. Smith said there would be one in Garzia Park. Mr. Wilwert said that the direction of the light there would have to be in such a manner so as not to shine in the surrounding homes. The decorative lights will be Classic 4-sided Colonial with a bulb life of 24,000 rated hours, 4,092 burn hours per year and a life expectancy of 5.8 years. The fixture life is 100,000+ rated hours, 4,092 burn hours per year with a life expectancy of 20+ years. The material showed the LED Product selections which have a 1 year parts and labor guarantee with Johnson Controls and 10 year with Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Wilwert asked who does the installation. Mr. Smith said "we have a handful of contractors" that they work with. How are the lights obtained? Johnson Controls' contractor would get the product from the local distributor who is located in Norristown. Mrs. Warfield asked how long of a process it is once a light is reported out. Mr. Smith said about a week. Mr. Wilwert said we will have to stock the replacements. Amy Karman from 4833 Greenwood Street expressed concern about the temperature of the lights. She said according to an American Medical Association report there is a possibility of a health issue. Mr. Smith said some of the municipalities are going to 3,000 k not 4,000k color temperature. Ms. Karman said if we use 3,000k it would be safer. Mr. Smith will provide Mr. Catania with information which will be passed on to Council. Mr. Ruggieri from East Garrison Road said that color refers to color, not the intensity. Mr. Maddren said the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development would have to approve any bond the Borough would have to take out. There will also be the need for a financial resolution.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren had nothing to report except that Council did meet in Executive Session from 6:45-6:55 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said he will be performing a wedding tomorrow night and will be asking for a donation from the bride and groom to the Police Department, the Fire Department or the Butterfly Garden.

He continued his report saying Family Day was the best ever. He thanked everyone involved with it.

COUNCIL REPORTS

BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, CHAIR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON, CHAIR TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, CHAIR GRANT COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Fooks

Mrs. Fooks said Family Day was wonderful and the best one to date.

Mrs. Fooks said she has gotten some information on grant money for bicycling areas. She said she was thinking about the Borough's ballfield area at Shoppes at Brookhaven and the adjoining 5+ acres.

CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO HEALTH INSPECTORS AND HEALTH OFFICER, MEMBER OF GRANT COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO PLANNING COMMISSION, MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE – Ms. Sawicki

Ms. Sawicki said that our Planning Commission will be meeting on October 18 at 7:30 to review the plans for the proposed new pad of stores in Plaza 352.

CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIR LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CHAIR CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Linowski had no report.

CHAIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR RECYCLING/TRASH COMMITTEE, CHAIR FIRE COMMITTEE AND CHAIR POLICE COMMITTEE – Ms. Leslie

Ms. Leslie said that there will be a Fire Committee Meeting at the Firehouse on Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Family Day was great. Thanks for everyone's help.

CHAIR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS, LIAISON TO HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, CHAIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mr. Donaway

Mr. Donaway said that the Recreation Committee and Family Day Committee did a great job on Family Day. He thanked Mr. Swayngim for "cleaning up the place".

There will be a Public Works Budget Meeting on Friday morning, September 30.

Preparations are being made for the paving that will take place at the Borough's Maintenance Facilities and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Three dead trees were removed from the Bicycle/Walking Trail. Mr. Thompson thinks that the salt used on the trail may have caused this.

We have to get the word out to those who use the Bicycle/Walking Trail that they are using it at their own risk. Mr. LaPera said when it snows, the snow melts, the water goes back on the trail and then it freezes over. We should not allow use of the trail when there is or has been snow. It was agreed by Council that there shall be "no winter maintenance on the Bicycle/Walking Trail".

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LIAISON TO ZONING HEARING BOARD, LIAISON TO RECREATION COMMITTEE, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE – Mr. LaPera

Mr. LaPera also thanked everyone involved with Family Day and the great work they did. He said it was the best Family Day in which he has ever been involved. The Recreation Committee was a great help too. Close to 1,600 people signed up for Family Day and almost 2,000 attended.

Events on the horizon include The Annual Golf Outing at Beckett on October 2; Paint Night at the Municipal Center on Thursday, October 6; Coach Bag Bingo on Friday, October 21. Contact the Borough Office for more details.

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on October 11 at 7:00 PM for a sign variance.

Mr. Hampton and Mr. LaPera met this afternoon to discuss what may be coming before the Zoning Hearing Board in the near future. The Starbucks signs situation is in the hands of Starbucks' attorneys.

CHAIR INSPECTORS AND FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, CHAIR TRAFFIC CALMING, MEMBER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, AND MEMBER HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Wilwert

Mr. Wilwert spoke about Family Day, how nice it was and how much he appreciated all the hard work done by all involved. He said if anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. There was plenty of food for everyone to enjoy.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Among other things, Mr. Catania said the HVAC cooler water line leak is scheduled to be repaired later this week. Mr. Catania will be asking for Council's approval for Catania Engineering to go out for re-bids on the Police Station Flooring and solicitation of bids for the Sewage Treatment Plant Contract with the bid opening at Workshop on October 24. At the October 3 Council Meeting, he will be making recommendations to Council for awarding some bids and/or re-bids that were opened on September 12 at the Council Meeting.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS

HEALTH INSPECTOR – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said she is continuing to write tickets and that seems to be working.

She asked if there was any extermination going on at Lowe's area. She understands Lowe's is exterminating pigeons. Mr. Wilwert said he thinks the owner of the shopping center may be doing it. He suggested calling the owner to find out. Mayor Hess suggested asking "Frank" at Lowe's.

Mrs. Warfield said she is looking into having a night-time flu shot clinic here.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

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No one at the Council Table had anything else to bring up for discussion so Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. LaPera the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary