

FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: May 23, 2016

Roll Call:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Pittella Touch	<input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Gore, Mayor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Merkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doreen O'Neil, Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Meals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Musheno, Esq.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Young	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Touch	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colin Boyer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Rothenberger	

Also Present:

Greg Ebeling, Public Works Director
 Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner
 Steve Stinsky, Police Chief
 Reading Eagle
 Patriot _____

The regular monthly Borough Council Workshop Meeting held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113 was called to order at 6:29pm by Borough Council President Suzanne Touch.

Guests: None

1. Home Based Business

Ralph will contact Andy George Esq. for a copy of the draft. Ralph will work on revisions to address Friendly (green) vs Restricted (red) parking areas for home businesses.
Bobby Weidner and Greg Ebeling will mark a map designating green/red areas. This map will be discussed at the June 13, 2016 council meeting.
Discussion of Home Business application to be sent to an individual committee to be reviewed. Automatic Approval if meet specifications, or Request Exception to Council, or Request Variance. The home business applications would not be sent to the borough office.

2. Bobcat Periodic Loan

Discussion on payment plan of \$20,353.56 per year for 3 years requires a resolution. Motion to accept the resolution for the bobcat payment plan. Papers were signed and returned back to Bobby Weidner.

Resolution: 2016-05-23-01

Made by: Ralph Touch	Seconded by: John Rothenberger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion Carried	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion Failed

3. Tennis/Basketball Courts (Arch/Green Streets)

Discussion of options to use the original plan versus spending \$12,000 to survey for reworking the size of lot, drainage plans, etc.

Original concept was to paint lines, add car stops, leave the existing 6” curbing around the paved area, and install ramp on Green Street back from stop sign and between tanks. Greg will check with the engineer if this original plan will work and provide costs for ramp install and lighting options. Layout of parking lot would be the plan that was submitted by Justin and Mike Fella.

Motion to approve construction (\$10,000 for lights in budget) if \$5,000 or less for review and engineer’s review of original design.

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch

X Motion Carried Motion Failed

4. Pool Maintenance

Discussion regarding the construction at the pool. Due to the angles of the coping, it required special manufacturing by a 3rd party company. The coping has not been received yet. The engineer has notified Council that the pool maintenance is about one week behind. The engineer from Barry Isett & Associates is in contact with the contractor, Mid-Atlantic Construction. There is a guaranteed bond on the project. There is a penalty fee of liquidated damages that the contractor must pay to the borough for each day after May 28, 2016 that the pool is not in operation.

As part of the meeting agenda there were two versions (short and long) of announcements regarding the pool maintenance and delay of pool opening that were presented. Mary Templin and Branden Green will be emailing the long version to pool ticket holders outside of the borough. The short version will be sent out via the Swift-Reach phone call system to borough residents. A notice will also be posted on the digital sign at the Fleetwood Park. Chris Young will post the long version of the notice on the borough web-site.

Mary has notified the life guards of the delay. Mary also distributed a letter to the schools to be handed out to students regarding the delay of pool opening.

As conciliation, for those that have purchased season passes, once the pool is open, the schedule will be modified to open a half hour earlier each day. Mary is also looking at holding a pig roast, hot dog day, nighttime parties, and other activities for season ticket holders.

There was discussions regarding possible credit back to the season ticket holder, based on a set dollar amount for each day that the pool was not open and other options. Council will make final decision at the June 13, 2016 Council meeting.

It was also discussed that this delay would cause an issue with the Swim Team practices and meets. May need to contact other local municipalities to see about using their pool for the practices or possibly the pool at Kutztown University.

4. Pool Maintenance (continued)

Construction demo is scheduled for May 26th and May 27th. The coping is to be delivered June 6th. It will take approximately 3-5 days to install coping, 2-3 days to install tile and a few days for Public Works department to get the pool filled and up-to-speed.

Mid-Atlantic will work on fixing other pool items until the coping arrives. There was mention that they will work the holiday weekend and possibly Memorial Day.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of more umbrellas. Currently the pool has 8 commercial grade umbrellas. There is money in the budget to purchase more umbrellas.

Mary and Branden will be looking on-line to see if webbing kits are available for purchase to re-web the pool chairs.

5. Basketball Court at Fleetwood Park

The basketball court is being dug out and will possibly be paved by May 24, 2016. Fiberglass backboards will be purchased and installed.

6. Motion to pay bills.

Made by: Ralph Touch

Seconded by: Pete Merkel

X Motion Carried

___ Motion Failed

7. The EIT Ordinance and Fire Pit Ordinance will be addressed at the June 13th Council meeting.

8. Colin mentioned that there have been residents inquiring about other residents who have chickens. This is being looked into by the codes committee.

9. Water Meter/Water Shutoff

Discussion regarding modifying water meter ordinance regarding water shutoff to a property. When resident does not pay water bill, the water is shutoff.

Discussion on handling a current situation of a resident who is refusing to allow the Public Works department to upgrade their water meter. The existing water meeting is not functioning.

It was discussed that an external water meter could be installed at the curb. Greg to provide estimates of what this would cost.

9. Water Meter/Water Shutoff (continued)

Plan – Greg Ebeling and Eric will contact resident to discuss the situation. They will also take a letter along that contains the cost estimate to install an external water meter . The letter will explain that if the resident does not schedule an appointment to have the inside water meter repaired, then the external meter will be installed and billed back to the owner.

Council discussed creating policy to address when no longer able to get two good reads for the water meter. Discussed taking an average of various households and compile letter of what the maximum dollar rate is, plus 10% that would then be billed to the owner. If after 3 months at the maximum rate, plus 10%, it would go back to the Water Authority to put in an external meter which would be billed to the owner.

10. Council went into Executive session at 8:19pm and returned at 8:32pm.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:45pm

Submitted by:

_____ **Doreen O’Neil, Borough Secretary**