

FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

X BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING _ BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: September 12, 2016

Roll Call:

<u>_x_</u> Suzanne Pittella Touch	<u>_x_</u> Tammy Gore, Mayor
<u>_x_</u> Pete Merkel	<u>_x_</u> Doreen O'Neil, Secretary
<u>_</u> Jim Meals	<u>_x_</u> Kevin Musheno, Esq.
<u>_x_</u> Chris Young	
<u>_x_</u> Ralph Touch	
<u>_x_</u> Colin Boyer	
<u>_x_</u> John Rothenberger	

Also Present:

x Greg Ebeling, Public Works Director
x Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner
x Steve Stinsky, Police Chief
x Barry Isett & Associates – Ryan Kern
x Reading Eagle, David Kostival
_ Patriot _____

The regular monthly Borough Council Meeting held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113 was called to order at 6:30pm by Borough Council President Suzanne Touch.

Police Department

Chief Stinsky provided Council the police report for August 2016. There are background checks being processed for part-time police officers. September/October firearm certification is occurring. The old police car was transferred for \$3,300. Construction on North Franklin Street is slated to be completed mid-to-late October 2016. Chief informed Council that the prep work on the 222 and 622 round-about is starting and will last 2-4 weeks. During this time traffic will be detoured on Farmers Drive. National Night Out (NNO) was held on August 2, 2016 and was very successful. Received approximately \$10,000 in grants and reimbursements for police patrol in the North Franklin Street construction zone. The Fleetwood Police Officers will not be able to do construction patrol at 222/662 and North Franklin Street at the same time, they will be alternating between the two areas. When construction begins on South Richmond Street, the Poplar intersection will almost always be open. The car detour off the southern part of 662 will be Stitzer Road to Walnuttown Road. Need to consider making Foundry Alley 2-way in the 0 West block and possibly make South Franklin 2-way in the 0 South block.

Guests: See Attached list.

Barry Isett & Associates (BIA) Update

MS4 Files

Christine Mildner of BIA has been coordinating with borough staff. There is a meeting with Greg Ebeling on 09-13-16.

North Richmond Street (between Washington and Arch Streets)

BIA completed the survey and plan on 06-09-16. BIA will discuss the designs with Greg Ebeling on 09-13-16.

Tennis/Basketball Courts (Arch/Green Streets)

Ryan (BIA) met with Ralph Touch to review the options. The budget for this is \$8,000 to \$10,000 which Ryan stated is too low. They are looking to have one driveway to handle the in/out traffic flow. A sketch is being prepared for this project.

Playground Expansion

The playground expansion project went to bid in August 2016. Three bids were received. Ryan (BIA) reported that Accurate Land Services, LLC was the low bidder at \$30,219.

Motion to accept the bid from Accurate Land Services, LLC for the playground expansion.

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch

X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Ryan mentioned that since the bid was accepted by Council, BIA will contact Accurate Land Services for their bonds and the construction schedule.

East Vine Street to North Franklin Street Road Project

On 07-28-16, BIA met with representatives from the Borough and Arro Engineering to discuss the project. BIA submitted a report to Greg Ebeling and Pete Merkel for review. BIA will be meeting with Greg Ebeling on 09-13-16 to discuss the plan regarding curbing, sidewalks, etc. Colin Boyer commented that houses along this section of road will be impacted with parking when the construction is occurring. BIA will determine a quote for this project. Reconstruction for this section of road is slated for 2018.

Fleetwood Park Pond

BIA investigated the pond and algae conditions. A report was given to Chris Young for review.

Elevated Walkway (South Franklin Street)

Ryan reported that a certified letter was sent to the owner of the elevated walkway. The owner has 30 days to contact BIA, if no contact, BIA will send a second certification letter. As of tonight's meeting BIA has not heard from the owner. The owner is being notified that the elevated walkway is not structurally sound.

Pete reported that Brandon (PennDot) said that PennDot will grind down this section of roadway to get 14 foot clearance and PennDot will put up signage. This is needed to allow truck traffic to travel to local businesses during the Richmond Street construction timeframe.

Committee Statuses:

Tennis/Basketball Courts (Arch/Green Streets)

Council discussed if the need for the Tennis/Basketball conversion to a parking lot still existed, Yes.

Fleetwood Library

. Mayor Gore reported that she had spoken to the Fleetwood Library Board members and they appreciate being located in the Community Center and all that the borough does for them. The last Library Director has left the Fleetwood Library. The Library Board is considering moving the library down to the workshop area of the Community Center, which will provide more room and better access.

Parking Ordinance Draft

Council reviewed the draft of the parking ordinance amendment. This draft was written with regard to the upcoming PennDot Construction on South Richmond Street. It was stated that Colin Boyer attended a PennDot meeting and they had said they would install a signal light at Main and South Franklin (if the 0 block of South Franklin becomes a 2-way street), but the Fleetwood Borough would need to pay \$160,000. Mayor Gore reported that she has spoken to Judy Schwank. Judy will talk to PennDot about having the Division 5 Rep call Tammy Gore to discuss the cost.

Pete Merkel reported that Brandon (PennDot) had told him that it is a big deal if the borough wants to put a signal light for that traffic direction.

Greg Ebeling stated that there are a lot of logistics for putting a signal light there. Large trucks and vehicles traveling north on South Franklin Street to Main, will not be able to make a right turn onto East Main Street. Greg mentioned that PennDot is working on answers to give back to the borough regarding this. Even if the signal light is installed on a temporary basis, large vehicles will not be able to make the right turn onto East Main Street. The Stop block on East Main Street is already being moved back, if large vehicles need to be able to run right from South Franklin onto East Main, then the Stop block would need to be moved back even farther. Maybe the borough needs to look at making one side of East Locust Street as No Parking to allow more room for large trucks/vehicles to use Locust Street as the detour during the South Richmond Street construction.

It was agreed that it appears different borough representatives are getting different stories. Construction crew is telling Greg Ebeling, the signal light can't be done, and other Council members are being told it can be done, but will at a cost to the borough. Greg will talk to the construction crew and have them contact their bosses, who should then report back to Borough Council on this matter.

Parking Ordinance Draft (Continued)

Discussion on amending the draft of the Parking Ordinance to have the following and then advertise.

- 1. Need to amend for Two-Way on South Franklin Street (0 block section)
- 2. In Section 3 of the draft change South Foundry Alley to West Foundry Alley
- 3. Page 2 of the draft change wording to ‘7:30am-5:30pm No Parking except Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays’. This is for the North Richmond Street (East Side) at Fleetwood Medical Center.
The wording in the draft should match the wording on the signs that Bobby Weidner purchased.
- 4. Change wording of the one-way street fine. Instead of listing actual amount, have it read to reference the state statute wording. Andy George and Kevin Musheno should double check the wording.

Motion to amend the draft ordinance and advertise

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch

X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Main Street Walkway

Descoco would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the walkway. Council discussed that businesses on Main Street would like to rent the walkway to hold a fundraiser to benefit the victims of the Village Butcher fire. Council decided that Descoco can do a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, 10-01-16 at 11:00am. The borough would advertise this event with the Swift Reach system when they also do a reminder of Homecoming events.

The ribbon ceremony would be followed by a fundraiser event, of which the borough would **not** be affiliated with. Mayor Gore will contact J. Nolan and tell them to contact the Borough office. J. Nolan and businesses would need to fill out a rental form for the walkway (which will be considered Pavilion #4). The business(es) would need to show proof of insurance and they would need to advertise the fundraising event themselves.

Streets/Highway:

North Franklin Street Construction

Guest Larry Geist commented that there are still drivers going around the cones and barricades. Concern of what’s going to occur when Richmond Street and Main Street are under construction.

Guest Robert Hawkins questioned Council as to who he should contact regarding damage to his house due to the construction. Robert thanked Greg Ebeling for helping to fix a broken sewer line at his property. Robert commented that the curbing is not level in front of his property. Greg Ebeling stated that there are 4 inspectors at the construction site overseeing the project. Council instructed Robert to contact Brandon at PennDot (the phone number is on the Borough website) to discuss issues and who to send the estimates to for his residential repairs.

Other:

Open Code Complaints

Chris Young provided a copy to Colin Boyer. Various items on this list were discussed with Council. Due to confidentiality, the addresses and issues discussed are not being listed in these minutes.

Electric

Chris Young mentioned the electric contract is up in 2018. The current rate is 71¢/KW hour and the new rate is 59¢/KW hour.

Motion to go with Kap Stauffer’s suggestion and have him sign paperwork for the rate < 61¢/KW hour.

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch
X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Finance:

Motion to approve payment of monthly bills as submitted and reviewed by Finance.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Chris Young
X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8th borough meeting.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Pete Merkel
X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 22nd borough workshop meeting.
Correction to item #11 to read John Kesslering.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Colin Boyer
X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Executive Session

Council went into Executive session at 8:24pm.

Discussions at the executive session pertained to:

- 1) Potential challenge to ordinance
- 2) Potential litigation involving breach of contract

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10pm following the Executive session.

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch
X Motion Carried Motion Failed

Submitted by:

Doreen O’Neil, Borough Secretary