
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

9/26/2011

7:30 PM Council-Workshop

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The September 26, 2011 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Mayor Tom Oliverio and Council members Russell Robertson, Andrew Mathew III, Marietta Reeb, Mary Hess, and Allen Bayer. Councilman James Zeigler was not present.

Solicitor Anne Sweeny, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Don Tritt

Don Tritt, Perry Way, addressed Council with regard to the recently installed curbing in front of his property located at the intersection of Perry Way and Fairlawn Blvd. He aired concerns about the redirected water flow. The Borough Engineer will speak with the Street Dept. Supt. regarding his concerns. Mr. Tritt also requested that a Speed Limit sign, which is erected in his yard, be relocated.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Bayer, second by Mathew, to approve the consent agenda:

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Motion carried 6 - 0

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER DQE POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mathew, second Reeb, to authorize the execution of the pole attachment agreement with DQE Communications. The route of the attachment will enter the Borough line on E.

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Grandview Ave at Division St., proceed down to Oliver Ave., south on Oliver to Culvert St., then west on Culvert to Main St. where it will enter an underground vault. The agreement addresses points raised by the Solicitor with regard to invoice costs and right-of-ways / easements. The rate under the agreement is \$13.39 / pole / year.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TRACKING OF COUNCILS REQUESTS

President Underwood deferred discussion on this till a meeting when the Borough Manager will be present.

REPORTS:

Bayer:

- HRC - Reported that the next meeting is 9/28/11
- PMC - No report
- Requested an executive session regarding several personnel matters.
- Commented on recent email from Manager regarding meter reports stating that he was unable to actually provide comment on the report as requested by the Manager as he didn't entirely comprehend what was stated in the report as presented.

Hess:

- IT - Brief report on the ongoing computer conversion
- Park - Gave a report on the finances of the Park Association which appear to be improving slightly

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over previous years

- COG- No Report
- Joint Services - Reported on progress for street signage
 - Reported on progress for proposed trail
- Informed Council of Harmony's request to proceed with application to PA DOT for permission trim trees in their right-of-way and they would like Zelienople to be a co-applicant. Council took action upon this matter and action is so noted in area following reports.
- Provided President Underwood with thank you letters for the Special Fire Police from the children at St. Paul's church for their assistance at their 9-11 event.

Zeigler:

Not present - no report

Electric- Councilman Robertson commented on the recent email from the Manager with regard to direction on the adoption of the proposed "Standards of Good Practice" which were put forth in a proposed ordinance and questioned whether the acceptance is within Council's roll / responsibility of the same. He requested that no action be taken on this until such time as further discussion can occur with the Borough Manager and the electric committee on the same for further direction.

Reeb:

- Public Safety/Street - Reported that she attended the "Safety Days" seminar presented by PA One Call with the Borough employees
- Library Board - No report.

Mathew:

- Water - Requested an executive session on a contractual matter.
- Reported that plans are underway to move the lab facilities from the Water Plant to the Municipal Bldg.
- EMA - No report.
- Joint Services - Report previously provided by Councilwoman Hess.

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Robertson:

- Bldg/Finance- Provided status update on 2012 budget process.

- Airport Authority - Update on legal issues with regard to the airport. Also requested that Council, informally & unofficially, provide assistance to the Authority in selecting the best option for water service, as presented in the independent study prepared by Gannett Fleming for the Airport Authority. Councilman Robertson also reported that the grant funding to the airport has been restored and the restoration level actually exceeds the amount previously awarded.

Stedina:

- No report

Oliverio:

- No report or comment

Sweeney:

- Referred Council to her Solicitors report with regard to expected submittal from Passavant / Lutheran Senior Life for a waiver / modification to their application. Passavant's current application calls for 4 duplexes (8 residences) but they would like to modify that and build 10 individual residences. Per Phil Lope, the total square footage of the 10 individual residences will be less than the 4 duplexes (8 residences). Per the SALDO, Article XIII, Council may approve a modification/waiver after recommendation by the Planning Commission.

- Advised that she was informed that the matter regarding the bonding of Evans Rd & Perry Way may no longer be an issue as the Logging Company may utilize a different route.

Thompson:

No report

Miller:

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Requested an executive session with Council regarding a contractual matter.

Underwood:

- Commented on his displeasure with the fact that the corrosion control treatment, used by the Borough in the past as was required by DEP, has caused deposits to occur in valves/lines which he is responsible for within his home resulting in him incurring plumbing costs and requested that his comments be so noted.

A motion was made by Hess, second by Mathew, to co-sign the application with Harmony Borough to PA DOT, requesting permission to trim / top the trees in the area of the Harmony Water Tank which are in the PA DOT right-of-way. This motion, in no way, commits the Borough to agreement of the lettering on the Harmony Water Tank, which has been a previous matter of discussion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Council recessed at 8:15 PM and went into executive session at 8:33 PM. Council came out of executive session at 9:16 PM.

A motion was made by Bayer, second by Hess, to rescind the "Opt-Out Policy" with regard to health insurance, indefinitely due to information received from legal Counsel.

Motion carried. 6 - 0

The meeting was then adjourned by President Underwood at 9:18 PM.

ATTEST:

Assistant Manager / Assistant Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2011.

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Mayor