

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2017

The monthly meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair. The meeting began at 7:47 pm.

Answering the roll call were council persons: Joann Brennan, John Burke, Thomas Dempsey, William Dempsey, John Houseknecht, Michael Petrozino, James Larish and Mayor Richard Tomko.

Also present included Solicitor Edward Brennan, Engineer Brian Baldwin, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Joe Haffey, Mike Homa, Gretchen Sterns, Esquire, Court Reporter Nanette Ketrick, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Martin Cerullo, Esquire, Edward Quirin, Terence Ryan, Gretchen Sterns, Alfred Ty Leinneweber, and Doc Dress,.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Joann Brennan led council in a prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the previous council meetings have been given to borough council members and Mayor Tomko, are there any errors or corrections? The minutes stand approved.

Attorney Gretchen Sterns, representing Coal Creek Commerce Center, outlined the sketch plan for the next phase of development. Prior to this meeting the St. Clair Planning Commission met to secure comments on the proposed development at the site. The comments received will be taken into consideration in the development of the preliminary/final plans that will be submitted shortly. The development consists of a medical doctor's office, a hair salon, two retail stores and the location for a state liquor store. Council President Larish asked if the road would be macadam down to Sherman Street. Sterns replied the road would be improved, but not laying the final layer at this time. The planning commission did provide some suggestions concerning the road including the creation of a pedestrian walking path.

At this point a public hearing was held to discuss amending the zoning ordinance and the zoning map.

Court Reporter Nanette Ketrick recorded the public hearing and it is made part of the minutes by reference.

The public hearing adjourned at 8:12 pm. And the July Council Meeting resumed.

Solicitor Brennan recommended the ordinance having been properly advertised, a public hearing held and comments received, the planning commission did recommend the changes as requested by Mr. Quirin and the changes suggested regarding the setback requirements.

On a motion made by Burke, seconded by W. Dempsey, to adopt the Ordinance amending the St. Clair Borough Zoning Ordinance relative to the Leed Foundry request and also the setback request as advertised. This would also include the zoning map. This would be the map marked as applicant's exhibit #3, pages number 1 and 2, which leaves the residential boundaries as they are. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT: BRENNAN-YES, BURKE- YES, T. DEMPSEY-YES, W. DEMPSEY-YES, HOUSEKNECHT-YES, PETROZINO – YES, AND LARISH-YES. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

No public comment

MAYOR'S REPORT

On May 8, 2017 a wedding ceremony was held joining Tristin Curtis Burkop and Summer Sky Moyer.

Mayor Tomko discussed the upcoming Car Cruise event and Fireworks display with the chief of police and all is in hand.

Preparations are being planned for the arrival of Go Jo Snediicker on July 27, 2017. The St. Clair Community and Historical Society is assisting in preparations for the event.

Bob Petrozino and myself worked on the traffic signal situation at Rt. 61 and Hancock Street. The timing going east and west were set 10-seconds shorter than the previous setting allowing traffic to back up. This situation has been rectified.

Chief Dempsey, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin are working on a property that may be condemned for various reasons.

On a motion made by Burke, seconded by Houseknecht, the report was approved.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Brennan requested an executive session to discuss labor issues.

Schuylkill Heritage River Trail is looking for volunteers to be on a committee. This is a trail that runs from the City of Philadelphia to our county. The committee would like to expand the trail into Pottsville and then into St. Clair. Secretary Price and Councilwoman Brennan volunteer to be on the committee.

We are awaiting dates from the Teamster's Union in order to meet. A counter proposal should be forthcoming.

A meeting may be held late August concerning the Police negotiations.

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by T. Dempsey, to accept the report; approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by T. Dempsey, to accept the report; approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT-No report

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan, Borough council unanimously approved the report and it was made part of the minutes by reference

TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by T. Dempsey, borough council unanimously approved the report and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - No Report

POLICE DEPARTMENT-No Report

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT - No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion made by Petrozino, seconded by Houseknecht, the report was unanimously approved by Borough Council and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

Chief Uhrin questioned if the borough was paid the fee for upgrading the fire hydrants at the Woodland Terrace Development. The response was

negative. Solicitor Brennan would send a letter to the bank's attorney, Iles Cooper, reminding him.

CODE OFFICIAL REPORT

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by Burke, the report was unanimously approved by Borough Council and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications

OLD BUSINESS

In regard to the borough garage roof, on a motion made by Petrozino, seconded by Burke, to sign the agreement and Change Order #1, approved.

In regard to the Lawton Street Bridge, on a motion made by Larish, seconded by Petrozino, to provide DCED with a revised commitment letter reflecting increased matching funds requirement; approved.

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by Houseknecht, to accept the design services proposal in regard to the Lawton Street Bridge; approved.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion made by w. Dempsey, seconded by Burke, to hire the following individuals as swimming pool employees. Brittany Kenton, Brian Riegel, Brian Kenton, Bryan Daniels Gary Rombergerl; approved.

Council President Larish announced on Tuesday, July 11th the Pottsville Third Brigade Band will hold a concert in Boone Park. The event starts at 7:00 and it is open to the public.

And, remind everyone Joe Snedeker, WNEP TV, Channel 16 weatherman and the Channel 16 News crew is coming to town on Thursday, July 27, 2017 for the evening news broadcast. Come out and greet Joe.

On a motion made by W, Dempsey, seconded by Houseknecht, to authorize the borough engineer to prepare a proposal to seal the borough's streets;
A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:
BRENNAN-YES, BURKE- YES, T. DEMPSEY-YES, W. DEMPSEY-YES,

HOUSEKNECHT-YES, PETROZINO – NO, AND LARISH-YES. The motion was approved.

Council President James Larish called an executive session of council to discuss personnel issues.

The executive session adjourned at 9:07 pm.

On a motion made by W. Dempsey, seconded by Houseknecht, to pay all bills and claims properly approved by borough council; approved.

On a motion made by Houseknecht, seconded by W. Dempsey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm, council approved the motion.

**Roland Price, Jr.
Borough Secretary**

July 6, 2017

Mr. James Larish
Council President
St. Clair Borough Council
16 S Third Street
St. Clair, PA 17970

**Subject: Consulting Engineer's Report (CER)
Project No. 30839.02**

Dear Mr. Larish:

The following is the status of engineering services performed by our firm as of this date:

30839.02, Task 5 – Zoning Ordinance Amendments

On May 8, 2017, a meeting of various Borough officials (Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer, Solicitor, and Engineer) met Mr. Edmund Quirin and his attorney Martin J. Cerullo to discuss his proposed zoning amendments for his and neighboring properties off Wade Road along Route 61 (former foundry and machine shop). Additionally, our office has been working with the Solicitor to amend other portions of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, particularly the building setback requirements. A meeting of the St. Clair Planning Commission to consider the proposed amendments was held on July 6, 2017 (immediately before this meeting). Council should consider the comments of the Planning Commission and the public before officially acting on the proposed amendments.

30839.03 – Floodplain Ordinance Assistance

On July 10, 2017, FEMA will be hosting a Flood Risk Review meeting for Schuylkill County municipalities at the School of Nursing Building in Pottsville. FEMA is updating the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the County as part of the Schuylkill Basin-Wide Watershed Study. FEMA would like to meet with the affected communities to review the new flood hazard information and to discuss how the mapping has changed as a result of the analysis. Our office will attend with the Borough Secretary to represent the Borough's interests.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

30732.20, Task 1 – Third Street Playground – Engineering Survey/Design

The playground project plans and bidding documents are being finalized and will be forwarded to DCNR for final approval next week. We anticipate advertising in early August for construction later this year. The installation of the Lions drinking fountain will be handled under separate contract.

30839.20 – Garage Roof

At the June Council Meeting, Council officially awarded the project to Budget Renovations & Roofing, Inc., for a total contract price (after Change Order No. 1 deduction) of \$39,994.00. This reflects the reduction of scope to include the main roof only with no alternates. Our office issued the formal Notice of Award and Change Order No. 1 on June 8, 2017. Since then, the Contractor has supplied the necessary contract documents, including the signed Form of Agreement and Change Order No. 1. We request the Borough sign their portions of both at tonight's meeting.