

JERSEY SHORE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 PM

Members Present: Kenneth Scheesley, John Pisarcik, Mary Greene, Deborah Colocino, Sean Simcox

Members Absent: Wade Snyder, Janet Barnhart, Marguerite Dyroff

Others Present: Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Dennis Buttorff, Mayor; Denise Dieter, Solicitor

Shawn Lorson, Executive Director of the Tiadaghton Valley Municipal Authority (TVMA), presented Council with the Sewage Facility Planning Module for Minor Act 537 Update Revision, which the Borough must accept in order for TVMA to move forward with the Porter Township collection system extension. Councilor Simcox made a motion to pass Resolution 09.16.2013.02, a Resolution Approving a Modification of the Borough's Existing Act 537 Plan under the Sewage Facilities Planning Module, seconded by Councilor Colocino. Motion carried 5/0.

Public: Scott Long voiced a concern about speeding on S. Broad Street. Due to the fact that law enforcement officials use VASCAR lines and an electronic device to monitor speeding, they cannot stop people for speeding until they reach 11 miles over the speed limit. Mr. Long inquired as to whether the Borough Council could look into moving the VASCAR lines and/or installing speed bumps on S. Broad St. Ms. Dieter stated that lowering the speed limit is another option that could be considered. This matter will be discussed further at the next Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Commission meeting.

Bryan Edwards, owner of the Ye Olde Print Shoppe, stated that he would like to file a formal complaint against HRI, Inc. because they failed to notify him 24 hours prior to the commencement of the paving work on Culvert Street and Depot Street, the streets that surround his business. Mr. Hamm stated that he has contacted HRI, Inc. and voiced his displeasure about this matter. In addition, Mr. Hamm contacted Don Free at PennDOT to inquire about the possibility of using a different contractor to do paving in the future, even if their bid was somewhat higher. Unfortunately, Mr. Hamm was informed that the Borough is required to accept the lowest paving bid or they would not be able to use liquid fuels monies for the project. Mr. Hamm suggested that Mr. Edwards contact HRI, Inc. and voice his complaint with them directly.

Paul Garrett also voiced a concern about speeding in the Borough. Mr. Garrett would like to see speed bumps installed on Front Street. Mr. Buttorff stated that speed bumps create a liability issue for the Borough. Ms. Dieter stated that Mr. Buttorff's statement was inaccurate, as the Borough has governmental immunity. According to Ms. Dieter, unless the Borough knowingly

installed a defective, dangerous situation on the road, the Borough could not be held liable for an accident caused by a speed bump.

Minutes: Councilor Pisarcik made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2013, Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Motion carried 5/0.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented Council with Ordinance 2013-08, an Ordinance of the Borough of Jersey Shore Adopting a Rental Inspections Program. This Ordinance will define and regulate non-owner occupied units, require inspections of properties, set the standards for inspections, regulate the timing of inspections, require notice procedure and prescribe penalties for violations. Councilor Pisarcik made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-08, seconded by Councilor Colocino. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with Resolution 09.16.2013.01, a Resolution Setting the Rental Inspection/Licensing Fee Schedule. Councilor Pisarcik made a motion to adopt Resolution 09.16.2013.01, seconded by Councilor Greene. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with the Professional and Technical Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for phase iii of the Jersey Shore Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program. Councilor Simcox made a motion to accept the Professional and Technical Services Agreement with SEDA-COG, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that a participant in the Borough's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program has met the five year requirement of the program and requested that Council approve their Mortgage Satisfaction Piece. Councilor Colocino made a motion to approve the Mortgage Satisfaction Piece, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with a progress report for the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance cooperative. The report, which shows the Boroughs health insurance claims from January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013, shows that the Borough is doing well.

Mr. Hamm stated that he has received a request that the curb be painted an additional five (5) feet on each side of the Handicap parking area in front of Manor Care. As of right now, cars are parking right up to the end of the curb on each side and the vans can't get in to get people for their appointments. This matter was put in the highway committee for further review.

Mr. Hamm stated that Christine Brown, from the Jersey Shore Historical Society, has requested permission to close Smith Street from South Main Street to Cherry Alley for the October fest event on October 5, 2013. Councilor Colocino made a motion to close Smith Street from S. Main Street to Cherry Alley and Cherry Alley from Bank Avenue to Smith Street, seconded Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Susquehanna Greenway is holding a River Towns Workshop on Creating Greener, More Flood Resilient Communities, at Bloomsburg University, on September 30th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Any council person interested in attending should RSVP to Mr. Hamm by September 20, 2013.

Mr. Hamm stated that PennDOT has recently completed a statewide review of all bridges over 20 feet to calculate a new bridge weight-limit policy depending on the condition of the bridge. If this affects any bridges in the Borough, the Borough will be notified in writing and would then be required to install signage with the new weight restrictions.

Mr. Hamm stated that Senator Gene Yaw is sponsoring Bill 1059 in the Senate, which would raise the threshold of the Prevailing Wage Act from \$25,000 to \$180,000 for any public works project.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Lycoming County Planning Department will be hosting a focus group on the impacts of the Marcellus Shale industry on the County. This focus group will be held during the Borough Associations meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, at the Valley Inn in Duboistown. Anyone interested in attending this focus group should RSVP Mr. Hamm.

Mayor: Mayor Buttorff stated that the Borough was recognized by FEMA for being in the top 5% of the 24 CRS communities in Pennsylvania (2 locally). This will help reduce residents flood insurance rates.

Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Finance: Councilor Colocino made a motion to pay the bills for September in the amounts of: General Fund for \$16,890.42; Swimming Pool for \$1,586.50; Capital Projects for \$7,657.00 and Act 13 for \$598.00, for a grand total of \$26,731.92, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Motion carried 5/0.

Councilor Colocino presented Council with a Year-to-Date Budget vs. Actual Financial Report through September 12, 2013.

Councilor Colocino presented Council with the Financial Report of Reserve Fund as of August 31, 2013.

The next scheduled meeting is September 17th at 6:30 pm to begin work on the 2014 Budget.

Police: Councilor Simcox stated the TVRPC is currently working on their 2014 Budget. The 2014 Budget highlights include a 3% salary increase, \$60,000.00 for two (2) new police vehicles, a 15% increase in health insurance and 3,000.00 for a part-time officer.

The next scheduled meeting is October 7th at 6:30 pm.

Highway Committee: Mr. Buttorff stated a study has been done for the one way request for N. Cherry Alley. Based on that survey, Mr. Buttorff does not feel that making the Alley one way would have the intended effect. No action was taken by Council.

Mr. Buttorff stated that a study was done for the stop sign request at the intersection of Seminary Street and Fountain Street. Based on that survey, Mr. Buttorff felt that a stop sign at that

intersection was a good idea. Ms. Dieter will work on preparing an Ordinance for the next Council Meeting.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Sewer: Councilor Snyder was absent.

Fire Commission: Mr. Buttorff stated that there is a five year NIMS compliance. The Borough is to maintain copies of the NIMS certificates (letters will not be allowed) in house.

Mr. Buttorff stated that the Borough collects and distributes Fire Tax money to each of the Fire Company's every year. The PA Borough Code states that each Fire Department must send an itemized listing of expenses to the Borough every year stating where the tax money is being spent.

Mr. Buttorff stated that there are some individuals who are in direct violation of a Borough Resolution. These individuals have not been sworn in and they are still responding as fire police. If those individuals continue to respond and they get hurt, they will not be covered by the Borough's Workers Compensation Insurance. It was decided that Mr. Buttorff will provide Mr. Hamm with the names and dates of the violations and he will take action from there.

Mr. Buttorff stated that there will be an exercise conducted by Lycoming County on September 26th at 7:00 pm. At this time the "All Hazard" siren will be activated.

Pool: Councilor Scheesley stated that the pool is closed for the season.

Recreation: Mr. Buttorff stated that Borough Council needs to decide when to remove the picnic tables from the pavilion. Mr. Hamm stated that the picnic tables would be removed October 1, 2013.

Tree Commission: Mr. Buttorff stated that they are going to start looking into how many trees need to be replaced and what tree they want to go with.

The next scheduled meeting is September 19th at 7:00 pm.

Codes: Councilor Simcox stated that Codes Committee will meet on September 23rd at 6:30 pm to go over the Rental Inspection Ordinance.

Library: Nothing at this time.

Borough of Jersey Shore: Mr. Hamm stated that the Thompson Street Park Project is complete.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Borough is waiting on a \$40,000.00 check from DCNR in order to completely close out the Rails to Trails project. Once that check comes in, the Borough will forward it to PennDOT.

Mr. Buttorff stated he will be picking up the final survey for the Public River Access project on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Ms. Dieter stated that the Jersey Shore State Bank is approving the lease and is working on deeding the other parcel of land to the Borough.

Mr. Buttorff stated that the Jersey Shore River Town Revitalization Team will meet at the YMCA on September 26th at 7:00 pm.

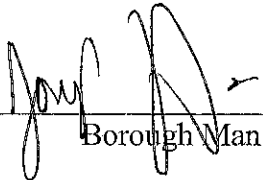
Mr. Buttorff stated that twenty-one (21) flags were ruined in the recent storm. Over the next few days, Mr. Buttorff will be taking the flags down.

J.S. Hospital: Nothing at this time.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated that the 10th annual Ride with the Y will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2013, from 10:00 am until 5:30 pm, on the Rail-to-Trails.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: Councilor Colocino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik.



Borough Manager