

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2014
7:00 PM**

Members Present: John Pisarcik, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Marguerite Dyroff, Kenneth Scheesley, Deborah Colocino, Paul Garrett, Janet Barnhart

Absent: None

Others Present: Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Dennis Buttorff, Mayor; Denise Dieter, Esquire, Solicitor; and Shawn Hummer, Chief, TVRPD; Kristin McLaughlin, SEDA-COG

President Dyroff reminded Council and the public that a three-minute time limit would be placed on public comments as well as council comments in order to keep the council meetings flowing. She also informed Council and the public that all meetings are recorded.

Kristin McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin held the first public hearing of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant program for the Borough. She asked for Council's and the public's suggestions for projects for the CDBG funds. Ms. McLaughlin indicated the Borough had approximately \$83,000 in monies of which \$68,000 would be used for a project and \$15,000 would cover administrative costs. She discussed eligibility for the CDBG funds. Councilor Simcox suggested to continue with the Thompson Street Recreation project by removing the old playground equipment to Borough land near the old sewer plant. He suggested the equipment be refurbished. President Dyroff stressed the importance of completing the downtown sidewalk project and suggested the money be allocated toward that. The public did not suggest any new projects. Ms. McLaughlin closed the hearing after receiving no further suggestions or comments.

Minutes: Councilor Pisarcik made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Public: Dr. John Pisarcik stated that it is possible that if the Jersey Shore Area School District turns down the Charter School in Nippenose Township, the State could agree with the proposed Charter School and overturn JSASD's decision. If the Charter School would be opened, it could raise taxes 1 to 3 mil. Dr. Pisarcik stated it is concerning especially with flood rates that our community is facing.

Ann Green indicated that Rich Buttorff offered to fix the sliding board at the pool, free of charge. She also asked that someone from the aerobics class be appointed to the Recreation Committee in order for them to continue to help raise funds for the pool. President Dyroff indicated that the public was invited to attend the Recreation Committee meetings held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., but that no one could be appointed to the Recreation Committee due to the committee being appointed for the year.

Ms. Green also stated there were issues on Spruce Street to Walnut Street and Pine Street from Allegheny Street to Walnut Street regarding parking, snow, and tight driving conditions. She suggested making both of these streets one way, in opposite directions. President Dyroff sent this issue to the Highway Committee for further investigation.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented Resolution 02.10.2014.01 supporting the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act. Councilor Pisarcik made a Motion to adopt Resolution 02.10.2014.01. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from the Lycoming County Tax Collection Committee requesting a delegate and alternate delegate be appointed to the Committee. Councilor Pisarcik made a Motion to appoint Councilor Simcox as the delegate to the Lycoming County Tax Collection Committee and the business manager from the Jersey Shore Area School Board as the alternate. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a spreadsheet showing the Act 13 Impact Fee monies as well as allowable uses for shale impact fee revenue.

Mr. Hamm presented an aerial view of parcel 22-001-500.A owned by Greg Proctor. Mr. Proctor is interested in selling this parcel of property and wanted to know if the Borough was interested. Borough Council did not have interest in the property.

Mr. Hamm informed Council of a concern the Borough Office received from an Avis resident regarding the traffic light at the intersection of Railroad and Thomas Street being signed as No Turn on Red. The concern was he had to sit at the light for long, extended periods of time in the early hours of the morning. Council agreed the sign was needed at the intersection.

Mr. Hamm requested the Highway Committee consider restricting parking on Smith Street opposite from the Borough building in order to accommodate residents when conducting Borough business. Mr. Hamm explained currently a Borough resident is parking several of his vehicles on that side of Smith Street and making it difficult for residents to come to the Borough office. Several suggestions were made by Council. President Dyroff advised the issue would be handled in Highway Committee.

Mr. Hamm presented a memo from Solicitor Dieter summarizing the PA Supreme Court Decision on Act 13.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Jersey Shore Recreation, Inc. thanking Council for their contribution to their summer program.

Mr. Hamm presented a 2013 Consumers Confidence Report for Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority stating that the water was suitable for consumption.

Mr. Hamm indicated to Council an advertisement was placed in the *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* and *Lock Haven Express* seeking resumes for the vacant position on the Planning Commission,

however, none have been received. Councilor Simcox indicated the Planning Commission was also seeking someone to fill the position, but have been unsuccessful to date.

Mr. Hamm reminded Council to return their State Ethics forms.

Mayor: Mayor Buttorff presented a Monthly Report outlining his monthly activities as well as the trainings and meetings he attended for January 2014.

Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Finance: Councilor Colocino presented the finance report for February 2014. General Fund in the amount of \$19,898.77; and Swimming Pool in the amount of \$51.11; for a total of \$19,949.88. Councilor Colocino made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,949.88. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Councilor Colocino presented the ING account statement for January 1 through January 31, 2014.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the Minutes from the February 3, 2014 meeting. He indicated that the second vehicle purchase for TVRPD had not been delivered at this time, but would be in the near future. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Hummer: Nothing at this time.

Highway Committee: Councilor Scheesley presented the Public Works Department Monthly Report for January 2014. Mayor Buttorff expressed a concern about residents throwing snow back into the street. Councilor Garrett and Councilor Colocino expressed concerns regarding the order in which things are plowed or cleared off concerning fire companies, hospitals, funeral homes, etc. President Dyroff suggested making a list of things that should be done first. Mayor Buttorff indicated that the highway crew was concentrated on the emergency routes and the schools due to the time of the snow. The issue was sent to the Highway Committee for further investigation.

Personnel: Councilor Pisarcik indicated an advertisement was placed in the newspapers for applications for lifeguards at the swimming pool and interviews will be held in March.

Sewer: Mr. Hamm presented the TVMA Minutes from January 2014.

Fire Commission: Mayor Buttorff presented the January alarm reports of both Independent and Citizen Hose fire companies and the Citizens Hose yearly report.

Mayor Buttorff also presented the auditor's report for Citizen Hose fire company.

Emergency Management: Mayor Buttorff presented a memo outlining the Emergency Management Coordinator duties as well as his Activity Logs for January 2014.

Mayor Buttorff also indicated that our FCC license was good until 2024. There could be a chance in 2017 that we would need to purchase new radios due to the digital switch over.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Garrett reported the first meeting of the Recreation Committee was held on February 5, 2014. Some of the activities mentioned to be held were the triathlon and community yard sale. Councilor Garrett presented an outline of plans and pricing for a survey to be placed on the Borough website which residents can take. This survey would allow people to indicate the types of activities they would like to see in the Borough. A basic plan, at no cost, is available. However, this only allows for ten (10) questions and one hundred (100) responses. A plan for \$17/month is available, which allows for unlimited questions and responses. Councilor Garrett made a Motion to purchase a one-year subscription to Survey Monkey. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: Councilor Simcox indicated the next meeting would be February 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Councilor Schmouder presented a report outlining the Library Board Meeting held on January 24, 2014. Councilor Schmouder indicated the Bylaws were to be updated. Regarding funding, all municipalities/townships/cities donate to the Library, with the exception of Porter Township. After some renovations, some items are for sale, which will help raise monies to fund the library. Their next meeting is February 11, 2014.

Flood: Mayor Buttorff informed Council of a meeting to be held by Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce on March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox indicated David Shannon has been hired as the new CEO, effective April 1, 2014. Councilor Garrett indicated the Lock Haven Express has contacted him to do an article on the Jersey Shore Hospital and the new equipment they have.

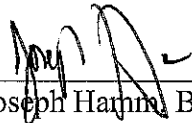
J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley reminded Council that constant fundraisers were held to help raise money for the YMCA. He also indicated that some insurance policies will pay for part of a policy holder's membership to the YMCA.

Jersey Shore Borough: Mr. Hamm indicated Larson Design Group will be providing a preliminary design for Council to review and approve for the Public River Access in the near future. Mr. Hamm also indicated the semi-annual report was submitted on January 31, 2014 to the National Park Service. He also indicated Solicitor Dieter was working on the Deeds for the Gazebo lot.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mr. Hamm indicated Guy Rauch informed him that the American Legion donated \$15,000 and the Moose donated \$11,000 to purchase new Christmas lights and other decorations for Allegheny and Main Streets. Mr. Rauch indicated the Vets will be making a determination on a donation in the near future.

Adjourn: Councilor Colocino made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager