

BOROUGH OF PARRYVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Cathy Hawk, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other members present were: Mayor Kevin Greenzweig, Solicitor Robert Frycklund, Penni Szoke, Sharon Hinkle

Council members not present: Patricia Wentz, Ralph Washburn, Dana Brubaker

ZONING HEARING

Robert opened by stating that before borough council is an application by PEQUA properties seeking conditional use of 7,192 square foot vacant space as a treatment center for dialysis. Bob Eggstein is the owner of the property and testified on behalf of PEQUA Properties. The Harley Davidson dealership will be moving to Whitehall. Cindy Feinberg is representing PEQUA Properties of the sale in Whitehall for the new location. Ed Wenger, the borough Zoning Commissioner, clarified that a September 16, 2019 letter requested the use of the property as a treatment center. Devita dialysis would take over a portion of the building and would have dedicated parking spaces. When the motorcycle dealership moves (October/November 2020) Devita may be taking down the current warehouse for additional parking. Devita is currently leasing the space. Cathy Hawk questioned where the property line falls for Parryville Borough and Franklin Township. Franklin Township had contacted Cathy regarding sewage concerns. Bob Eggstein stated that they have been in talks with Franklin Township. Cindy Feinberg clarified that the property line falls between PEQUA Properties and Blue Mountain. Ed Wenger noted that in similar circumstances, a conditional use like this may require that a line be installed to test the sewage. Robert Frycklund asked Bob Eggstein if he would permit the borough council to vote on this conditional use as there is no current planning commission. Bob Eggstein agreed.

Motion: Penni Szoke made a motion to approve the conditional use of 7,192 square foot of PEQUA Properties for Devita Dialysis. Cathy Hawk second. All in favor. Motion passed.

We took the opportunity to ask Ed Wenger about the trailer issue. He noted that the last time he saw the trailer, there was an extension cord running across the alley way. He suggested that we look into the laws regarding public safety and access in the property maintenance code. We still have not determined who owns the land. Palmerton has said they do not own that land. The water authority does not own it. The land is within the borough, but we cannot determine who owns the land because there is no parcel number associated with it.

Ed Wenger offered to do a complete review of the zoning ordinance. The estimated cost would be \$1,000-\$1,500.

Motion: Penni Szoke made a motion to approve the prior month meeting minutes. Sharon Hinkle second. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Motion: Sharon Hinkle made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Penni Szoke second. All in favor. Motion passed.

PRIOR MONTH BILLS

Motion: Penni Szoke made a motion to approve the October 21st bills with the addition of the invoice from Hartman Products for \$1,047.26 for Lower Main culverts. Sharon Hinkle second. All in favor. Motion passed.

PRIOR MONTH ACTIVITY

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ZONING AND BUILDING CODE: No report

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT: No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT: No report

SOLICITOR: No report

MAYOR: No report

BOROUGH ENGINEER: No report

BOARD REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report

ZONING HEARING BOARD: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING AND LIGHTS AND ROADS:

We had the roofer come in to work on the leaks in the roof. Muffley (Bowmanstown) thinks he hit the spots and tried to keep it as cheap as possible. The buckets aren't getting water so it's a good sign.

We have two lights out on Main Street. We've called PPL but they haven't fixed them yet.

Lower main is on schedule, Equipment should be here this week or next. The material is on its way.

We've been keeping the culverts clean to prepare for tar & chip in early Spring.

The blue tractor is down again with a broken cylinder. The dump truck is getting serviced. The rental fee was \$675 which should be covered in our insurance policy.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

ROADS: No Report

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: The equipment is ordered and is close to being done. They are planning to come and install the week after Thanksgiving. They will take care of grading the area where the equipment is going. The engineer is hoping we can get the remaining grading done when they put the walking path in. Jet Signs is working on a temporary sign. There will be a meeting later this week to discuss the permanent sign noting all of the contributors.

Doug has signs ready to go to display "Park is under video surveillance" to deter any vandalism. We still need to look into camera options. We want something that offers notifications via cell phone.

There is a possible grant the engineer suggested that we could try to get for new benches.

CANAL COMMISSION: No report. They're hoping to reach out to neighbors in the Spring to see if we can improve the area.

FIRE & SAFETY: No report. We're still looking into getting a grant for the firehouse.

Nick asked about the tree lighting ceremony. We originally had planned to coordinate the park dedication and the tree lighting, but the park dedication will likely wait until Spring. Nick and Jason are aiming for December 14th for the tree lighting. They will coordinate with the fire company. Nick asked about ornaments. Cathy noted we may have some ornaments from last year in the attic. Sharon noted that we had asked the residents to donate ornaments in past years.

FINANCE & BUDGET:

Motion: Sharon Hinkle made a motion to advertise the proposed 2020 budget for adoption on 12/16/19. Penni Szoke second. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion: Sharon Hinkle made a motion to advertise the 2020-01 Real Property Tax Ordinance. Penni Szoke second. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion: Sharon Hinkle made a motion to donate \$2,500 to the fire company for helping with equipment. Penni Szoke second. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION REPORT: No report

Cathy noted that she thinks the solid waste contract may be up at the end of 2020. Sharon suggested we try to get costs from similar communities to see what they are paying per year. (Bowmanstown)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACT 537 Update – Plan submitted to DEP on 3/22/19 – No update

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Sharon Hinkle made a motion to close the meeting. Penni Szoke second. All in favor. Motion passed.