

Public Meeting
February 23rd, 2015

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Granstrom, P. MacAdams, and G. Gilbert. M. Mevoli and J. Meehan was absent. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq..

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of January 26th, 2015 and February 4th, 2015:

Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – P. MacAdams
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance:

- # 1-15 Amending Chapter 141 – Vehicles and Traffic
- # 2-15 Amending Chapter 14 – Municipal Court
Second Reading
Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from the Public.
Motion – J. Granstrom
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in Favor: Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance:

- # 3-15 Amending Chapter 116 – Rental Properties First Reading
Motion – P. MacAdams
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 66-15 Acceptance of Resignation – Michael Zizzamia
- # 67-15 Authorization for Submittal of HOME Fund Application
- # 68-15 Authorization of Supplemental Application for CDBG Year 36
- # 69-15 Authorizing Support in Fixing the Transportation Trust Fund through DOT
- # 70-15 Appointment of Administrative Assistant – Todd Twichell
- # 71-15 Authorization for Submittal of CDBG Year 37 Application
- # 72-15 Approval of Bingo License for Cold Spring School PTO
Motion – J. Granstrom
2nd – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 919,377.98

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in favor: Carried.

Presentation of USDA Project:

G. Fusco, Kei Engineering, presented the public a PowerPoint presentation outlining a plan to fix infrastructure in water and sewer. He explained how the \$1,648,000 and the \$1,650,300 will be spent over the course of the project. The sewer improvements include, slip lining multiple location, reconstructing manholes, and replacing a couple pump station. The water improvements include installation of a clarifier, valve/hydrant replacements in multiple locations, loop mains, and redevelop a well. R. Giles, Borough clerk and CFO, explained that the fees in the water and sewer will increase to fund this project. The proposed increase can be spread across two years. The total minimum bill that could possibly be in effect in 2016 is \$151.00 per quarter. He said there are things that council is working on that may reduce this amount.

After the presentation the public were given an opportunity to ask questions. Deborah Ignaczewski, 308 Haakon Road, ask a couple question concerning the impact of the cost over time and what keeps the borough from not going out and raising funds through user fees in the future. G. Fusco explained that this is just the beginning of fixing the aged infrastructure. He said he cannot predict the future but we have to start somewhere and be a little proactive. Doris Pulaski, 127 South Wilson, explained that she saw something about lining the pipes with a chemical to reinforce the pipes. G. Fusco informed her that this is what is being done to the sewer lines in multiple locations. Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, asked are preventive measure are be taken to maintain the old piping and how the decisions were made for the locations selected. G. Fusco said he discussed all the areas with DPW Superintendent, D. Domico. They selected the areas in dire need of attention. George Stinsman and Paul Gibbons, 505 and 503 Chestnut Street asked why there property is not included on the list of properties, They said they should be a part of the project to fix there sewer main because they have continuous problems with their lines being lower than the pipe feeding the main. D. Domico said it is part of the project and will most likely be done within the scope of the entire project. Ray McIntyre, 210 Chestnut Street, asked about the length and start of the project. G. Fusco said they are looking to bid in 2015 with a start date near the end of 2015. The project will take approximately one to two years. Ron Villanova, 207 Horton Avenue, asked why we are starting this process now, after knowing for years that this infrastructure is past its useful life. Mayor Branella explained that she cannot answer for the past mayor and council but feels that the USDA has presented us with a great opportunity to begin the process of updating the infrastructure. Mayor Branella thanked everyone for their time and attendance to this meeting.

Open to the Public:

Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, said he reminded the DRPA that the no wake sign needs to be put up. He said that the C&L Machine property looks bad and it has been months with a trailer on the property. He asked when the building is going to be built to

get the equipment off the outside property. Mayor Branella said she will reach out to C&L and setup a meeting to get more details.

Open to Council:

G. Gilbert and P. MacAdams said this project is long overdue and think it a start in the right direction for Brooklawn.

J. McCleary reminded everyone of the 2nd Annual MacAdams/Vitola 5K is on Saturday April 11th at 9am. She invites everyone to come out and show support.

Motion to Adjourn – J. Granstrom

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk