

December 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trainer was held on the above date at the Trainer Municipal Building, 824 Main Street, Trainer, PA with President Regina Beck calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT

Frances Zalewski – Mayor
Regina Beck – President
Jim Cassidy – Councilman
Greg Miley – Councilman
Ed McDaniel – Councilman
Awilda Burgos - Councilwoman

Mark Possenti – Manager

Mike Kozlowski – Engineer
Mike Sheridan – Solicitor

ABSENT

Joseph Maher – Vice President
John Mathews - Councilman

MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting were motioned for approval by Councilperson Cassidy to accept and seconded by Councilperson McDaniel. No opposition. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

It was motioned that the proper Borough Officials be authorized to draw orders on the Borough Treasure in favor of the following persons and in the amounts shown. Where such orders have already been drawn, the actions of the Borough Officials in so doing be ratified and confirmed. It was motioned, the November bills for approval by Councilperson McDaniel and seconded by Councilperson Miley. No opposition. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER GENERAL FUND BILLS

United States Postal Service	Large letters mailed Police	-15.60
Wick's Seafood	Community Day 2017	-262.50
#1 Car Wash Inc.	Clean Police Vehicles October	-200.00
Goodyear Auto Service Center	Police vehicle tires	-423.43
Sunoco - SunTrak	Police vehicle fuel	-2,719.73

Burke Landscape Supply	Hwy equipment parts	-57.99
Home Depot	Signs and paint	-87.12
DCIU	Health Benefits Nov.	-23,643.94
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	Professional Services	-6,057.00
Integral Systems Corp	Computer back-up	-50.00
Pa State Assn of Boroughs	Borough Dues, Council Dues 2018	-533.00
Marcus Hook Borough	Fire Truck Oct.	-189.91
Marcus Hook Borough	Fire Station Oct.	-1,057.34
ESTC	Firing Range Year 2018	-560.00
Comcast Cable	Cable services	-254.57
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Police holster	-70.00
PECO - Park	HJ Park	-27.38
PECO - Municipal Bldg.	Municipal Bldg	-535.55
Paychex Invoice	Nov 10 Biweekly	-131.93
Orlando, Victoria	2017 Food Drive checks cashed	-500.00
United States Postal Service	Certified letters Code office	-13.18
Peer, Donald	Uniform expenditure	-141.98
Burke Landscape Supply	Mulch	-2,000.98
Tarheel Canine Training, Inc.	Purchase K9	-7,000.00
Chester Water Authority - Hydrants	Hydrants	-1,195.10
Chester Water Authority - HJP	HJ Park	-22.97
Delaware County Solid Waste	2018 Waste Hauling License	-200.00
B&L Disposal	Trash removal	-6,077.00
PECO Street Lighting	Street Lighting	-1,971.67
PECO-Underpass Lighting	Underpass Lighting	-29.93
Pa One Call System, Inc.	Monthly fax service	-21.59
Delaware County Solid Waste	Tipping fees dump	-2,717.22
Charles Higgins & Sons	Street Light maintenance	-967.06
Boates Brothers Contracting	Veteran's Drive Memorial	-827.13
Verizon Wireless	Police Data Card reader	-86.24
Utility Advocate	Electric savings	-64.04
Talley's Garage & Towing	Police Vehicles	-676.00
Marcus Hook Florist	Flowers Magaw	-88.51
Delaware Valley Veterinary Hospital	Nero	-161.86
McDaniel, Everett	Petty cash haul away fee CC fridge	-25.00
United States Postal Service	Large letters mailed	-5.88
Nick Bonaduce	Outdoor lighting repair	-560.00
Paychex Invoice	Nov 24 Biweekly	-127.02
United States Postal Service	Roll stamps Code Office	-49.00
TD Card Services	Quickbooks, Web, Community Day	-1,244.79
#1 Car Wash Inc.	Clean Police Vehicles November	-200.00

PECO - Garage	Hwy garage	-83.31
Charles Higgins & Sons	Street Light maintenance	-383.70
MVP Sporting Goods	Highway Uniforms	-53.00
Broomall Truck & Auto Repair	Police and Hwy vehicles	-5,972.20
Delco Alarm System	Highway Building alarm	-130.50
Comcast Cable	Cable services	-287.79
Staples Advantage	Office supplies	-183.76
Chester Water Authority - Municipal	Municipal Bldg	-30.54
Excel Business Systems	21090 Fax Module	-1,110.00
Carl J. Spangler, Jr.	Professional Services Rendered	-120.00
Red the Uniform Tailor	Police uniforms	-72.66
		-72,278.60

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

It was motioned by Councilperson Miley and seconded by Councilperson McDaniel that Payroll for the month of November is paid. Councilperson Cassidy opposed for reasons too lengthy to discuss at this time. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Total payroll for the month of November \$100,187.22

Payroll includes Severance and un-used time for Sgt. Cominskie required to be paid on date of his retirement

LIQUID FUEL BILLS

Liquid Fuel Bills for the month of November meeting were motioned for approval by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Miley. No opposition. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER LIQUID FUEL BILLS

Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc.	Traffic Light Maintenance	-182.00
Mauger & Co.	Hwy fuel	-224.29
PECO	Traffic Lighting	-272.16
		-678.45

COMMUNITY CENTER BILLS

Community Center Bills for November meeting were motioned for approval by Councilperson Burgos to accept and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy. No opposition. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CENTER BILLS

PECO gas	CC Gas	-139.06
Sears	Refrigerators for CC	-2,069.98
Global Security Systems, Inc.	Alarm	-120.00
PECO electric	CC Electric/Gas	-45.20
		-2,374.24

PERMITS & LICENSE

The Permits of the November meeting were motioned for approval by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Miley. No opposition. Motion carried.

PERMITS & LICENSE – NOVEMBER

5 Building permits	\$625.00
0 Contractor license	\$0
10 C/O Applications	\$1000.00
1 Plumbing permits	\$140.00
0 Electrical permits	\$0
1 Zoning	\$100.00
3 Other Permits/License	\$260.00
1 Vacant property registration	\$150.00
Amount turned over to Borough	\$2,275.00

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY

0 - Street Openings
Amount turned over to Borough \$0

PECO

0 – Street Openings
Amount turned over to Borough \$0

DELCORA

0 – Permits
Amount turned over to Borough \$0

CORRESPONDENCE

It was motioned by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Burgos that the correspondence for November be accepted and any necessary action taken. No opposition. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER CORRESPONDENCE

- Received from Keystone an electronic deposits in the amount of \$168,389.66 November EIT distribution.
- Received from Keystone an electronic deposits in the amount of \$12,318.27 November LST distribution.
- Received from Delaware County Tax Claim Monthly for October and a check in the amount of \$3,538.36.
- Received from Delaware County Monthly Deed Reconciliation for November and a check in the amount of \$1,367.10.
- Received from Delaware County November Monthly Transfer Report.
- Received from Delaware County Final Assessment changes.
- Received from Delaware County Reassessment process.
- Received from Delaware County Solid Waste, a letter dated December 7, 2017 in regards to 2018 and 2019 rates
- Received from CWA in regards to Private takeover of utilities.
- Received from Dept. of Community and Economic Development in regards to UCC permit state surcharge fee increase to \$4.50.

- Received from Delaware County Planning Dept. in regards to 2018 Historic Preservation Plan.
- Received from Exelon in regards to Storage tank and spill prevention.
- Received from Covant in regards to Solid Waste permit of Delaware Valley Resource Recovery Facility.
- Received from Comcast the Franchise renewal agreement to be signed.

November Safety meeting topic was “Safe Shoveling” No incidents reported. There will be an inspection of the Highway garage next meeting.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY MATTERS THAT NEED COUNCILMANIC ACTION

Comcast Franchise Renewal to be signed.

Adelphia permission to access Borough property on 9th St. to survey pipelines.

Both items are being reviewed by Borough Solicitor.

Borough Secretary requested permission by motion to advertise the 2018 Re-Organization Meeting on January 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Zalewski:

- Stated the upcoming events. Lunch with Santa, Paws with Santa and the Police with Santa.
- Plans are being made with the Food Pantry. The Community Center has been cleaned. There was an issue of mold in the past which was tested and was not toxic. Starting to receive food.
- The Community Center will be used by the Rec Board, Justice Rescue and the Cheerleaders. It will not be rented out. If you want to use it you have to get permission.
- Have projects coming up next year.
- Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

***POLICE CHIEF** – was absent

MANAGER

Mark Possenti:

- Need a motion to accept the Police Contract years 2018 – 2021 for approval
- Councilman Cassidy asked to hold off on voting for discussion. President Beck stated there was a committee that negotiated the contract.
- The contract was voted on

FINANCE

Councilman Maher: Absent

Councilman Cassidy read the Final 2018 General Budget

- Final reading of the 2018 General budget in the amount of \$2,354,900.00. The budget had a change in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion is needed to accept.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING/RECREATION

Councilman Mathews: Absent

FIRE/PARKS/ENVIRONMENT

Councilman Cassidy:

Welcome to Trainer's final public Council meeting for 2017. This has been one heck of a year.

Henry Johnson's park is still a favorite spot for dog runners. Most are running unleashed and are not cleaned up after.

Heavy trucks are now coming through the park since we started clamping down on them coming down Anderson and Chestnut. The road cannot handle these large trucks. Asking Council to approve posting signs at each entrance.

Brick orders area being taken for the Memorial Garden. Anyone interested can contact me or the secretary for a form. The cost is still the same, \$25. We would like to have the order in by the middle of March.

After last month's meeting the Spirit reporter came to the Garden to do an article. At this time we noticed that someone had placed a small American flag at the base. Some girls playing in the area said that a young boy came by and placed it there. It was still there today. If anyone knows who may have done this, please give me his name and address and somehow a brick will be purchased for him.

On the job front, Walmart, Burger King, Wegman's and Giant markets are hiring. Stats show that in November there were 228,000 jobs filled and so far in 2017 the number is about 1.7 million. There are jobs put there, even if they are not high pay.

If you read the paper today, you may have noticed a house fire being reported in Chester. Companies from around the area, Woodlyn, Eddystone and Aston, to name a few, had to respond due to the fact that there are not enough volunteers for many companies. FYI, Chester has paid firefighters. Fortunately there were no injuries. EMT's are becoming scarce also. Please encourage someone to join. Best job ever.

At this time I would like to wish all of Council, Engineer, Solicitor and the residents of Trainer a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Cassidy read a letter from Tony Capasso resigning from his position as Emergency Management Director effective December 31, 2017.

The monthly fire report for October was as follows: Total Alarms: 31 Time in Service: 10hrs 12mins. Total Man Hours: 40 Property Loss: 0 Injuries: 0 Fatalities: 0 Pump Operated: 1hr 30mins Structure Fires: 11 Mutual Aid: 12 Accidents: 7 Hazardous Condition: 4 Non-Structure Fires: 8

PUBLIC SAFETY/BOH

President Beck read May Code Enforcement report as follows: issued 17 building permits, 0 Contractor licenses, 7 C/O's, 2 zoning permits, and numerous BOH and property maintenance violation notices sent out.

President Beck she, on two occasions, saw truck going up/down Chestnut and the police were chasing them.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/NEWSLETTERS

Councilwoman Burgos:

- TK Harkins will be donating food for the food drive/pantry. The pantry will be open to residents only. Dawn Martinez and Marcia Kline will be working with it. Marcia will be secretary and enter all info on one of the Borough computers.
- A discussion took place in regards to storing the food at the Community Center.
- Mayor Zalewski stated that since the Center was being rented that the whole kitchen should be able to be used as long as there is still room for Justice Rescue and the Cheerleaders. Anything old in the cabinets can be gotten rid of.

- She asked Detective Jones to thank the Chief, the nonsense at 4th and Irving has stopped.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

- Councilman Ed McDaniel: Merry Christmas and hoping for a better New Year
- Spoke with John Mullen, he is planning on having the tanks removed from the 9th St. property and will check on zoning changes. He will present to Council.
- Has an interest in DiScala's old property on 9th St.
- Need a change in the auto related Ordinance.

Mike Sheridan spoke about the auto related Ordinance. There are 2 Ordinances which are conflicting. One is a complete prohibition and one is to accept with conditional uses. He suggested to repeal the older Ordinance and keep the Ordinance which will allow the Borough to put conditional use on the situation. A motion would be needed, if Council so chooses, authorization to advertise to repeal the prohibition Ordinance. A motion was made.

HIGHWAY/STREET LIGHTS

Councilman Miley:

- New signs are in and being put up on all streets for no trucks, local deliveries and will place them in the park also.
- The field in the park is being leveled out by Dougherty, he did the parking lot. He has a lot of milling to get rid of if we need to use them anywhere.
- Suggested to have Mark/Joe Possenti look into the property on Townshipline for a building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mark Possenti read the monthly report for December as follows: Total uncollected as of 11/30 is \$82,101.06. Total collected as of 11/30 is \$19,011.44 Total outstanding bills are 150. Need a motion to authorize a transfer in the amount of \$19,011.44 to the General Fund.

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

Mary Magaw: Absent

MONROE ENERGY

Adam Gattuso: Absent

ENGINEER

Eileen Nelson:

Engineer's Report

Attached

- Need a motion to authorize final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Cleaver for the inlet repairs.

SOLICITOR

Mike Sheridan stated:

- Ordinance to be adopted for the 2018 Real Estate Tax rate of 14.75 mils.

- Ordinance #761 Amendments relating to changing Pension laws.
- Bankruptcy Judge dismissed Hinchcliffe suit against the Borough.
- The hearing date against Brandywine Animal control will be January 18th, a defense has been entered.

*Mike Sheridan requested an Executive session.

ORDINANCES

- Motion was made by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt Ordinance 760 2018 Teal Estate Tax Levy at 14.75 mils and seconded by Councilperson McDaniel. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson McDaniel to adopt Ordinance 761 Amendment to Ordinance 625 and 652 Pursuant to Act 51 pertaining to the Police pension law changes and seconded by Councilperson Burgos. No opposition. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- None

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Motion was made by Councilperson Cassidy to authorize the advertisement of the 2018 Re-Organization meeting and seconded by Councilperson Burgos. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Miley to accept the Police Contract for years 2018-2021 and seconded by Councilperson Burgos. Councilperson Cassidy opposed. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson McDaniel to accept the final reading of the 2018 General Budget in the amount of \$2,354,900.00 and seconded by Councilperson Miley. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Miley to authorize tax collection transfer to the General Fund in the amount of \$19,011.44 and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Cassidy to authorize final payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Cleaver for the inlet repairs and seconded by Councilperson McDaniel. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson McDaniel to authorize the advertisement to repeal the prohibition of auto related use Ordinance.
- Motion made by Councilperson Burgos to pay Dawn Martinez in the amount of \$57.20 for supplies for the Food Pantry and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson McDaniel to accept Manny Broomall's estimate of \$9,700.00 to demolish the Borough owned structure at 224 Wilcox St, and seconded by Councilperson Miley. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Cassidy authorizing a pay increase of 3% to Code Officer Charley Remaley for 2018 and seconded by Councilperson McDaniel. No opposition. Motion carried.

OLD COUNCILMANIC BUSINESS

None

NEW COUNCILMANIC BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Dawn Martinez, 12th St. – asked what type of materials millings consisted of.

Kim Sherman, Chestnut St. – Suggested having a Christmas house decorating contest next year.

Chuck Miles, Ridge Rd. – Stated that in regards to traffic signs being posted at park entrances, why there couldn't be a Stop sign on Veteran's Drive.

Kirk Dodson, Anderson St. – Submitted more pictures to Council in regards to traffic on Anderson St. A short discussion took place in regards to truck size and weight Ordinances. Detective Jones took note of what street Kirk lives on.

An Executive session was called at 7:56 pm. Council came out of Executive and resumed the regular meeting at 8:22pm. A motion was called to accept estimate from Manny Broomall to demo the property at 224 Wilcox. A motion was called for to authorize a 3% pay raise for Charley Remaley.

ADJOURNMENT

President Regina Beck called for a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm; Councilperson Cassidy made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson McDaniel seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Orlando
Borough Secretary