

Minutes

Borough of Elizabeth- Regular Meeting of Council

October 27, 2020

Public Hearing for 507 3rd Avenue Demolition

At 6 p.m., prior to the start of the meeting, a public hearing was held for the demolition of 507 3rd Avenue, Lot & Block 1133-L-107. Present for the hearing was President Rager, Mr. Miklos, Mrs. Morris, and Ms. Smrdel. Also present for the hearing were Solicitor DiMascio, Secretary Zang and Police Chief Sombo.

Solicitor DiMascio stated notices of the hearing were sent to Mr. & Mrs. Dobrich at all known addresses and a title search was performed.

President Rager testified as the President of the Elizabeth Borough Fire Department stating the property is a public safety risk and needs to be torn down.

Police Chief Sombo testified the property is a public nuisance and has the threat of vandalism and criminal activity and is a public health risk.

Winona Dobrich, 509 3rd Avenue testified she is the daughter of the property owners and they are deceased. Dobrich stated she kept the property presentable for years and now the roof is caving. Dobrich's brother lived at 507 3rd for several years and now has been deceased for 5 years.

Solicitor DiMascio stated the demolition process would occur after Allegheny County being notified. Adjacent property owners will be notified of the demolition date as long as we are made aware. A 30-day appeal period is required with Allegheny County.

The hearing ended at 6:34 p.m.

Presentation

Larry Ross with the EADC presented an update on the demolition of the Moose Building to Borough Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Call to Order

President Rager called the Regular Meeting of Elizabeth Borough Council to order at 7 p.m. The meeting was held at the Elizabeth Borough Bingo Hall located at 101 N. 1st Street due to COVID-19.

Roll Call

Present for roll call were Ms. Gephart, Mr. Miklos, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Smrdel and President Rager. Also present for the meeting were Solicitor DiMascio, Police Chief Sombo and Secretary Zang. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Guffey, Mr. Shaner and Mayor Boucher.

Visitors

Stephanie Ziacan, Simply You Soap Shop- provided an update on the upcoming Light Up Night. Light Up Night will be held on November 19th.

Josh Gilbert- discussed violation notice he received from Mark Reis for vehicles parked on borough property.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gephart to approve the September 2020 Council Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Ms. Smrdel and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the bill list dated October 24, 2020 in the amount of \$26,741.32. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Reports

Mayor- Mayor Boucher was absent. Chief Sombo provided an update regarding the Police Department. Chief Sombo presented the sample parking meter that was powder coated.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mrs. Morris to pay the invoice in the amount of \$100 for the powder coating of 1 parking meter. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Solicitor- Solicitor DiMascio requested a brief executive immediately after the meeting to discuss pending matters.

Committee Reports

Finance & Budget- Mrs. Morris stated the STMP Grant was submitted; budget meetings have been taking place; and the TAN Loan cannot be applied for until the budget and audit are completed.

Public Safety- Mr. Miklos stated an ad has been placed on the Municibid website to sell the 2014 Ford Explorer that is no longer in service.

Public Works- Mr. Miklos stated 2 soft spots were found in the roadway during the recent paving project. The estimated cost for the additional work is \$70,000 putting the final project over \$200,000 for Bendal and Jacobs Way. It was discussed possibly turning Bendal Way into a single lane.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to approve the change order for the repairs to Bendal Way and Jacobs Way to not exceed \$30,000. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to direct Solicitor DiMascio to prepare an ordinance for Bendal Way to be one way heading west between 8th Street and 6th Street. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Parks & Recreation- President Rager stated he is searching for grant funding for the parks.

Ordinance- Ms. Smrdel finalizing fee schedule and will send to Solicitor DiMascio for review.

Planning- Mrs. Morris welcomed Dana Kress to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIKLOS AND SECONDED BY MRS. MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,000. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIKLOS AND SECONDED BY MS. GEPHART TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH REQUESTING A MULTI-MODEL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED FOR PLUM AND MARKET STREET SIDEWALKS. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the correct pricing for the clothing allowance for Public Works and rugs for the building at \$33 per week, not \$25 per week due to cleaning and taxes. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the repairs to PW Dump Truck not to exceed \$1,700. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was created by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to officially implement the Quality of Life Enforcement. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

GOOD TO THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with an executive session immediately following.