

FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: July 11, 2016

Roll Call:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Pittella Touch	<input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Gore, Mayor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Merkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doreen O'Neil, Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Meals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy George, Esq.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Young	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Touch	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colin Boyer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Rothenberger	

Also Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Ebeling, Public Works Director	
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Stinsky, Police Chief	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Isett & Associates – Ryan Kern	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading Eagle, David Kostival	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patriot _____	

The regular monthly Borough Council Meeting held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113 was called to order at 6:33pm by Borough Council President Suzanne Touch.

Police Department

Chief Stinsky provided Council the police report for June 2016. Officer Focht is now full-time status. Officers are completing summer firearms qualification this week. The Chief will be attending a Fleetwood school board meeting on July 19th to answer questions regarding a school resource officer or a school police officer program in the district. Chief reported that the round-about project at 662 and 222 was awarded to the same contractor who is working on the Fleetwood road construction. When the round-about construction begins, it will be limited to 9pm to 6am for lane closures on 222. Chief reported that he has been submitting hours to PennDOT for the police coverage for the North Franklin Street road construction. He will be submitting June hours tomorrow. Officer Focht has received training in Police bike patrol and will be available along with other officers during the carnival scheduled for the week of July 18th.

Guests: See Attached list.

Barry Isett & Associates (BIA) Update

Ryan Kern reviewed the engineer's report that was submitted to Council on 06-10-16 via email.

MS4 Files

Christine will meet with borough personnel. The deadline for the report is May 2017.

Pool Project

The pool opened on July 2, 2016. Mary Templin identified punch list items and BIA is working with the contractor.

North Richmond Street (between Washington and Arch Streets)

BIA submitted their survey to Arro and will meet with Greg Ebeling in a few months.

Tennis/Basketball Courts (Arch/Green Streets)

BIA has revised the cost for Council. Ralph Touch will be meeting with Larry (BIA).

Grants

Chris Young is waiting for playground bid packages from Brian Smith.

Committee Statuses:

Guests

An inquiry was made regarding a property with very high weeds. The guest had reported the problem to the borough office. Colin Boyer reported that an officer had looked into this. The guest reported that the grass/weeds are better in the front of property, but in the rear of the property (along the alley), the weeds are very high. Chief Stinsky will look at the weed problem in the back of the property tonight or tomorrow and report back to the borough. The guest supplied his phone number to Suzanne Touch, who will have this looked into and report back to the guest.

A guest inquired about the construction occurring on North Franklin Street. He had heard the taxes were being increased to cover the construction. Council stated that all the road construction is being paid for by PennDOT. Part of the construction involves replacement of old water pipes. PennDOT is paying 75% of the water pipe replacement and the borough is paying the other 25% to replace water pipes.

A guest mentioned that he had contacted Adam Yourkawitch regarding the dog problem and was instructed to take pictures. Chief Stinsky instructed the guest to call police the next time the dog is out running around in other resident's yards.

Committee Statuses: (continued)

A guest inquired if the Fleetwood Community Forum newsletter could contain the school athletic schedule. Suzanne will check with Matt Diehl. This may not be possible due to the time of when the newsletter items need to be sent to publisher and when the athletic schedules are determined.

Pool

BIA Engineer will need to write up specs for the next set of renovations so they can be submitted for bids. Everything will be submitted for grants for DCBR, estimate of cost for borough approximately \$30,000 with upgrades to bathhouses and concession stand. The renovations to be handicap accessible need to be completed by December 2017. Since the pool has opened, Mary has reported that everything is going well.

Parking Ordinance

The most recent versions of the ordinance need to be given to Bobby Weidner to make sure his revisions are included in the draft.

At the next workshop meeting (July 25th), will propose to adopt parking ordinance and advertise. Greg Ebeling will check with PennDOT on 07-12-16 if ok to have parking ordinance advertised for Aug 8th borough meeting, if not a special meeting will be scheduled. PennDOT will not put up any posts or No Parking Signs along the road construction sites, until we have an approved ordinance. The parking ordinance will not be enforced until construction for North Franklin, South Richmond and East/West Main streets is completed.

Red and Green will be used to define parking ordinance on various streets. The parking ordinance would also contain a new section regarding RVs being allowed to be parked in a 'green' zone for 14 days.

Tennis/Basketball Courts (Arch/Green Streets)

Ralph Touch will be meeting with Larry (BIA) to discuss going with the economic plan which involves having the entrance/exit from the parking lot be from the alley side due to the underground tanks along Green Street.

Park

It was reported that the basketball courts in the Park were repaved and lined. The Locust Street basketball court was updated to have lights.

Chris mentioned that the pond in the park has a major issue with algae. Chris noted that Barry Hawkins from the Fleetwood Fish and Game Association has taken a personal interest in trying to keep the pond up to par.

Streets/Highway:

North Franklin Street Construction Project

Brandon (PennDOT) has a meeting with borough officials later this week regarding the construction project and schedule. The North Franklin Street project is behind schedule with mid-October as an estimated completion time.

The next phase of road construction was to be West Main Street, but due to the fact that North Franklin street construction has taken longer then expected, PennDOT may decide to start working on the South Richmond Street construction from October to Summer 2017, because there is more they can do through the winter months on this section of the road. The West Main Street project will still be done, but timing for this is unknown.

Pete Merkel will compile a letter to update the residents and businesses affected by the construction as to PennDOT's schedule. Pete will send a copy of this to Chris Young and John Rothenberger to review and then a copy will be sent to Suzanne Touch.

New Street Lights for Area of Road Construction

Chris reported that Met-Ed will not put any wires to decorative light poles. We would need to keep the existing Cobra style lights and add the decorative lights. As of today, the idea of the decorative lights will be tabled and the borough will continue to use the Cobra style lights for the road construction areas.

Street Paving

Greg Ebeling and Jim Meals will meet on Wed, July 13th to work on schedules for street sealant/paving. Jim will review with Bobby Weidner as to what signs need to be updated. Jim mentioned that the State is making it mandatory to replace all 3-way, 4-way signs to be 'All Way' signs.

Greg and Pete discussed that East Vine street to North Franklin street will need a new larger sewer line and water lines. July 19th there is a meeting with the Sewer Authority to get the ball rolling on this construction.

North Richmond street construction between Arch and Washington streets cannot be done until probably next year due to the other road construction projects occurring within the borough. Black top plants close in October.

Redevelopment:

Pedestrian Walkway (Main Street)

The walkway is open. Tammy Gore and Pete Merkel will arrange a ribbon cutting ceremony with Descoco, Olsen (designers) and the Patriot. Eventually there will be scheduled events held in this area. The Fleetwood Rec Board will work on this for next year.

Finance:

Workshop Meeting (July 25th)

This meeting will be used to work on the budget, not capital. Chris will email budget to everyone. Jim will provide everyone with an update of the capital budget. The Parking Ordinance will also be reviewed at this meeting.

Motion to approve payment of monthly bills as submitted and reviewed by Finance.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Pete Merkel

X Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Other:

Non-Uniform

Chris mentioned that the non-uniform plan has a glitch. The plan will be ready by the July 25th workshop for approval.

Notification of Events

Jim Meals inquired if the Fleetwood Police need to be notified of events occurring in the borough. It was stated that the borough office does not need to know, but the organizations should notify police as a courtesy to them. Jim said there is a baseball tournament occurring in Lyons, but they will be using the Fleetwood Little League field.

Water Bill Letter Insert

Suzanne asked Council members to provide items of upcoming borough events, etc. for her to include in the letter that is part of the water bill mailings. Chris will provide information regarding Fleetwood Rec Board Homecoming events. Suzanne will include information on how/when people should contact the Fleetwood Police when holding events within the borough.

Water Bills

Pete Merkel and John Rothenberger are compiling a letter regarding how water bills will be handled for landlords. Pete will send a copy of this Chris Young to review and then a copy will be sent to Suzanne Touch.

Line of Credit

A letter was received today in the borough office regarding another 30 day extension for line of credit for road construction project. Pete Merkel will talk to Janice and Kap. The letter needs a signature to keep it in play for another 30 days.

FM Brown's

It was mentioned that the retail store has closed due to OSHA regulations. The Weaver's farm across from the Burkholder farm on Fleetwood-Lyons road will be selling the items previous sold in FM Brown's retail store.

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13th borough council meeting.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Chris Young

Motion Carried Motion Failed

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:44pm.

Made by: John Rothenberger Seconded by: Jim Meals

Motion Carried Motion Failed

Submitted by:

Doreen O'Neil, Borough Secretary