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STRASBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2017
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Mike Chiodo Ray Garraffa
 Bruce Ryder Jim Rice
 Bob Bennethum David Dunn

Authority Members Present: Harold Wiker Ray Reeder
 Ken Johnson Ray Garraffa

Others Present:

 Lisa M. Boyd, Borough Manager Ann Marie Steele, Lancaster Newspapers
 F. Steven Echternach, Chief of Police Jeremy Curtis
 Chris Brewer, Dinsmore Jamie Schlesinger, PFM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Council President Mike Chiodo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the salute to the flag. President Chiodo announced that the meeting is being audiotaped and maintained until the minutes are approved. The Borough Manager took the roll call.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD: None.

SEWER PROJECT BOND ISSUE – REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ENACTMENT OF DEBT ORDINANCE 2017-1 – JAMIE SCHLESINGER & CHRISTOPHER BREWER:

Mike Chiodo stated that the financial advisor, Jamie Schlesinger of PFM and Chris Brewer from Dinsmore were in attendance and reviewed the sewer project bond issue details and paperwork. The Borough Manager stated that the bond ordinance was advertised as required and available for public inspection. Mr. Schlesinger stated that the Ordinance allows a borrowing of \$3.15 million but the actual borrowing will be less than that, probably in the \$2.6 million range. The range is for the flexibility to allow the financial advisors to structure the debt in a form that will be approved by the state to not exceed a maximum annual debt service. This sewer project bond issue is for a 30-year bond. Mr. Brewer reviewed the documents and stated that they will issue the bond when the market is good. After costs, the net profit from the bond issue for the sewer project will be approximately \$2.6 million.

Mr. Brewer announced that if approved by Borough Council, the Borough Authority will need to adopt a Debt Resolution to complete the bond issue.

Bruce Ryder made a motion, seconded by Jim Rice and passed unanimously to enact Debt Ordinance #2017-1 in order to do a bond issue for the Authority's sewer project.

It was the consensus of Council to take a brief recess in the meeting to allow the Authority to take action regarding the bond issue.

BREAK IN AGENDA – SEWER PROJECT BOND ISSUE – STRASBURG BOROUGH AUTHORITY REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF DEBT RESOLUTION 2017-1:

Harold Wiker, Chairman of the Strasburg Borough Authority, called the special meeting to order.

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It was noted that the Borough Solicitor did review and complete the required public meeting notice.

Harold Wiker stated the reasons this project are necessary include 1) the system is 45 years old and currently takes on a lot of infiltration, 2) we pay for the stormwater that gets into the sewer system and 3) the City of Lancaster is looking to tighten the regulations regarding infiltration. Mr. Wiker stated that approximately 80% of the sewer lines are proposed to be relined and the approximate 20% of the lines that are not being relined are low flow pipes on Borough-owned back streets. He also stated that they believed now is the time to make these improvements since the interest rates are low and before construction costs increase.

Harold Wiker made a motion, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to adopt the Strasburg Borough Authority Debt Resolution 2017-1.

Chairman Harold Wiker adjourned the Strasburg Borough Authority meeting.

The regular Strasburg Borough Council meeting was reconvened.

BOROUGH COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY TO SIGN PAPERWORK AT THIS TIME:

The appropriate Borough Council and Authority members signed the paperwork to complete the authorization for the sewer project bond issue.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2016: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting as printed.

REPORTS:

MAYOR – Mayor Miller stated that he was asked by a citizen if there was anything that could be done regarding a neighbor who never removes their trash can from along the roadway. The Borough Manager stated that similar matters have been handled in the past by a phone call and offered to contact the property owner.

PRESIDENT – President Chiodo asked about the replacement street signs in town. The Borough Manager stated that they are being replaced throughout the borough in annual phases.

MANAGER – The Borough Manager provided her written report dated January 6, 2017.

POLICE – The Police Department's report for December 2016 was received and accepted. Chief Echternach stated that an annual year-end report will be provided at the February 2017 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – The Public Works report for December 2016 was received and accepted.

ZONING OFFICER – The Zoning Officer's report for December 2016 was received and accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Jim Rice and passed unanimously to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$63,863.69.

Mike Chiodo stated that the HARB had a special meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 and the applicant for the project at 19/21 South Decatur Street requested his application be tabled.

Jim Rice made a motion, seconded by Bob Bennethum and passed unanimously to approve the following Historical Architectural Review Board Certificates of Appropriateness for 144 East Main Street, 37 East Main Street, 215 Miller Street and 106 East Main Street.

Ray Garraffa made a motion, seconded by Dave Dunn and passed unanimously to appoint Will Mullin to the Borough Authority for a 5-year term until December 31, 2021.

Mike Chiodo stated that for the vacancy on HARB, Lori Troiano (who lives on West Main Street) and Robert Maller (who lives on East Main Street) have submitted their information to be considered for appointment to this position. Bruce Ryder noted that both applicants are equally qualified and that the existing board has three members each who live on East Main Street and Miller Street and there are no current members who live on West Main Street. Bruce Ryder made a motion, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to appoint Lori Troiano to the HARB for a 5-year term until December 31, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA LEASE/LAMPETER-

STRASBURG BRANCH: Mike Chiodo stated that background information was provided by Will Hutchinson regarding the YMCA Committee meeting. Mike Chiodo stated that the changes that were desired by the Borough have been included in the amendment. The Borough Manager stated that this amendment was approved by Strasburg Township last evening and the Lampeter-Strasburg School District still needs to vote on the amendment. The Borough Manager stated she did talk to Jeff Mills, a Strasburg Borough resident who also sits on the Lampeter-Strasburg School Board, and he had the following things to say about the YMCA: it provides free swimming lessons to every Lampeter-Strasburg second grade student which could help save a life, it is about community and not just a “gym and swim”, a sliding payscale is used to encourage membership and provides membership scholarships which can help keep at-risk children out of trouble, the Lampeter-Strasburg swim team practices and holds their meets at the YMCA without any cost to the school, and it is the heart of the Lampeter-Strasburg community. Ray Garraffa stated that he believed another factor that impacted the YMCA was the other facilities that opened up in the area. Bruce Ryder stated that he was in support of changing the number of members on the board because there is still the same percentage of municipal representation and agrees that there may be some management issues. Bob Bennethum stated that he believed the YMCA should make other cost-cutting measures before eliminating the 10% reduction for L-S residents and stated that this proposed motion gives the YMCA the ability to raise the rates the full 10% automatically without phasing it in as verbally agreed. The Borough

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Manager stated that the motion does include the wording to phase out the discount and is consistent with the motion approved by Strasburg and West Lampeter Townships.

Ray Garraffa made a motion, seconded by Jim Rice to approve the amendments which are a modification of the board requirement to change the membership number of the board from 15 to a range of 10-24 members to include at least one representative from Strasburg Borough and starting on January 1, 2017 to begin to discontinue the 10% discount for Lampeter-Strasburg residents with phasing it over several years as also recommended by Will Hutchinson (Borough Council's appointed representative). Motion carried with members Chiodo, Garraffa, Ryder, Rice and Dunn casting assenting votes. Member Bennethum cast a dissenting vote.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Jeremy Curtis, who lives at 36 Denlinger Avenue, was in attendance and stated that in the past eight months, he has had his vehicle hit two times by hit-and-run drivers (one time his vehicle was totaled). He commended the Police Department for their responsiveness and asked if the Borough could consider installing speed tables on Denlinger Avenue to deter fast driving. It was the consensus to refer this matter to the Safety Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Jim Rice and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Boyd
Borough Manager