

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019**

Present: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Councilor Barbara Newsuan and Mayor John D. Long.

Announcement: There was an Executive Session on May 28, 2019 regarding personnel matter and a meeting was held prior to the start of this meeting from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

Swearing in of Council Member: Mayor John D. Long swore in William Turner to the unexpired term on Council.

Citizens Comments on Agenda Items: None

Re-Organization: Councilor Sylvia Washington made a motion to re-organize the seat of Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Councilor Barbara Newsuan.

Ayes: Council Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Renee Carey, Barbara Newsuan.

Abstain: William Turner

Councilor Sylvia Washington nominated Councilor Barbara Newsuan for Vice President. Nominations were closed. Ayes: Council Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Renee Carey, Barbara Newsuan. Abstain: William Turner

Approval of Minutes: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes: Council Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Renee Carey, Barbara Newsuan. Abstain: William Turner

Note for the record that there was no meeting held on May 28, 2019.

Approval of Bills: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve payment of the pre-paid bills. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to approve the Treasurer's Report reflecting the following balances: General Fund: \$823,568.69; Sewer Fund: \$1,008,396.48; Highway Fund: \$149,843.78. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Chester County DCD Street Light Grant: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to award the bid for replacement of street lights to Greg A. Vietri in the amount of \$295,458.80. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Electronic Speed Device: A motion was received from Councilor Montez Jones to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of South Coatesville and the Borough of Modena for the use of South Coatesville's electronic speed devices. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

Note: Chief Pierce reviewed the MOU during the meeting and had no objections to it being issued.

Relining the Chlorine Contact Tank: A motion was received Councilor Barbara Newsuan to accept the lowest responsible bidder AFN to reline the Chlorine Contact Tanks for \$65,500. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes: Council Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Renee Carey, Barbara Newsuan. Abstain: William Turner

Repairs of Air Lines WWTP: Tabled.

Rental of Computer for Police Dept.: A motion was made by Councilor to continue to rent a computer from Skyview Tech at a rate of \$25.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

PW Mower: Acting PW Foreman, Chris Corle reported that the X-Mark mower is not working. He got an estimate to repair the cam for \$600.00, however, the shop cannot guarantee that there is not more wrong with the mower and they will not truly know until the mower is torn apart. He requested that Council give a not to exceed figure so that he can approve the repair if it will cost slightly more than the estimate. If the repair is more than the not to exceed figure he will come back to Council with the details. A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to authorize the repair of the mower not to exceed \$1000.00. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

Borough Council/Staff Decorum and Norms: Councilor Kenneth Bond read a memo giving guidance on the appropriate way in which Council, Staff and Citizens should address each other. He requested the item be entered into the record. Mayor Long also recommended that a set of by-laws be created. A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond that the memo and process be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Michaels Lease: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to accept the changes to the Michels lease as recommended by the Borough Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

Reports:

Police Department: Chief Pierce stated he reviewed the MOU for Modena Borough utilize the speed device and he has no concerns or objections. The month of May was a relatively quiet month. There was a fire at a house on Lower Gap Rd. Officer Lyndsay Taylor is doing a good job. Donna Polacek will be leaving her part-time position with the department and the Chief requested to fill the position. A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to hire a part-time Admin. Assistant for the police department not to exceed 20 hrs. per week. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Camp Cadet: Chief Pierce asked Council for authorization to participate in Camp Cadet as part of his regular duties. A motion was received from Councilor Montez Jones to authorize Chief Pierce to participate in Camp Cadet as part of his regular duties. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Public Works: Acting Foreman Chris Corle discussed routine operations and added that the F350 has a recall notice. He would like to put the vehicle in the shop to address the recall, but will be without a truck when the F350 is in the shop because the F550 still needs work done on the brakes. A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to approve having the brakes repaired on the F550 not to exceed \$1000.00.

Post Roads that need paving on Penn Bid: Councilor Kenneth Bond presented a list of roads that need paving and requested action on the list. A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to post roads on PennBid in order to have them repaired. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Public Works Employee Hourly Rate: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to increase the hourly rate for Terron Goins from \$12.00 to \$14.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Citizens Comments

Moses Bryant: 102 Gibbons Ave, Mr. Bryant expressed that he has been in touch with Action News to express his dissatisfaction with Council and their disagreements. He said the lights are too high from the ground at the Y intersection and he would like to see something done.

Rev. Charles Harris: Penn Ave., Rev. Harris asked if a permit was needed for yard sales? He also wanted to know if there was an Ordinance that allowed or disallowed chickens in a residential area? In addition he expressed concern about motor cycles and the safety of children as they are playing in the area.

Trish Milanese: Overhill Rd., Mrs. Milanese expressed her feelings regarding the finances of the Borough and the past due bill for Garnet Terrace. She stated that the citizens need to know about how the decisions of Council are impacting the repairs of Overhill Rd. She stated there should be a deadline for making the repairs to Overhill Rd.

Council Comments

Mayor John D. Long – Mayor Long recommends all members read the PA Borough Code. He requested the code related to cutting grass be distributed to all Council members. He also gave notice to Council that he intends to perform Marriage Ceremonies and asked if they had any questions or concerns.

Councilor Kenneth Bond – Councilor Bond stated he believes Mr. Bryant should receive a commendation for the work he does keeping the streets clean on South First Avenue.

Councilor Sylvia Washington – Councilor Washington asked when the bids are posted that the solicitation include the paved area at the WWTP.

Council VP Barbara Newsuan – Councilor Newsuan stated she attended the Elected Officials Boot Camp in Harrisburg and shared that she learns something new each time she attends. This year they talked about reviewing your code to ensure that there are no conflicts with your codes. There was brief discussion about having a future agenda item to ensure that the code was reviewed and updated since the last update was nearly 20 years ago.

Councilor William Turner - Councilor Turner – since he was not part of the executive session he was blind as it relates to some of the issues discussed. He can however, say that he lives at SouthView and was at their last HOA meeting. The view of some of the residents is that the Council is holding up the road being paved. He understands that there are guidelines in place that must be honored, but he also feels in some respects the primary view of the residents has some validity. Council's actions have a cascading effect on the residents and the developer finishing the road. Council has to find a way to work with the developer.

Councilor Montez Jones – No Comments

Council President Renee Carey – Councilor Carey will be attending the COG meeting. Modena Borough is working on their Preservation Plan with Sheila Fleming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council