

Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019

Present: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Cherie Hinson (Via Phone) Council President Renee Carey, Council VP Craig Morris, Councilor Barbara Newsuan and Mayor John D. Long.

Prayer: Mayor John D. Long led the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Announcement: Council President Renee Carey announced that an Executive Session was held at 6:30 pm prior to the start of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Citizens Comments on agenda items: None

Businesses to address Council: Beth Uhler with Cedarville Engineering Group was present to provide Council with updates on three projects: Re-lining the Chlorine Contact Tank, MS4 and Upper Gap Road Phase I. After receiving an update related to the grant for Re-lining the Chlorine Contact Tank a motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to authorize Cedarville Engineering to put project SCB-18-402P (Relining the Chlorine Contact Tank at the South Coatesville Waste Water Treatment Plant) The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

MS4 Program – Mrs. Uhler gave an overview of the requirements of the MS4 and highlighted that although South Coatesville (and other municipalities) is required to comply with the program it is an unfunded mandate. Meaning no funding is received from the federal or state government to assist with meeting the requirements for the program. There was also discussion about imposing a “rain tax” and what would be required to come up with an appropriate fee per parcel. A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to accept the proposal from Cedarville Engineering for the scope of work proposed for 2019, not to exceed 35 thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Upper Gap Rd. Phase I – Cedarville has nearly completed the environmental site assessment for 2230 – 2240 Upper Gap Rd. The site was formerly a landfill which was authorized by DEP. They have completed interviews with Borough representatives. They recommend that the Borough do further studies to determine exactly how the landfill was closed, how much soil was used to cap the landfill, and to also determine the foot print of the landfill. These factors are important if the land is to be developed in the future because the ground would need to be solid enough to support the weight of a structure. If the area were used as recreation the depth of the top soil would be important to know because there is the possibility of glass or other sharp objects within the landfill.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to approve the minutes from November 27, 2018, December 10, 2018, December 18, 2018, December 26, 2018 and January 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Unfinished Business

Municipal List - Tabled

Candidates for Council: There are three residents desiring to be considered for Council, they are Moses Bryant, Montez O. Jones and Kenneth A. King. A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to appoint Montez O. Jones to the unexpired term on Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Contract Required Clothing for Public Works Department: A motion was received from Councilor Barbara Newsuan to purchase the contract required clothing for the public works department. The motion was seconded by Council VP Craig Morris. Ayes All.

2019 – 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Agreement: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve participation in the Household Hazardous Waste program for 2019 – 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

Planning Commission – There was brief discussion regarding the need for additional members for the South Coatesville Planning Commission.

LTL Forms – Tabled

Citizens Comments: None

Council Comments

Councilor Kenneth Bond – No Comments

Councilor Sylvia Washington – Councilor Washington inquired if the Borough has received the deed to the former Kozacheson Property.

Council VP Craig Morris – Councilor Morris asked Council to consider reducing the number of Council members from seven (7) to five (5). He expressed his belief that five would be a more efficient number. If undertaken, the process to reduce the number of members would take four (4) years to complete.

Councilor Barbara Newsuan – Councilor Newsuan expressed that the fee schedule for South Coatesville needs to be updated.

Mayor John D. Long - Mayor Long inquired how things were going in the public works department? He advised that the Coatesville Charter School of Initiative was meeting with the Coatesville School Board again on January 28th at the 9 – 10 Center. Mayor Long reported that the 18 inch culvert on Overhill Road was completely blocked, and the 36 inch culvert is still open.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council