

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019**

Present: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Cherie Hinson (via telephone), Sylvia Washington, Council President Renee Carey, Council Vice President Craig Morris and Councilor Barbara Newsuan

Prayer: Prayer was led by Councilor Barbara Newsuan

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of Thomas Mitchell: Chief Pierce will send Mr. Mitchell a letter of commendation for his exemplary efforts assisting stranded drivers on South First Avenue during the November snow storm.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's report: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to accept the Treasurer's Report reflecting the following balances: General Fund \$626,167.75; Sewer Fund \$909,478.96; Highway Fund \$102,079.08. The motion was seconded by Council VP Craig Morris. Ayes All. It was noted for the record that the sum of \$9699.28 was reimbursed to the Highway Fund from the General Fund per the Liquid Fuels audit finding. The Secretary/Treasurer will follow up with Cedarville Engineering regarding the findings since the payment were distributed based on recommendation of the Engineer coordinating the road work.

Approval of Bills: A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to approve payment of the General and Sewer Fund bills. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Unfinished Business:

Southview Development: A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to follow the recommendation of the solicitor found in the December 4, 2018 memo where they recommend that Council withhold / deny further permits for the development other than permits for public improvements. Declare Southview in default of the 2017 agreement and provide official notice to Southview of the Boroughs intent to draw down on all the remaining financial security. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All

Resignation of Gloria Long: A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to accept the resignation of Councilor Gloria Long. The motion was seconded by Councilor Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

New business

Tax Rate Ordinance: A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to approve the tax rate ordinance setting the 2019 tax rate at 7.6%. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

DCNR PEER Grant Resolution: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve the resolution for the submission of the Multi Municipal PEER Grant application. South Coatesville has been

asked to be the lead municipality in the process. The motion was seconded by Council VP Craig Morris. Ayes All.

PSAB Website Services: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to utilize the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs website design and maintenance services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Reports

Police Department: Chief Kevin Pierce referred to his prepared report and stated that December was a relatively quiet month. He gave an update on a homicide case that county detectives have closed because the case went cold. South Coatesville will keep the case open as a cold case. He updated Council that Donna Polachek has submitted her resignation because of being offered more hours at her other job but was willing to continue to work in South Coatesville 1 to 2 days per week. There was discussion about Officer Gober getting the rank of Sargent, but that item has been tabled for the time being. He further discussed giving a letter of commendation to Officer Duncan Smith. He requested to move forward with the purchase of the body cameras.

Donna Polachek

A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to accept the resignation of Donna Polachek and to re-hire her to work no more than two days per week effective January 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All

Body Cameras

A motion was received from Council VP Craig Morris to approve the purchase of three body cameras. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Public Works Department: Jason Chairs Public Works Foreman reported that grass maintenance equipment needs to be serviced. He also stated that the trailer used to haul the summer and winter equipment needed to be inspected, but he did not have any estimates for the work. There was brief discussion regarding signs with Councilor Sylvia Washington she expressed her willingness to work with the committee chairperson in order to have the signs installed according to the recommended placement per PennDot.

Citizens Comments

Moses Bryant: Mr. Bryant expressed concern about speeding on South First Avenue. He stated there is a lot to be done in the Borough.

Scott Stone - 117 Lukens Mill Drive – Mr. Stone questioned the trash rate had it risen? He also had questions about trash fees and what the rate of compliance was since implementation of the collection process.

Council Comments

Councilor Sylvia Washington - No Comments

Councilor Barbara Newsuan - No Comments

Council VP Craig Morris - No Comments

Councilor Kenneth Bond - Councilor Bond welcomed Chris Corle back to the public works department. He also said the charger has had the decals removed and can be placed on municibid.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council