

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019**

Present: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council VP Craig Morris, Council President Renee Carey (via Telephone) Councilor Barbara Newsuan and Mayor John D. Long Jr.

Prayer: Prayer was led by Council VP Craig Morris.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: Council VP Craig Morris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Announcement Executive Session: Council VP Craig Morris announced that an executive session was held on May 2, 2019 to discuss personnel matters.

Swearing In: Mayor John D. Long Jr. swore in Police Officer candidate Lyndsay Taylor. A letter from Council President Renee Carey welcoming Ms. Taylor to the department was read aloud.

Vacancy Board: The Vacancy Board was convened so that the vacancy created by the resignation of Cheryl (Cherie) Hinson could be filled. Two candidates were presented by the Chairwoman of the Vacancy Board Nakea Morris to be considered for the seat; Patricia (Trish) Milanese and William Turner. Prior to nominations being made, Mrs. Milanese withdrew her name from consideration. Councilor Sylvia Washington nominated William Turner for Council. Councilor Kenneth Bond seconded the motion. Ayes All.

Citizens Comments on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes: Councilors: Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council VP Craig Morris, Council President Renee Carey. Abstained: Councilor Barbara Newsuan

Treasurer's Report: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to accept the Treasurer's Report reflecting the following balances: General Fund: \$819,313.06; Sewer Fund: 978,945.86; and Highway Fund: \$149,767.44. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Approval of Bills: A motion was received from Council President Renee Carey to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Unfinished Business

Food Trucks and Food Vendors: There was lengthy discussion regarding the application process and specifically with regard to special events, weekly and monthly licenses. The solicitor will revise the language and update Council.

Landscapes 3 Resolution: A motion was received from Councilor Barbara Newsuan to approve Resolution 2019-01 endorsing the Chester County Comprehensive Plan Landscapes 3. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All.

Public Hearing regarding Amending the Use Regulations within the R-1 Residential Zoning District for Agricultural Operations: The Public Hearing was opened for public comment at 7:47 pm Mr. Randall Turner 602 S1st Ave. Mr. Turner questioned the parameters of what tax breaks which can be received by farmers. He also inquired regarding the amount of acreage would be required to be considered a farm. With no additional comments from the audience Council VP Craig Morris called for a motion. A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve Ordinance 2019-02 amending the use regulations for the R1 Residential Zoning District for Agricultural Operations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All. The public hearing concluded at 7:58 pm.

Personnel Action: A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to terminate the employment of the public works foreman effective May 3, 2019 and to advertise for a new public works foreman. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Update regarding Community Day: Councilor Barbara Newsuan made a recommendation that the date for the Community Day celebration be changed to the third Saturday in September and the name be changed to Fall Fest.

Overhill Rd Paving: There was lengthy discussion about the lack of progress the developer of the Southview townhomes was making with completing the paving on Overhill Road and other items where he has fallen short on his contractual agreements. There was discussion about the Borough drawing down on the escrow and completing some of the work, however, the solicitor reminded Council of the memo distributed previously where he outlined the difficulties and risks associated with drawing down on the escrow. Council asked the solicitor to send another letter to Mr. McLaughlin. The solicitor will again include the ramifications of those actions in their memo prior to the next meeting. Council President Renee Carey asked that she be present the next time there is a meeting with the Developer as well as a member of the public works committee be present.

PSAB Conference: Borough Manager Ramsey Reiner requested to attend one day of the PSAB leadership conference on June 9, 2019. A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve Ms. Reiner's attendance at the conference. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes all.

A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve Councilors Renee Carey, Barbara Newsuan attending the Sunday Session of the Conference. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

New Business – Tabled

Reports

Police Report – Chief Pierce reported that the department had 3 DUI arrests, 2 burglaries one of which was witnessed by an officer who promptly made an arrest. Modena Borough was again requesting to borrow the speed signs for two weeks for a traffic study. A letter was requested from Modena Borough. A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to approve Modena Borough borrowing South

Coatesville's speed signs for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Barbara Newsuan and Council VP Craig Morris. Opposed: Council President Renee Carey.

Chief Pierce asked Council to come up with a plan to address stray dogs. LaMoncha will not pick them up and there will be ongoing issues until a solution is found. He stated he understands that the SPCA fees are high. Council asked the manager to do some research on the matter. The Police dispatch computer is not functioning properly and she provided a quote from Skyview Tech to replace the computer for a cost of \$1608.35. A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to approve the purchase of a computer at a cost of \$1608.35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Walter Teel Sr. – 662 S. First Ave Mr. Teel questioned the additional fee charged for taking the recyclables to the alternate location. He also had questions about the amount of the deposit required of Food Vendors and Non-Permanent Restaurants.

Mr. Lee Teel – Oak St., Coatesville – Mr. Lee Teel had questions about what the fee is for a food vendor and when it became effective. He stated he applied for his permit on April 1st and was told there was no approved fee. He turned in all his information two weeks ago and has not heard anything. The solicitor replied that the fee was approved at the last meeting and the only items that still need to be addressed is the special event, weekly, monthly fees. Mr. Teel also inquired about receiving copies of the minutes from the April 23rd meeting. He was advised to complete a Right to know form.

Moses Bryant – 102 Gibbons Ave – Mr. Bryant stated that a house without a toilet is not a house. He does not want an establishment without a toilet. We need parking in the area. He is going to contact Action News. He only sees people when they want your vote. He feels the Chief of police needs more help.

Scott Stone – 117 Lukens Mill Drive – Mr. Stone inquired if someone could fill in the pot holes on the upper portion of Overhill Rd. He inquired about shutting the road down or making it one lane until the repairs are complete.

Milton Baxter Jr. – 146 Overhill Rd – Mr. Baxter feels the curbing is not installed correctly. He inquired if the developer can be required to take out the improvements and reinstall them. Mr. Baxter was advised the curb was installed to specs that were approved.

Council Comments

Mayor John D. Long Jr – Mayor Long stated that he would like to attend the Mayors convention in June and to have the associated dues paid. A motion was received from Councilor Barbara Newsuan to pay the dues for the Mayors association and to approve Mayor Long attending the convention. The motion was seconded by Council President Renee Carey. Ayes all.

Councilor Barbara Newsuan – No Comments

Councilor Kenneth Bond – No Comments

Councilor Montez Jones – No Comments

Council President Renee Carey – Silent

Council VP Craig Morris – No Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council