

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2109**

Present: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Council Vice President Barbara Newsuan, Councilor Craig Morris and Mayor John D. Long. **Absent:** Councilor William Turner.

Prayer: Prayer was led by Mayor John D. Long

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Announcement: Council President Renee Carey announced that an executive session was held at 6:00 pm prior to the start of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to accept the Treasurer's Report reflecting the following balanced: General Fund: \$701,020.85; Sewer Fund: \$1,033,489.86; Highway Fund: \$149,994.10. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

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

Overhill Road Escrow Releases (2): Release 1: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve escrow release #14 for Phase 2 of the Southview Development in the amount of \$9658.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All. **Release 2:** A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve escrow release # 17 for Phase 1 of the Southview Development in the amount of \$21,990.00. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes All.

Hire Admin. Assistant Police Department: A motion was received from Councilor Kenneth Bond to approve the hire of Ryan Wickersham as Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Fall Fest Cancellation: A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to cancel Fall Fest / Community Day for 2019 due to a scheduling conflict. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kenneth Bond. Ayes All. There was additional discussion about having a movie night in Phillips Park as an alternative to Fall Fest.

Ecovanta E-waste Agreement: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve utilizing Econvanta for E-waste disposal. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All. The e-waste program will start with TV sets first.

Vehicle for Police Department: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to authorize Chief Pierce to get pricing for a police vehicle. The motion was seconded by Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Ayes all.

Community Service: A motion was received from Councilor Montez Jones to move forward with the hold harmless form for community service workers and to bring on the current person seeking to complete community service hours. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Reports

Public Works: Public Works foreman Chris Corle personally thanked (Mohawk) Moses Bryant for his civic mindedness and for sweeping the sidewalks on South First Avenue without being asked. Mr. Corle reported that PennDot will be paving portions of Youngsburg Rd and South First Avenue. He reported that people are vandalizing the property at Valleyview Park. He also reported that there are tell-tale signs of Marijuana use and other evidence of illicit activities at the park.

Police: Chief Pierce distributed his prepared report and added information about department activities. There was discussion about the need for a third vehicle, Council authorized him to get pricing. He advised that Citadel donated a laptop to the police department as a sign of appreciation for the numerous successful investigations the department has completed.

Citizens Comments

Trish Milanese – Overhill Rd - Mrs. Milanese had questions about the paving for Overhill Rd. In addition, she inquired about expenses for legal bills and the percentage of the budget.

Moses Bryant – Gibbons Avenue – Mr. Bryant is going to volunteer to clean the parking lot. He would like to talk with one or two Council members. He complimented the Public Works Foreman.

Marilyn Harris – Penn Avenue – Mrs. Harris inquired about bulk trash collection, she reference a document that stated bulk trash was on a different schedule than has been advised by staff. (She was asked to bring the document to the office). She inquired what was the expected turnaround time for getting a response when placing a codes complaint?

Council Comments

Mayor John D. Long - No Comments

Councilor Sylvia Washington - No Comments

Councilor Montez Jones – Councilor Jones commented that he has been working with Rev. Milton Baxter regarding having a memorial to 9/11 or a Veterans memorial at the intersection of Modena Road and South First Avenue. They will make a formal presentation in the near future.

Council VP Barbara Newsuan - No Comments

Councilor Craig Morris – No Comments

Councilor Kenneth Bond – Councilor Bond provided an update on the PSAB Municipal Legal update session he attended. He shared information about proper meeting conduct. He also asked if Councilors are required to reimburse the Borough if they are registered to attend a workshop and do not attend and do not cancel. He provided updated information regarding public works activity and stated that the proper clothing would be ordered for the department.

Council President Renee Carey – Councilor Carey advised there is a new recycling application, she will provide a copy to the office. There will be an Urban Centers Forum meeting in Phoenixville in late August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council