

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019**

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

Prayer: Councilor Craig Morris let the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

Announcement: Council President Renee Carey announced that an Executive Session was held at 6:00 pm tonight prior to the start of the advertised meeting.

Citizens Comments on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2019 – A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

August 27, 2019 – A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting. The motion as seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Council Vice President Barbara Newsuan, Councilors William Turner and Craig Morris. Abstained: Councilor Sylvia Washington

Treasurer's Report: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to accept the Treasurer's report reflecting the following balances: General Fund: \$701,201.33; Sewer Fund: \$1,062,784.51; Highway Fund: \$150,079.19. The motion was seconded by Councilor Craig Morris. Ayes All.

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

Unfinished Business

Committee Assignment Discussion: There was lengthy discussion regarding Council committee assignments, whether they should be advertised, who has the authority to assign members to committees and whether a Resolution should be passed. Council as a whole agreed to have the committees established, determine the purpose of the committee and when they meet by the October 22, 2019 meeting.

USDA Grant: There was not motion on the item. Chief Pierce has been checking into the process and will continue to investigate.

Road Restoration Lowest Responsible Bidder: A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to accept Dan Malloy Paving Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the 2019 road restoration project

with a bid of \$121,328.60. The motion was seconded by Councilor Craig Morris. Ayes: Councilor Kenneth Bond, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Councilors William Turner and Craig Morris. Opposed: Councilor Sylvia Washington and Council VP Barbara Newsuan.

Vacant Property Registration: Borough Manager Ramsey Reiner will provide copies of sample ordinances to assist with the discussion and implementation of a vacant property registration program.

PennDot recommended sign installation: Signs will be installed per PennDot recommendation starting in October.

Movie Night in Phillips Park: There will be a movie night in Phillips Park on October 18, 2019.

Possible grant submissions: There was discussion about grants that might be submitted this year and into 2020. A PECO Green Region grant will be submitted to assist with the cost of cleaning up the future site of the Kozacheson Park. In addition, there was discussion about submitting a Kaboom grant for Phillips Park.

New Business

Southview Escrow Release: A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve escrow release number 18 for Phase 1 in the amount of \$100,895.20. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council Vice President Barbara Newsuan, Councilors William Turner and Craig Morris. Opposed: Council President Renee Carey.

Advertising Trash Bid: A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve advertising the bid request for trash collection. The motion was seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, William Turner and Craig Morris. Opposed: Councilor Sylvia Washington, Council President Renee Carey, and Council Vice President Barbara Newsuan. Abstained: Councilor Montez Jones. The motion died due to lack of a majority vote.

Act 167 High Tunnel Amendment to Storm Water Ordinance: A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to approve Ordinance 2019-03 amending Chapter 96 of the Borough of South Coatesville Code and establishing a definition and expectation for certain high tunnel facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilor Craig Morris. Ayes All.

Reports:

Police Department: Chief Pierce reviewed his prepared report which was distributed to Council.

Public Works: Public Works foreman Chris Corle reported that PennDot cleared the storm drains on Youngsburg Road that Rev. Garnell Brunson expressed concern about. There is one storm drain that they have to come back and uncover because it has asphalt covering it. The recycle bins were delivered to the borough, a plan for delivering them to the residents is forthcoming.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Harris – Penn Ave – Mrs. Harris requested an update on the complaint she made regarding her neighbors chickens and ducks at 34 and 34 ½ Penn Ave.

Trish Milanese – Overhill Rd – Mrs. Milanese stated that the vacant property fee should be comparable to the trash fee. The attorney fees are over budget and 34 hours were used at a rate of \$250.00 per hour.

Ann Marie Tucci – West Chester Road – Mrs. Tucci inquired about leaf collection, when it would start and the collection process would be free of the issues we had last year?

Moses Bryant – Gibbons Ave – Mr. Bryant stated there is an excess trash problem in the parking lot across from the Bongo. He is going to clean it up himself.

Budget Workshop

The sewer fund budget was distributed for Council to review. In keeping with the recommendation from HRG when they completed the rate study all items on the budget were increased by 3%.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council