

**Borough of South Coatesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2019**

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

**Prayer:** Prayer was led by Mayor John D. Long

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes All.

**Announcement:** Council President Renee Carey announced that there was an executive session held at 6:30 pm prior to the start of tonight's meeting.

**Businesses to address Council:** Michael Fuller of Keystone Lighting Solutions presented the results of the investment grad audit of the street lighting in the Borough. He reported that the final pricing actually came in lower than originally estimated. He explained that the program was a light for light replacement for the Cobra Head lights and there would be limited replacement of decorative lights in select areas of the borough. The lights not included in this project are either on non-dedicated streets, such as, the Southview Development, or are being upgraded through a separate program funded by Chester County DCD. If Council decided to go on to phases 3 and 4 there are rebates from PECO available and Keystone lighting Solutions will apply for the rebates on the borough's behalf as part of the program. The final estimated cost is \$32,287.00.

A motion was received from Councilor Montez Jones to approve Resolution 2019-09 authorizing participation in Phases 3 and 4 of the Regional Street Lighting Procurement Program. The motion was seconded by Councilor Craig Morris. Ayes All.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes all

**Citizens Comments on Agenda Items:** Golden and Carolyn Monroe from 34 ½ Penn Ave. and Christopher Woodward from 34 Penn Ave. addressed Council regarding letters they received requiring them to remove their domestic fowl or face fines and penalties. The Monroe's stated they have an autistic child and the chickens and ducks are the only pets the child can relate to. Mr. Woodward stated he has had his chickens and ducks for six years and wanted to know who complained. Both families were advised to schedule an appointment with the manager to discuss the matter in more detail.

**Unfinished Business**

**1138 and 1140 West Chester Rd Resolution for Land Development:** A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to approve the Resolution and Land Development Plan for 1138 and 1140 West Chester Rd allowing for connection to Pennsylvania American Water Company's waste water line. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

**PA DEP WWTP Grant Change Order:** A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to request approval from PA DEP to allow a change order to paint the raw sewage room at the WWTP at a cost of \$4200.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council VP Barbara Newsuan, Councilors Craig Morris and William Turner. Abstain: Renee Carey

**Trash Bid:** A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to advertise for bids for trash and refuse collection (no recycling) for the Borough of South Coatesville for a three year period, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for up to 525 units. The motion was seconded by Councilor Craig Morris. Ayes All.

**2019 / 2020 Road Restoration:** There was discussion about the timing for the road restoration that was bid in August and when the actual work would begin.

**Kaboom Park Grant:** A motion was received from Councilor Montez Jones to pursue submitting a grant application to Kaboom to upgrade the facilities at Phillips Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes: Councilors Kenneth Bond, Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Council VP Barbara Newsuan. Opposed: Councilor Craig Morris. Abstained: Councilor William Turner.

**Toter Invoice:** A motion was received from Councilor William Turner to approve payment of the invoice for the Toter Recycle containers in the amount of \$28,573.21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Montez Jones. Ayes All.

**Caddick Invoice:** A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve the payment of the invoice for Caddick for line repairs at the WWTP in the amount of \$28,900.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

**EHD Proposal:** Council discussed a proposal received from EHD to provide worker's compensation insurance as an alternative to the coverage provided by State Workers insurance Fund. Council members in general wanted more time to review the proposal and also wanted the agent to come to a meeting to present to the whole body.

### **Citizens Comments**

**Tom Roney** -48 Wood St – Mr. Roney was the spokesperson for a group of residents from the Birch St. Beech St., Wood St. area of the Borough. They had questions regarding the lighting proposal to determine if the neighborhood would be included in the program. They expressed concern about landlords turning over rental properties without the proper inspection. He provided a list of concerns compiled by the group that was distributed to each Council member.

**Ivora Irons** – 31 Parkway Drive – Ms. Irons recounted an incident involving her neighbors playing loud music and individuals parking in the parking spaces designated for her house. She expressed concern about how the officer(s) on duty handled the situations that she has called the police to respond to.

**Moses Bryant** – 102 Gibbons Ave. – Mr. Bryant stated that there is a great Council here but the citizens need to come to the meetings and they need to vote.

**Budget Workshop**

Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2020 for the Sewer Fund. There were concerns expressed about the format and figures on some of the lines within the report. The items will be reviewed and answers given to Council at the next workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan  
Secretary to Council