

***MINUTES OF THE
TOPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Monday April 10, 2017***

Members of the Tipton Borough Council met on Monday April 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Mr. Stauffer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present Mr. Stauffer, Mr. Arndt, Mr. Beck, Ms. Lorah, Mr. Jost, Mr. Wagaman and Mr. Gehman. Borough Secretary Marcus Dolny, Solicitor Ms. London, Mr. Kern (engineer representative) and visitors were also in attendance. Mr. Biltcliff was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Arndt, seconded by Mr. Jost the minutes of March 13, 2017 were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dolny presented to Council the request for donations for upcoming events from Friends of Brandywine Boys Soccer, Brandywine Community Library and Brandywine PTC. At this time council has choose not to take any action on this requests.

Mr. Wagaman made a motion to permit Brandywine High School Girls Soccer to use the pool parking lot to hold their car wash on May 13th. This motion was seconded by Ms. Lorah and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

None – Absent

HEARING OF VISITORS

Magisterial Judge Nominee Steve Chieffo introduced himself to Council and visitors.

Mr. Rauenzahn asked Solicitor London if we received in writing that the Borough does not have to pay additional \$2,000 to become part of the MSR Steering Committee.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor London updated Council that the hearing regarding Longswamp litigation has been moved to June 5th.

Solicitor London also informed Council that the land swap is now awaiting State Legislature approval.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Dolny presented to Council the 2016 Borough of Topton audit. This will be placed on the website for public viewing.

Mr. Dolny updated Council on progress with Norfolk Southern.

Mr. Arndt made a motion based on Mr. Dolny's information to relocate the fire hydrant on Centre Avenue to allow for more parking spaces to be created. Mr. Jost seconded this motion passing unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs Committee – (Mr. Stauffer)

Mr. Stauffer reminded everyone that this year's Street Fair will be on May 20th. The next centennial committee meeting for planning of the Street Fair will be on Monday, April 17th at the Borough Hall. All are welcome as they are still in need of volunteers.

Personnel Committee – (Ms. Lorah)

Ms. Lorah made a motion to hire seasonal staff as presented. Mr. Beck seconded this motion passing unanimously.

Mr. Jost made a motion to rehire Deb Hummel for seasonal ground crew staff at the rate of \$10.75. Ms. Lorah seconded this motion passing unanimously.

Finance Committee – (Mr. Wagaman)

Mr. Wagaman made a motion to pay bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed unanimously.

Property Committee – (Mr. Jost)

Mr. Jost updated Council now that weather is changing maintenance issues are getting fixed.

Parks & Recreation Committee – (Mr. Beck)

Mr. Wagaman made a motion to approve the 2017 Summer Events schedule as presented to council. Ms. Lorah seconded this motion passing unanimously.

Mr. Dolny is also going to obtain more information about a possible Art in the Park event for the summer as well.

Streets Committee – (Mr. Arndt)

There were 2 complaints received regarding a streetlight out on Smith Street. The Borough will get information for this outage and notify Met-Ed.

Ms. Lorah made a motion to authorize Solicitor London to prepare and advertise an ordinance to post all streets in the Borough of Topton besides state roads with 25mph speed zone. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jost and passed 6 to 1 with Mr. Gehman in the negative.

Utility Committee – (Mr. Gehman)

Mr. Gehman made a motion to classify the following properties below as follows for the updated Water & Sewer increase and classification changes. Mr. Jost seconded this motion passing unanimously.

Brandywine Heights Area School District – Commercial

Gross Buses – Commercial

Churches – Residential

Pioneer Grange – Residential

Trailer Parks – Commercial

Larry Hughes (Chiropractor) – Commercial

Engineer's Report

1. Sewage Treatment Plant

On March 20th, Russ received word from Marc Neville at DEP that he will be resuming work on the wastewater treatment evaluation report along with a brief executive summary of what will be in that report. The final report should be available shortly. Mr. Neville did mention that in the near future there may be limits on the effluent that will require nutrient control as well as limits on silt. The new NPDES permit has not yet been issued.

The annual Wasteload Management Report was submitted to DEP on March 24, 2017. Below is a summary of the projected loadings for 2021:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2021 Projection</u>	<u>Plant Rating</u>
Average annual flow	227,000 gpd	
Max. 3 Mo. Avg. Flow	260,000 gpd	300,000 gpd
Avg Organic Loading	541 lbs/day	
Max Mo. Organic. Loading	745 lbs/day	750 lbs/day

During the first three months of 2017, the average daily flow into the plant has averaged 295,000 gallons per day and with the heavy rains last week which resulted in very high flows, it appears that the average flow for April will be higher. Thus far in 2017, the average organic loading has been about 650 lbs/day with the maximum monthly average occurring in March at 686 lbs/day.

Both the water plant and the sewer plant have seen an increase in flows beginning sometime in January and it is not known why. A close look at the most recent water meter readings will hopefully identify the source of the increased flows.

Last month, we meet with Russ and Frank to look at installing a water recycling system which would take water from the dichlorination tank and pump it in a closed loop around the plant which could save as much as 50,000 gpd of drinking water. This would be a savings of about 18,000,000 gallons per year. Bellview Pump Sales & Service provided a quote dated April 3rd to install the water recycling system at a cost of \$37,786. The major components of the system include a 7.5 HP Pump with a variable frequency drive, about 1,000 feet of 3" pipe and 6 yard hydrants with valves. It will be necessary to have this quote revised by adding another yard hydrant and several 3" gate valves. These additions will probably put the cost at slightly over \$40,000.

2. Sanitary Sewer System I & I

On Wednesday, March 29th, the Commonwealth Financing Authority announced projects that were approved for the Small Water and Sewer Grant Program. Topton was awarded a grant in the amount of \$121,566.00 for sanitary sewer pipe lining, pipe replacement and manhole repairs. Inasmuch as the amount requested was \$387,774.08, there is not enough funds to do everything that was included in the grant application; therefore, it will be necessary to reevaluate the scope of the grant project.

During the heavy rains last week, the flow in the sewer system spiked dramatically, Russ was able to go out and examine key manholes during the heavy flows last week and has identified some areas where the flow was very high. Russ was also able to schedule Kline to perform closed circuit television inspection of these lines today. Once the cctv inspections are completed, we can reevaluate the priority for doing sewer rehabilitation.

The video inspections of 35 laterals, where smoke was observed during the smoke testing last year, has been temporarily put on hold until the details of the grant project are worked out.

3. NPDES Permit Renewal

The permit has not yet been issued.

4. Well # 5.

We are still waiting on Mr. Boito of DEP to advise whether Well #5 can be permitted at its location and if so, what conditions will be required in order to obtain a permit. It is still recommended that a planning meeting be held with DEP if it is determined that Well #5 could be permitted and placed back in service.

5. Toad Creek Improvements

Isett along with Marcus and Dean Druckenmiller from the BCCD met for a conference call with the DEP on Friday (4/7/17) regarding their letter on the Toad Creek Improvement wetland permit application. The biggest issues that were discussed was the DEP's requiring a Hydrologic and Hydraulic analysis (HEC-RAS), and the issue of in-channel wetlands. As reported in an e-mail from Dean Druckenmiller today (4/10) the DEP has agreed to forego the HEC-RAS study if the two new bridges are dropped from the plans. The replacement of the existing pedestrian bridge can remain, but plans for that bridge will be required. The wetlands issue can be addressed by supplying Wetland Datasheets for the areas where work is to be performed.

6. Borough Park Master Site Plan

The Master Site Plan has been finalized and the final report is being processed today.

Old Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:11 PM on a motion by Ms. Lorah, seconded by Mr. Jost.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on May 8th, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
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Open Records Officer