

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

Members of the Tipton Borough Council met on Monday June 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wagaman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Gehman, seconded by Mr. Arndt the minutes of June 12, 2017 were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

Mayor's Report

No Report

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mr. Rauenzahn questioned council after reaching out to the local government council in regards to ADA standards being met for handicap ramps in the town square project. Mr. Dolny stated that all ramps are designed to meet ADA standards where feasible and being inspected as we go.

MS4 Presentation – Included for record with the minutes

The presentation was given by Christine Mildner of Barry Isett.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor London requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation. She also informed council that the land swamp of Act 70 property was awaiting house approval.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Dolny informed the Borough that along with BYBA the ESSA Foundation awarded \$10,000 towards the new T-ball Field as part of Project P.R.O.

Mr. Dolny would be meeting with Jaime Schlesinger from PFM this Wednesday regarding financing for the sewer project.

Town Square is still on schedule for completion by August 11, 2017

The Town Square Electronics Recycling Event was a success.

Reminder that tomorrow July 11th would be our annual senior day in the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs Committee – (Mr. Stauffer)

Mr. Wagaman said he had received many compliments regarding the fireworks and they were well received.

Personnel Committee – (Ms. Lorah)

No Report

Finance Committee – (Mr. Wagaman)

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

Property Committee – (Mr. Jost)

Update was given that the office and engineer will begin working on the shed at the WTP.

Parks & Recreation Committee – (Mr. Beck)

YMCA Program and pool having another good summer to date.

Streets Committee – (Mr. Arndt)

Shoemaker Handicap Parking Spot request tabled until the completion of the town square project.

Utility Committee – (Mr. Gehman)

Councilman Gehman further discussed items in the Engineer's report.

Engineer's Report

1. Sewage Treatment Plant

Bids were received on Thursday July 6th for the installation of a water recycling system at the treatment plant. Only one bid was received, that bid was from Bellview Pump, LLC in the amount of \$84,800.00. This amount was twice as much as the anticipated amount.

Previously, Bellview provided a quote in the amount of \$37,786.00. Pursuant to the initial quote, there were some changes made to the scope by adding a few gate valves, increasing the size of the hydrants and adding a hydrant and requiring tracing wire and connections. Also, there were the addition of Prevailing Wages, Bonds, Insurance, Erosion and Sedimentation Control and lawn restoration.

I spoke to Keith Lorah at Bellview on Friday and he recognizes that the Borough may not have adequate funds to take on an \$84,800 project and he indicated that he would work with the Borough in some scope changes in order to make the project affordable for the Borough.

We recommend that the Borough table action on the bid until next month; the bid documents state that the bids are to remain open for at least 60 days.

Last month, we reported that Russ had collected wastewater samples from the schools and that he would be sampling wastewater from the Topton Homes. Subsequently, he did obtain samples from the Home; however, the lab results revealed that the strength of the waste was not that high.

The DRBC has notified Russ that they do not have an Emergency Response Plan on file for the Topton Sewage Treatment Plant and they provided Russ with the Plan Requirements. Russ has checked the Borough's Emergency Response Plan and has found that it does not address all DRBC's requirements. It is recommended that an updated Emergency Response Plan be prepared and submitted to the DRBC as required.

2. Sanitary Sewer System I & I

Once, The Agreement with DCED is fully executed and once notified to proceed, Isett will prepare bid documents for the sanitary rehabilitation project to be funded in part with the small water and sewer system grant. The scope of this project has been reduced to replacing the sanitary sewer in Barkley Street and installation of a cured in place pipe lining (CIPPL) in Poplar Street.

3. NPDES Permit Renewal

The permit has not yet been issued.

4. Toad Creek Improvements

Isett is pursuing an off-the-shelf bridge design which will provide 6 feet of clearance in the width, will support a small tractor and will have iron rails. This would replace the existing pedestrian bridge as allowed by DEP. Earlier this month, plans were re-submitted to DEP for review. Alex Ulmer of Isett has been coordinating this project with the Borough and DEP/BCCD.

5. Borough Park Master Site Plan

The Master Site Plan is completed and Isett continues to search for grant opportunities in order to implement the plan.

6. Borough Town Square Improvements

Construction is on-going and Isett representatives have been observing the construction as well as coordinating with UGI.

Old Business

None

Executive Session – Legal

Entered: 8:28 PM on motion by Mr. Gehman, seconded by Mr. Jost passing unanimously.

Exit: 8:55PM on motion by Mr. Gehman, seconded by Mr. Mr. Jost passing unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:55 PM on a motion by Ms. Lorah, seconded by Mr. Arndt.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on August 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcus V. Dolny
Borough Manager