

IVYLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30PM

PRESENT: Sal DiPaolo, President, Chris Finello, Vice President, Bill Linwood, Todd Savarese, Matthew Piotrowski, Chuck Bristow, Chris Branchide

OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING: Greg Sturn, Borough Solicitor, Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer/Secretary, Danielle Turner, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: Michael Tulio

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MINUTES March 8, 2023

Motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes was made by Mr. Linwood and seconded by Mr. Savarese with one edit concerning his attendance at a meeting. Motion approved with correction 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Janet Pacchioli read the March treasurer's report into the record. The general fund sits at \$505,083.50, the capital reserve is \$441,835.59, Liquid Fuel is \$106,785.47 and the fire company account balance is \$58,090.67. The total funds are \$1,111,795.23. The report was accepted and subject to audit.

Janet Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills listed totaled \$46,962.18. There was one outstanding bill from Harris and Harris Company in the amount of \$2005.00 to be added to the unpaid bills list for a new total of \$10,526.67.

A motion to pay all outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Bristow and seconded by Mr. Linwood. Motion approved 5-0.

Financial

Mr. Piotrowski joins the meeting 7:35pm.

State Representative Brian Munroe spoke to the Council. In session again April 24, 2023 and then starts the budget rush. Many of the subcommittees are meeting as well. Mr. Munroe states that he has been speaking about Ivyland Borough and specifically for grants. Appropriations will come to him and he is asking what the priorities are for the Borough's needs.

He is constantly looking for any grants or funds, sending out to pockets of email groups. He loves the events that occur in Ivyland and willing to assist the Council with Borough needs.

Mr. DiPaolo touched on two items, Blight is a big issue, which is the housing that was inherited from the FLRA. The Council has been trying to address this issue and develop the area into usable space. Train safety is an issue within the Borough and Mr. DiPaolo requested that Mr. Munroe continues to put this at the top of the priority list.

Mr. Bristow asked Mr. Munroe if the budget authority is only concerning the committee in which he is a member? Mr. Munroe responded that committees are formed to handle legislative issues. There is a process in place for introducing legislation. Mr. Bristow asked about grant funding and was inquiring about how to get the information he has concerning grants so that we can help him, help us. Mr. Munroe stated that any grant the council finds and applies for, Mr. Munroe can try to assist. Mr. Bristow asked, "What can we do to help you?" Mr. Munroe responded to communicate what the borough needs. Referred to ARPA monies.

Mr. Munroe inquired about the drinking water and wanted to create a safe water supply at reasonable rates, which is one of his goals for his service.

Mr. Savarese asked Mr. Munroe to consider getting a walking path across Jacksonville Road, which is a very dangerous crossing. This is one of Mr. Savarese's goals for his time as council member. Mr. Munroe would like to support this initiative.

Dr. Finello joins the meeting 7:55pm.

150th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Geff Rapp reviewed the progress of the planning for the 150th Anniversary. Updates will be posted on the website and Facebook. Mr. Rapp is encouraging residents to volunteer to help with the festivities. Representative Munroe and Senator Farry are sponsoring the Goodnoe Ice Cream Truck on June 23rd Friday night for the warm up event. This is a free concert event and ice cream for the local community. Taormina's and Tony's will donate fifteen pizzas. Thank you to John Geer and Fran Hess for putting up the remainder of the pole signs. Lawn signs will be given out after the primaries. Tranquility Brewery would like to participate. However, we would need special permissions. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of an exception being provided for that vendor for that day for any Borough rule regarding the distribution of alcohol. Certificate of insurance does insure a 3rd party alcohol distributor at the event. Mr. Bristow asked if Mr. Sturn needed anything to move this forward and Mr. Sturn said he will review it.

1120 Jacksonville Road/Authorization to sign Financial and Improvement Agreements/Acceptance of final plans

Borough and applicants are in sync with what the borough needs to move forward. An old template for the application was used. Mr. Sturn has been in touch with the applicant's lawyers to make some adjustments. Mr. Sturn is recommending the council move forward with

finalization of the final plans, and the financial and improvements agreements. Mr. Peterson agrees.

One issue to be corrected is the inconsistency in the improvement agreement with an administrative fee of 15% needs to be revised prior to council signing.

Mr. Savarese asked where the Penndot approval was in the process. Still in review.

Motion to approve the signing of the 1120 Jacksonville Road Financial and Improvement Agreements & Acceptance of final plans by Mr. Linwood and seconded by Mr. Bristow. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Linwood and seconded by Mr. Piotrowski to approve the signing of plans and changes prior to our next meeting with review. Motion approved 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING REPORT

Mr. Savarese asked for another layer of oversight for code enforcement and zoning considering the current issue at hand. Steve came to the conclusion there was no permit filed for the driveway. It seemed the place to start is with the permit. We have notified Mr. Winter of this and he still has some time on the appeal. Mr. Savarese is in favor of the enforcement notice because the property owner poured concrete without a permit.

Motion to accepted the Code enforcement report made by Mr. Linwood and seconded by Mr. Bristow. Approved 7-0.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: No Report

ENGINEER: No report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Bristow asked if we needed to make a motion to approve the purchasing of signs and Mr. DiPaolo suggested it go to the Streets and Walks committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bristow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Linwood, to authorize the purchase of 20 signs to address the traffic issue. We believe its "cross traffic does not stop" sign that is needed. Approved 7-0.

MAYOR: Report given by Mr. Linwood

For the Police report in the month of January were 23 traffic citations, 3 written warning and 1 parking ticket. The check received from the District Court was \$513.63.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation:

- Egg Hunt was a success. We are gearing up for the Memorial Day Parade.

Finance: No Report

Public Safety

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Borough Property: No report

Streets and Walks: No Report

Planning Commission: No Report

Dr. Finello leaves meeting.

Fire Company:

- Mr. Hoffman reported that in the last 30 days the fire company received calls: 6 1 fire, 5 EMS.
- Ray Foisy Knox Boxes: are the keys active and in the Boxes? Can the Borough follow up on this.
- Please email Mrs. Hoffman if you are attending the event being held for Elwood Allen for 60 years of service.
- Two of our members are going to Delaware for a Hazmat workshop.
- We have been put on 95's (Hatboro Fire Company) boxes. We are on a voice activated 911 on Station 95. We are being dispatched for calls. Joint venture for recruitment with all the companies at William Tennent High School on May 22, 2023.
- Coin Toss and Food Truck Festival at William Tennent.
- Currently, the company is spending 10K a year on the truck and we have been working two years to get a grant to replace it.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Tulio asked for a response on the copy of all correspondence with the Borough and the neighbor. The only outstanding right to know request right now is being given to Mr. Tulio tomorrow.

Mr. Sturn asked for Mr. Tulio to file a right to know request for all documents he is seeking to review. Each request must be filed individually.

Mr. Piotrowski is asking if materials that were previously approved by the Borough were replaced without the Borough approval? The synthetic decking that was submitted as the sample was replaced with pressure treated wood. Mr. Sturn asked for our inspector to review the materials approved on the specs and investigate the issue. Mr. Piotrowski asked if we can show that the sample that was replaced without Borough approval, will Mr. Tulio replace the deck? Mr. Tulio will take it under advisement.

Mr. Tulio is concerned he is being targeted by the Borough concerning unsafe work environments. Mr. Tulio says "selective enforcement." The Borough will continue to communicate with Mr. Tulio for this ongoing project and issues that occur.

Personnel Meeting: Held. at 8:48

ADJOURNMENT:

9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Turner, Minutes Secretary

Minutes Approved by Borough Council May 10th, 2023.

As presented