

Ivyland Borough Council Meeting

March 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

7:30PM

PRESENT

Sal DiPaolo (President), Christina Finello (Vice President), Bill Linwood, Chris Branchide, Matthew Piotrowski, Todd Savarese

OTHERS PRESENT

Anthony Judice, Mayor, Chris Peterson, Engineer, Mr. Greg Sturn, Solicitor, Mrs. Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer/Secretary, Danielle Turner, Recording Secretary Mr. Geff Rapp, 100th Anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMMENT:

Mr. Brian Phillips, Inspire Federal Credit Union, Mr. Mike Tulio, Mr. Justin Winter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MINUTES APPROVAL of February 8, 2023

Motion to approve the February 8, 2023 minutes was made by Mr. Savarese and seconded by Mr. Linwood. Motion approved and passed unanimously 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The February treasurer's report was provided by Mrs. Pacchioli. The general fund sits at \$502,174.34, the Capital Reserve is \$441,267.09, Liquid Fuel is \$106,672.22 and the Fire Company account balance is \$55,129.74. The total funds are \$1,105,243.39.

The report was accepted and subject to audit.

BILLS LIST

Mrs. Pacchioli reported that the prepaid bills listed totaled \$189,146.91. The unpaid bills are \$12,557.14.

A motion to pay all outstanding invoices was made by Dr. Finello and seconded by Mr. Linwood. Motion approved and passed unanimously 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bucks County Borough's Association will be holding an event on March 14, 2023, at 7pm at Northampton County Club which Dr. Finello and Mr. DiPaolo will attend.

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The office received a request from the Bucks County Department of Health to allow spraying for mosquitoes the Borough when needed. This is an annual spraying that has occurred in previous years.

Motion to allow the Buck Country Department of Health to spray for mosquitoes when needed in the Borough was made by Mr. Linwood, seconded by Dr. Finello. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

The office received a thank you note for the SPCA for the Borough's generous gift.

Requesting support from the Borough in the form of a proclamation of support proclaiming Pennsylvania as 811 Safe Digging Month. Organization prevents damage to underground facilities. Template must be completed by the Borough.

Motion by to support the Proclamation for Safe Digging Month was made by Mr. Savarese, seconded by Mr. DiPaolo. Motion approved 6-0.

Mrs. Pacchioli gave a description of the Resolution 2023-3 to authorizing the destruction of certain tax documents by our Tax Collector. The destruction of such documents is authorized if the documents are over 7 years old.

Motion by Mr. DiPaolo, seconded by Mr. Linwood to enact Resolution 2023-3 authorizing the destruction of old tax documents by the tax collector. Motion approved 6-0.

GEFF RAPP: 150th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Senator Farry and Senator Munroe have expressed an interest in participating in the 150th Celebration. A proclamation could be made to formalize this support. The sponsors for the 150th are currently: TD Bank (Founding Sponsor), PECO(Platinum Sponsor), GROUP G, Bucks County, Milton Roy, Carroll Engineering, Winter Plumbing Heating and Air are all committed sponsors. Berger Brothers has approved the use of their parking lot. The group is still working on gathering volunteers.

Mr. Rapp reported that the new website has been launched: www.ivyland150.org. for anyone who does not have social media. The Loudspeaker should be hitting the mailboxes this week.

Staging situation is secure for all acts. An insurance add on has been secured for the Borough and the Heritage Association to cover the event.

1120 Jacksonville Road Application

An update was provided regarding the 1120 Jacksonville Road Property. We are still waiting for the revised plan and the public improvements. One thing to consider, Solicitor requesting that Mr. DiPaolo could be able to sign the development agreements once plans provided. Mr. Savarese mentioned that this is not our obligation to move forward until the financial securities have been provided. Council will act on this when the proper documents have been provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Tulio is claiming that 79 Gough Ave Driveway is two feet onto his property. The part that is in question is an alleyway. Mr. Ware told Solicitor there was a permit. Mr. Tulio referred to a Right to Know Request. Center of the alleyway seems to be the issue. Mr. Ware stated there was a handwritten note that said "expand driveway." Possible have two surveys which is not a Borough issue. It's an issue between neighbors.

Mr. Savarese stated that paper streets by the Borough may need to define. This could be an issue with private property owners or could be something the borough engineer and solicitor need to investigate. Mr. Savarese stated that the completion of Mr. Tulio's project for the Borough should not be impacted by this personal issue.

Mr. Tulio is requesting a copy of the survey from 9/17/2017. It will be provided it.

Justin Winter, of 86 Lincoln Ave., spoke on his behalf. Mr. Winter reported that communicating via text message with the neighbor has been threatening in nature. Councilman Piotrowski asked Mr. Winter did in fact have a permit for the area in question. Mr. Winter stated he did not have a permit for the extra concrete pad. Mr. DiPaolo is requesting we follow up with the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Steve Ware regarding this..

Mr. Winter is concerned as well about the work continuing at the hotel even after the public notice.

An email was read into the record regarding the construction equipment in the street and the construction site itself. There is concern about pedestrian safety and the possibility of a traffic accident. Photos were provided to record the safety issues that the workers are creating in the area. A request for OSHA to has been made by Mr. Chuck Bristow who submitted the email.

Inspire Federal Credit Union Presentation

In a prior meeting, The Borough developed a committee to explore the options for Borough funds to be invested. A committee developed for purposes of testing the market to see what types of return will be available. Mr. Savarese is a board member of Inspire Federal Credit Union and he wanted to make the Council aware of the connection and stated he would recuse himself if this bank was an option. At the request of Mr. Savarese, Brian is here to present the options for investment. Dr. Finello expressed that there will be other presentations will be made so that the whole council has the information.

Brian Phillips, SVP, Chief Revenue Officer for Inspire Federal Credit Union, presented some options for the excess funds of 400,000. Brian expressed that they hit 300 million as a company whole. Big part of the bank is personalizing the service. Not always the best in rate, but service is second to none and looking at the ways we get involved. A few CD quotes were provided. Options provided as well for their checking and saving account. Rates also are changing day to day. Deposit services are provided as well as a service. Information was given to the Council for their review.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING REPORT

Mr. Branchide called attention to the 40 Valentine property. This property was never addressed with the fence blocking the view out of the alleyway.

*Motion to accept the Code Enforcement report by Mr. Branchide and seconded by Mr. DiPaolo.
Motion approved 6-0.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. DiPaolo, Mayor Judice and Mrs. Pacchioli, Dr. Finello and Mr. Savarese met with Senator Farry. Great dialogue was had at the meeting, and everyone seemed very enthusiastic.

Tankers should be looked at in the railroad and the job site around the hotel for safety.

ENGINEER

Mr. Peterson reported there may be an avenue for a grant through Greenways Trails and Recreation. Dr. Finello expressed that the Borough applied for this grant last year and the information could be provided from that grant. Discussion occurred regarding the interpretation of the grant and how the monies would be applied for the demolition. Discussion regarding if this should be project should be two different projects for various reasons. The Council may need to split this work into and the construction one project for the demolition and the second part the construction of the park. Mr. Savarese expressed that through working with Mrs. Pacchioli, the Borough should be able to cover \$250,000 of the project. Mr. Peterson reminded Council that the best time to do this project would be winter, his advice was to defer this bid to possibly October and then award it in December to start the project in January.

We will hear about the PA Small Water Grant for the drainage in September. Representative Munroe plans on attending the April Borough Council meeting.

Motion by Mr. Savarese to authorize Carol Engineering to proceed with the work necessary for Greenways Trails and Recreation in the terms outlined in the engineer report seconded by Mr. DiPaolo. Motion approved 6-0.

SOLICITOR

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Savarese asked for an update regarding the IT improvements for committee meetings. Mr. Sharp met with two vendors. He received one quote and will present findings when all quotes are received.

MAYOR

Mayor Judice reported the Police report in the month of February. There were eighteen traffic citations and two written warnings. The check received from the District Court was \$546.00

There is a concern for the safety at some Borough Intersections The intersections at Dubois and Lincoln is concerning as there should be a sign that says, "existing traffic does not stop." We need to amend our stop sign ordinance to have these recommendations be put into place.

Mayor Judice reminded the Council that we have an ordinance for dog barking. Concerned neighbors can call the Ivyland Borough police, not 911.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation:

Egg Hunt is April 1, 2023. Please mark your calendar!

Finance:

In April, a report is due for ARPA Funds. We need to send a report to the federal government. Our registration is active for the management system but due June 10, 2023.

Dr. Finello applied for a grant through Lowe's Small Community Grant System. She will keep the Borough updated on progress.

Public Safety: No Report

Borough Property: No report

Streets and Walks:

A resident in Ivyland Village is concerned about the corner on Lacy and Valentine and the traffic. They have a special needs and autistic child which makes the situation more concerning. We may need to look at a speed table and possibly put it in near Freedom and Valentine. Another solution could be to create a one-way street on this since it's narrow. Also, concerns were made about the playground and Mr. DiPaolo stated that improvements are being made to the playground in Ivyland Village.

A sign will be provided. Mr. Piotrowski will follow up on this issue.

Planning Commission: No Report

Fire Company:

- There were ten calls this month, four fire and six EMS/other. Fourteen calls have been made year to date. The fire company has four mutual aid events in the next coming months, which is great collaboration for them.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Piotrowski asked if residents of Ivyland Borough are the only persons permitted to utilize public comment. Discussion occurred and it was recommended by Mr. Sturn to allow public comment for anyone wishing to express concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Executive Session was entered into at 9:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Turner, Minutes Secretary

Minutes Approved by Borough Council April 12, 2023.

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