

BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL
2nd Regular Meeting
July 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held its 2nd Regular Meeting at Borough Hall on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 with the following persons present: Vice President Nathalie R. Kulesa; Council Members Grace Craze, Christopher Lincoln, Suzanne Thompson, Kristin L. Kramer, Philip C. Wert; Solicitor Charles Haws; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Borough Secretary Cathy L. Hoffman; Public Works Director Dean Murray. Council President Carl Garman and Mayor Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. were unable to attend.

VISITORS: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Kulesa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

3. **HAIL DAMAGE UPDATE:**

John Denning of Grecco Construction, the contractor hired by the insurance adjustor to facilitate the hail repairs, will be meeting with Borough representatives on the 29th to review the work that is scheduled to be completed. Mrs. Hoffman told Council that Mr. Denning has approached the adjustor concerning other hail damage (shed roofs at the park and roof at the Borough Garage) that he saw that was not included in the original list of work to be completed. He has included the work in the preparation of bid packages therefore Mrs. Hoffman will confirm that this is correct. There also was a question regarding how much of the work will be covered directly by the insurance company.

The roof at the garage was discussed and Mr. Murray indicated that he would obtain pricing for the rubber roof repairs. It was noted that the insurance company may have missed the damage to that roof because it is not readily apparent.

Regarding the light caps on Penn Avenue, it was recommended that instead of replacing the 114 caps it would be more cost effective to begin the replacement of the heads for LED heads. This has been discussed at length at the Infrastructure Committee meetings and will be included in the 2017 budget. This will be discussed with the insurance company and Mr. Denning.

4. **JERSEY BARRIERS:**

Chief Powell spoke about the need for better barriers on Penn Avenue during the various street festivals. He recommended that 12 jersey barriers be purchased and noted that he had taken his request to the CRF who have endorsed his proposal however don't have the funds in this years' budget to contribute to the purchase. It was suggested that a donation 'in kind' could be utilized, such as the donation of the Cub Cadet to the Fire Department.

The cost for 12 barriers is \$3420 from Remcon Plastics in Reading. **Moved** by Ms. Kramer and seconded by Mr. Lincoln to purchase 12 jersey barriers from Remcon Plastics at a price of \$3420. **Motion carried.** The line item from which this purchase will be made has not yet been determined.

5. **PENN AVENUE RECYCLING/TRASH CANS:**

Trash and recycling containers for Penn Avenue were discussed and it was agreed that this is a necessity. Unfortunately as they were not budgeted, the purchase of new containers will have to wait until 2017.

6. **VF OUTLET – LETTERS OF SUPPORT:**

Equus Capital Partners, Ltd., developers of the VF Outlet properties, have applied for funding through the Commonwealth Financing Authority - Multimodal Transportation Fund. As part of their application, letters of support must be included from Borough Council as well as the Planning Commission. **Moved** by Mr. Lincoln and seconded by Ms. Kramer to authorize Mrs. Hoffman to execute the letter of support, subject to the application being reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. **Motion carried.**

7. **CUMRU TOWNSHIP PROPERTY:**

Council discussed the Cumru Township property and Mr. Wert indicated that he has been conversing with the township manager concerning the situation with the homeless encampment as well as the trash dumping. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that the Department of Environmental Protection be contacted concerning the possible contamination of the Wyomissing Creek.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. When the meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m. no action was taken.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Mr. Lincoln and seconded by Ms. Craze to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
Borough Secretary