

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH OFFICE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Paul Vranesic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Paul Vranesic, Steve Lazorcik, Raymond Fratini, Rob Koehler, Bob Thomas, Mayor Mark Thomas

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REAPPOINTMENTS

JOSELE CLEARY – SOLICITOR

Bob Thomas made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to appoint Josele Cleary Solicitor. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

HANOVER ENGINEERING - SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Raymond Fratini made the motion, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to appoint Hanover Engineering as the Engineer who will review all Subdivision and Land Development Plans. Motion passed.

STECKBECK ENGINEERING – PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Raymond Fratini, seconded by Rob Koehler to appoint Steckbeck Engineering as the Public Works Engineer. Motion passed. It was noted that Steckbeck's total separation from the subdivision review process eliminates any issues about conflicts of interest for Steckbeck performing subdivision and land development work for borough property owners or developers.

REPORTS

SECRETARY

Steve Lazorcik made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Secretary. Motion passed.

TREASURER

A motion was made by Rob Koehler, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to approve the report of the Treasurer. Motion passed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Raymond Fratini to approve the Highway Department Report. Motion passed.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No reports.

CORNWALL COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

Steve Lazorcik made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Cornwall Community Fire Co. Motion passed.

MAYOR

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Raymond Fratini to approve the report of the Mayor. Motion passed.

CORNWALL BOROUGH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Raymond Fratini, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to approve the report of the Cornwall Borough Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion passed.

JEFF STECKBECK – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

Jeff Steckbeck reported on a meeting held on December 17th in which officials from FEMA and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development introduced and discussed the New County-Wide Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), Flood Insurance Study (FIS), and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Jeff informed there are three areas of responsibility each community has for the preliminary FIRMs, including:

- a. Each community should review the preliminary FIRMs and make corrections, comments and appeals when appropriate.
- b. Each community is responsible to conduct outreach to citizens affected by changes to the updated FIRMs.
- c. Each community must adopt a new flood plain ordinance that meets the NFIP requirements. Failure to adopt such an ordinance is grounds for suspension from the NFIP.

Mr. Steckbeck indicated that the borough will need to verify that the Snitz Creek flood elevation study approved in 2007 is included on the updated FIRM. Steckbeck also indicated that he will be working with the Planning & Zoning Commission on these requirements and will keep the Council posted.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steve Lazorcik made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to approve the report of the Building Permit Report.

COMMUNITY SAFETY/BOARD OF HEALTH

Steve Lazorcik made the motion, seconded by Raymond Fratini to approve the report of the Community Safety/Board of Health Report. Motion passed.

PROPERTY & FINANCE

Paul Vranesic informed that the Finance Committee interviewed four candidates for the vacancy on Council.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

A motion was made by Raymond Fratini, seconded by Rob Koehler authorizing the Finance Committee to look into obtaining a Tax Anticipation Loan if needed at the end of February. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING AMENDMENT

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Raymond Fratini to hold the Public Hearing for the RMD Zoning Amendment on February 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed.

BLUE BIRD – STREET LIGHTING

Paul Vranesic introduced Sandy Goldstein, Lighting Expert who reviewed the lighting situation at the Blue Bird Inn. Mr. Goldstein's evaluations reveal that an additional 3 to 4 lights are needed to increase lumen levels to provide for the recommended level for parking safety. He expressed his opinion that new lights and poles should be at the owner's expense and under his control so that they can be turned off after his business closes. After a discussion a motion was made by Raymond Fratini, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to send a letter to the Blue Bird recommending they install the lighting. Motion did not pass and went to a roll call vote with the following results in not sending a letter to the Blue Bird since it was determined that Cornwall Road was a State Road therefore the liability not falling on the Borough. Rob Koehler no, Steve Lazorcik yes, Raymond Fratini yes, Bob Thomas no and Paul Vranesic no.

Jeff Steckbeck in his role as Public Works Engineer recommended the ultimate solution for the Cornwall Road lighting deficiency, the parking complaints, and public safety concerns about that section of that roadway is for the Borough to adopt the proposed amendments to zoning Ordinance which will allow the Blue Bird to provide off-street parking which would ultimately be the safest solution to this problem. Steckbeck stated that he may not be available at the public hearing at which Council will consider that zoning amendment so he'd like his statement in these Council meeting minutes to be entered into the record of the Public Hearing for that zoning amendment.

FORREST DISHONG – RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Steve Lazorcik, seconded by Rob Koehler to accept the resignation of Forrest Dishong. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-5 – REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Steve Lazorcik made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to adopt Resolution 2010-5. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-1 – BENECON

A motion was made by Steve Lazorcik, seconded by Raymond Fratini to adopt Resolution 2011-1. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-2 – BENECON – PREMIUM ONLY PLAN

Bob Thomas made the motion, seconded by Rob Koehler to adopt Resolution 2011-2. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-3 – AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN PA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE

A motion was made by Steve Lazorcik, seconded by Rob Koehler to adopt Resolution 2011-3. Motion passed.

LOCAL SERVICE TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to adopt the Local Service Tax Collection Agreement. Motion passed.

BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION – REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Steve Lazorcik to approve the application for a Community Block Grant to replace sidewalk along Anthracite Road in Goosetown. Motion passed.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Paul Vranesic opened the floor for recommendation for the vacant Council seat.

Steve Lazorcik recommended John Karinch.

Bob Thomas recommended Joseph Keane, Jr.

Mr. Vranesic asked for a raise of hands in favor of John Karinch with two votes in favor.

Paul then asked for a raise of hands in favor of Mr. Keane with two votes in favor.

Paul Vranesic then was the deciding vote in favor of John Karinch filling the vacancy.

TOM SMITH – USED LOADER – MOTOR LICENSE FUND

Tom Smith requested permission to submit a bid to Heidelberg Township or North Lebanon Township who are looking to sell a used loader. Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Raymond Fratini authorizing Tom Smith to inspect loaders and submit a bid. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Rob Koehler made the motion, seconded by Bob Thomas to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Sincerely,

Steven N. Danz
Secretary