

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH HALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President John Karinch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

John Karinch, Marie Tribioli, Steve Tribioli, Ron Ricard, Al Brandt, Thomas Burton, Mayor Mark Thomas and Manager Cody Rhoads.

ABSENT

Gerald Boughter

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER QUESTIONS ONLY

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to accept the water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the reports. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

SNITZ 2 PROJECT

John Karinch did not have anything new to report on the project. Ron Ricard asked if there was any determination on how much a stormwater fee would be if the borough would have to enact one. That determination has not been made. Marie Tribioli asked if this project would not come to fruition, could some of the money be used for the Goosetown projects. Cody Rhoads had investigated that question and it cannot be.

ROUTE 72 BRAKE RETARDER STUDY

Council was supplied with a letter from PennDOT that said this section of Route 72 did not meet the criteria for a brake retarder restriction. Ron Ricard said that an Alden resident has found a different solution and Ron advised the person to come to a meeting to present. Thomas Burton did not feel any brake retarder restrictions were necessary in the borough.

CORNWALL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Cody Rhoads met with Jon Fitzkee about the options for Cornwall Center. The first two design options, a roundabout and traffic lights, cost tens of thousands of dollars to create so it's unlikely they could create a third option without going through the process again. It's possible if no upgrades are done in the next few years then it might be a while until the funding would be available again. Mr. Fitzkee offered to attend a future meeting if council wanted more information.

Steve Tribioli said he was okay with not seeing a roundabout there for the next 30 years. Thomas Burton agreed with that sentiment. Council did not wish to see the project move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY

Holly Dolan and Abby Griffin-Overholt from Lebanon Family Health Services were in attendance to speak about this program. This initiative encourages municipalities to establish their recreation areas as tobacco and vape free. Within Lebanon County, 10 municipalities have adopted this policy to date. The signs to be displayed can be printed in English, Spanish or both and are free of charge to the municipality.

Ron Ricard asked who would enforce this policy. It is a self-enforcing policy where the hope is the patrons using the recreation area would police each other.

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to adopt the Young Lungs at Play policy in Cornwall Borough. Motion passed.

GOOSETOWN MS4 PROJECTS

Jen Prunoske from Hanover Engineering was there to discuss the MS4 projects planned for Goosetown that will be paid for from the Sunoco grant. The grant will run out at the end of 2021. Jen would like to get working on the design so that the necessary permits are able to be acquired and the work can be done in time to meet the deadline. Jen, Cody, Tom Smith and Erik Kaylor recently met to go over the planned projects.

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, for Hanover Engineering to move forward with design for the Goosetown MS4 projects. Motion passed.

DEAD TREES, MAPLE LANE AND 419

Chief Harris said he was out to look at the trees and had one of the officers look at them as well. He said they are in varying states of disrepair and he felt it might be best if an arborist came out to determine which ones need to come down and which ones don't.

Ron Ricard asked if the trees are in the right-of-way or on the property owner's land. He felt that would be a big factor in how to go about removal.

Marie Tribioli felt the only way to enforce the ordinance was to have an arborist create a report.

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to contact the arborist to investigate the issue. Motion passed.

A resident asked if the black walnut on 419 across from the elementary school could be taken care of. The walnuts are dropping on the road and hitting cars. It is part of the Freeman property so the borough will try to get in contact with them to address the situation.

ALDEN PLACE

Council received a letter from Shirk Law Associates regarding the sale of Alden Place. John Karinch felt the issue would best be handled by Solicitor Cleary.

John asked Jen Prunoske if she had been out to inspect the retention pond at Northgate. She said she had been out last week and there are some issues that will need to be addressed, which she explained to council. She will create a report on her findings.

Marie Tribioli asked what the borough's options are for getting the issues corrected. John Karinch felt it should be turned over to Solicitor Cleary. Ron Ricard said council signed the plots and plans, therefore the developer needs to be held accountable. Thomas Burton said he agreed with involving Solicitor Cleary.

Al Brandt wanted to know who is being billed for the engineers' time. He felt the developer should bear the cost. Council agreed.

Marie Tribioli reminded that the roads are private and weren't built to borough specifications.

Ron Ricard informed Jen that her report will be of great importance.

ADVERTISE OLDS ORDINANCE

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to advertise the On-Lot Disposal System (OLDS) ordinance. Motion passed.

LEBANON COUNTY TIRE COLLECTION

The county is holding their annual collection and was soliciting funds from the municipalities to help defray the costs. Council felt the cost should be born by the individuals that take the tires to the collection.

PSAB CONFERENCE

Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to approve Cody Rhoads' attendance at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) annual conference from June 7th to the 10th. Motion passed.

SPRING HILL ACRES ZONING VIOLATION

Cody Rhoads gave an update on the zoning issue in Spring Hill Acres. The zoning officer has been out there and talked with the homeowner. The issue involves a trailer being parked in front of the house line.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary