

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH GARAGE

Council President John Karinch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Council President John Karinch, Council Vice President Ron Ricard, Marie Tribioli, Thomas Burton, Bruce Conrad, Mayor Mark Thomas and Manager Cody Rhoads

ABSENT

Steve Tribioli and Al Brandt

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

No comments.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK

Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to purchase a 2021 F-250 from Hondru Ford at a price of \$37,995. Hondru will give \$13,000 towards a trade-in from the 2016 Explorer. Tom Burton voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

TREE REMOVAL AT COLD SPRINGS

John Karinch stated there are a few dead trees at Cold Springs. If they come down, they will cause quite a bit of damage to the old reservoir. Mr. Karinch said that the landowner has given permission to take them down. Marie Tribioli asked why it is not the homeowner's responsibility to remove the trees. Mr. Karinch said the owner was under no obligation to take them down and he was worried a delay would result in damage.

Bruce Conrad made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to remove the trees. Marie Tribioli and Thomas Burton voted against. Motion passed 3-2.

REPORTS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to approve the director's water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the reports. Motion passed. Ms. Tribioli commended the Community Cats of Cornwall group on the work they have been doing.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE COMPANY

John Karinch reviewed two options that Solicitor Josele Cleary presented for joint ownership of the fire company building. One option would be 50/50 ownership. The second option would be a conveyance. In a conveyance, the fire company would convey the building to the borough and the borough would convey the building back to the fire company with a reverter clause. The reverter clause would return the building to the borough's ownership if it no longer functioned as a fire company.

Thomas Burton revisited the fundraising issue. Marie Tribioli stated that the fundraising is a nice community gesture but does not generate revenue. Eric Reddinger stated that their most recent fundraising effort profited \$200.

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to have Solicitor Cleary pursue the conveyance option to settle the joint ownership matter. Motion passed.

Ron Ricard made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to authorize the payment of the brake and pump repairs from the \$25,000 allotted in the 2021 budget. Motion passed.

OFFICE RENOVATIONS

John Karinch mentioned a few ideas for converting the garage into a suitable meeting room. Cody Rhoads will get a list together for council.

NEW BUSINESS

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, OVATES/DELIBERTY LOT ANNEXATION

Steve Dellinger, Hanover Engineering, gave an overview of the project. The major change is the configuration of the lot lines for the four properties on Furnace Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended conditional approval. Bruce Conrad made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to grant conditional approval to the Ovates/Deliberty Furnace Street lot annexation. Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

John Karinch reviewed the work being done on updates to various ordinances. Mr. Karinch stated that Chairman Fratini would like authorization to have Mr. Dellinger investigate ordinances related to solar. Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to authorize Mr. Dellinger to further investigate solar. Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to appoint Bruce Conrad to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2025. Motion passed.

John Karinch noted that there is a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board that needs to be filled.

BUDGET REPORT

John Karinch read the year-end budget report. The borough had revenues of \$2,642,024.86, 117.29% of the budgeted amount of \$2,252,481.00. The borough had expenditures of \$2,379,918.83, 93.74% of the budgeted amount of \$2,538,844.89. The borough received \$662,688.21 in earned income tax (EIT), 118.34% of the budgeted amount of \$560,000.

Thomas Burton asked what would be done with the surplus from the 2020 budget and wanted to know if council could put it towards an additional payment on the EIT loan.

Cody Rhoads will gather more information for next month's meeting.

NORTHGATE DRAINAGE BASIN

Ron Ricard asked for an update on the basin and Steve Dellinger reviewed where it currently stands.

SOLAR POWER

Thomas Burton would like to investigate the feasibility of installing solar at the police station for backup power capabilities. John Karinch said that the payback period is 20 years, and the life expectancy of the panels is 20 years. Mark Thomas suggested a generator as a better option.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to adjourn to executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion passed. Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary