

Regular Meeting
October 11, 2018

Council President Albert Hill called to order the regular meeting of the Flemington Borough Council. Flemington Borough Council present October 11, 2018 were Mayor Durkin, Wayne Allison, Dave Grimm, Albert Hill, Steve Hoy, Traci Kuntz, Jo LaRocque; and Gary Mellott. Also present were Bill Brungard, JR Probst, Ed Higgins, Ed Miller, Sharon Best. Kuntz was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sharon Best reported bear activity around her home from what she believes is from her neighbor's garbage being stored outside. Council suggested the Game Commission be contacted if the bears are seen again. Ed Miller mentioned a mosquito problem at Grove's pond. Council reported the mosquito problem seems to be a county-wide issue.

MINUTES – Grimm motioned to approve September 27, 2018 minutes as printed; Hoy seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

ZONING PERMITS – One permit was issued.

PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Council discussed the mud on the street at the Eoute construction site. Mellott assured Council that the fire company will be hosing down the street as needed. *(Permit applications are available for review in the Borough Office.)*

COMMUNICATIONS - Were listed for review.

FINANCIAL

Bill Sheet/Financial Statement – Grimm motioned to approve bills as follows: General \$8,921.84; Sewer \$3,323.77; HA \$185.85; Equipment \$2,300; Line of Credit \$255,920.13 (Bridge Project) LaRocque seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Grimm motioned to continue to withhold the GEI bill at this time and until the issues are resolved. Council understands this may promote late fees. Allison seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *(A detailed listing of bills & financial statements are available in the Borough Office.)*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation Resolution 03-18 - Allison motioned to approve Resolution 03-18 Hazard Mitigation Plan, which has already been adopted by the County; Mellott seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Traffic Signal Resolution 04-18 – Allison motioned to approve Resolution 04-18, addressing PennDot's Route 150 project, which includes Flemington's red light; Mellott seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Allison suggested that letters be sent to the corner property owners and tenants who will be affected by the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Insurance Renewal – LaRocque motioned to renew the employee health insurance with Geisinger. The committee reviewed rates with Health Assurance and BC/BS as well. Geisinger's rate continues to be the most competitive. She added that we are currently on a grandfathered plan that seems to be keeping our costs lower as it is based on family size rather than age and gender; Grimm seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer – Grimm reported no plans for a sewer project in 2019.

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Streets – The multimodal grant application was rejected by PennDot. Council will meet with the Bressler Street property owner to discuss moving forward with a new plan for that street. The Committee met with Faulkner in reference to GEI's admitted failure to include 300 yards of wearing course in the project specs, which led to a \$6,900 loss in grant funds for the borough. Grimm motioned for approval for the Committee to move ahead with litigation if needed; Allison seconded. Motion unanimously carried. The Committee will also meet with Darren Stover on October 17th to discuss repair to the storm drains on Woods Avenue, which is part of the Turnback program.

Finance – Budget requests were due October 1st. We've only received requests from the Personnel and Recreation Committees. Requests will be considered until noon on Monday, October 15th.

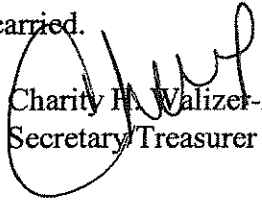
Recreation – KCSD may discontinue the park program in 2019. In preparation for this, Mr. Bailey is attempting to obtain funding from other organizations.

Hi Neighbor – The Committee will now be delivering welcome gifts to new businesses as well as new residents. They've already given 11 welcome gifts so far this year. They was a low turnout at this year's meet and greet event. They plan to hold the parade on November 24th.

Act 32 – Next meeting is scheduled for December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; LaRocque seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST: 
Charity H. Walizer-Etters
Secretary/Treasurer