

COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2013

In attendance:

Council

Gregory S. Nesbitt

Andrew Santacroce

W. William Whiteside, III

Absent: Mark McCouch

Deborah Tustin

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager

Richard Sabol - Finance Director

Russell Dunlevy, PE - Engineer

Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor

Mr. Nesbitt opened the regular Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:03 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

Mr. Nesbitt announced the retirement of Barbara DiNapoli as Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. Walker stated that Ms. DiNapoli has been with the Township for ten years. She was hired in 2003 as a Receptionist and promoted in 2006 to Deputy Tax Collector. Township Council thanked Ms. DiNapoli for her service and commitment to the Township and wished her well.

Mr. Nesbitt asked for public comment, there was none.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, and seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the following minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker presented the Treasurer's Report for July, 2013. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of July 31, 2013, was \$4,873,301.49, and that for the most part the activity in all funds reflected normal activity for July.

Mr. Nesbitt asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$551,076.47. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt asked for the will of Council concerning a second List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve and authorize payment of a second List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$25,930.80. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Malin, Engineer for the Horsham Township Water & Sewer Authority, discussed the Blair Mill Road Sewer Planning Module application. The application was written to bring the Authority's service to two properties on Blair Mill Road. Mr. Malin reported that they have received approval letters from the Montgomery County Health Department and the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. Walker stated that Council will consider the application at their September 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Walker discussed a grant application for improvements at Kohler Park. The application was approved in 2012, but a new state policy since then will require Horsham Township to bid restroom construction. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to authorize the solicitation of bids for the Kohler Park restrooms and further authorize advertisement of same. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker stated that the Park & Recreation Department has been using a credit card machine for the last 15 years. The credit card machine operates through the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), and PLGIT is switching its subcontractor from Global to Elavon. A resolution is required to make the change. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed authorizing participation in the merchant service program for the Recreation Department credit card machine. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Mary Eberle explained an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 230 which authorizes a new section for the "Horsham Township Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance." The ordinance evolved from work done by the Cohen Law Group, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a consortium of municipalities. Mr. Walker added that the ordinance's intent is to regulate wireless communication facilities, not to disallow their presence. Mr. Santacroce asked if there were any issues that would conflict under the Ethics Act since he is an employee of Verizon Wireless, and the Solicitor stated that a conflict did not exist. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to introduce an ordinance as proposed amending Chapter 230 of the Horsham Township Code and further authorize advertisement of same. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to establish November 13th, 2013, at 7:45 PM in the Horsham Township Municipal Building as a time and place for a public hearing amending Chapter 230 of the Horsham Township Code. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified a need to update the ordinance for stop intersections, particularly as some intersections have been updated from stop signs to traffic lights. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to introduce an ordinance as proposed Amending Chapter 217, Article II, Stop Intersections, of the Township Code and further authorize advertisement of same. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed establishing Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Horsham Township Municipal Building as a time and place for a public hearing on amending Chapter 217, Article II, Stop Intersections, of the Horsham Township Code. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at approximately 8:37 PM in order to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel matters.

William T. Walker