

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

JANUARY 6, 2009
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Woody J. Van Sciver, President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:
 - Council President Van Sciver
 - Council Vice President Raymond
 - Council Member Crawford
 - Council Member Edge
 - Council Member Lynch
 - Council Member Smith
 - Council Member Vike
 - Mayor McGlone

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President informs all present that copies of the agenda are available at the press desk. This is a Public Session of Council. Should any citizen/taxpayer wish to offer comments on any item on the agenda, now is the time to bring those comments before Council. Are there any citizens/taxpayers who wish to bring before Council any item not on the agenda?

- a. John Buckley, 165 Church Street, commented on vehicles he believes are unregistered, a box trailer at Second Ave. & Church Street and motorists who make gestures at him.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 598 – AGREEMENT WITH CEDAR HOLLOW ASSOCIATES:

A motion was made by Council Member Vike, seconded by Council Vice President Raymond and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Resolution No. 598, a Resolution approving an agreement between the Borough of Malvern and Cedar Hollow Associates concerning a proposed stormwater remediation project at 200 No. Warren Avenue.

4. RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS – MALVERN PREP CENTER FOR THE ARTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0, to authorize the release of escrow funds for Malvern Preparatory School Center of the Arts, in the amount of \$56,000.00, to Malvern Preparatory School, as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Annual Report of the Shade Tree Commission – Tony Dufour, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission, reported that the goal of the Shade Tree Commission in 2008 was to increase species of trees in the Borough to insulate against diseases affecting any one specie. Four new species were planted. The STC had it's first Arbor Day event with volunteers from Bartlett Tree Service and W. D. Wells participating. The Committee reviewed the new Shade Tree Code regarding penalties for the removal of borough-planted trees, and suggest a stiffer penalty.

In 2009, the STC would like to host another Arbor Day event and asked Council if they would support this event. The STC will also investigate grants for securing more trees as they would like to get 20 trees in the ground in 2009. Sixteen trees were planted in 2008. The STC would be interested in assisting with a streetscape template to look at plantings on King Street to salvage the sidewalks.

Council President Van Sciver feels the Arbor Day activity would go with the STC's education component and he would support this event. Council concurred.

b. Annual Report of the Park & Recreation Committee – Dale Levin, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Committee, reported good turnouts for the 2008 events. In 2009, there will be new members on the Committee and new ideas. Mr. Levin suggested that the STC and the Park & Recreation Committee may want to coordinate an Arbor Day event for a larger turnout and participation.

Mr. Levin also mentioned that a Food Managers License would be required in 2009 if the Committee were to serve food at an event. Council Member Edge offered to ask his wife if she would be willing to oversee any event where food was being served. If it becomes necessary to have a member of the Park & Recreation Committee licensed, the Borough would pay for the license.

c. Annual Report of the Historical Commission – Lynne Hockenbury, Chairman of the Historical Commission, reported that the Commission had two major projects in 2008 – the Chester County Town Tour and the production of a Coloring Book that was debuted at Victorian Christmas.

Ms. Hockenbury reported that there are three openings on the Commission that she hopes will be filled this year. Two applicants have been working with the Commission since before the tour and one other person has expressed interest. Recommendations will be made by the Commission for Council's January 20th meeting.

In 2009, the Commission will update the property files, catalogue those items not catalogued, host some Open Houses to make residents more aware that there is a History Center in the building and complete the Historic Ordinances.

Council Member Vike suggested that the Commission could give a History of the Pine Grove in Randolph Woods and that it could become a mini revitalization project as the pine trees are dying and falling down.

d. Administrative Code – Council discussed the length of terms for Boards, Commission, Ad Hoc Boards, Task Forces, etc. and it was decided that the existing Boards and Commissions would retain the same term limits as previously exist and that the terms for the Ad Hoc Boards and Task Forces would be set by Borough Council at the time they are established.

A penalty clause will be included in the Shade Tree Committee section for removal of trees that were planted by the Borough.

Council Member Vike suggested separating out the Code of Ethics and make sure that everyone gets a copy of it.

e. List of Economic Stimulus Projects – Council President Van Sciver reported that over the holidays, Congressman Sestak requested that the Borough develop a stimulus package list of projects. They were due on Monday and that list has been sent. Items included the Malin Road Extension, Burying of Utilities underground along the King Street commercial district corridor, and streetscape projects for Second Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Powelton Avenue, So. Warren Avenue, Channing Avenue and First Avenue.

f. Announcement: The Manager announced that the Chester Ridley Crum Watershed Association & Habitat Resource Network of Southeast PA & Penn State Brandywine will jointly welcome Dr. Douglas Tallamy on Sunday, February 8th from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at Penn State Brandywine, 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA 19063 for a Workshop on “Creating a Sanctuary for Wildlife in Your Garden”. The Workshop is free for Malvern Borough residents.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Edge and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager