

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

FEBRUARY 20, 2007
7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Henry H. Briggs, President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:
 - Council President Briggs
 - Council Vice President VanSciver
 - Council Member Crawford
 - Council Member Edge
 - Council Member Lynch
 - Council Member Raymond - Late
 - Council Member Smith
 - 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, reported that the sidewalks were very bad in the Borough and at the corners of Broad and Warren Ave., Broad and Longford Ave., Bridge St. and Broad St., areas on Ruthland Ave., in front of Fisher Feed and Woodland Ave. and Roberts Lane. He reported that the Church Street municipal lot sidewalks were not shoveled.

- b. Malvern Blooms Festival – Amy James – Amy reported that the Malvern Blooms Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 29th, from 10:00am-5:00pm. She reported that the first Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 21st and the Manager will be e-mailed minutes of their meetings to advise of their progress.

Amy reported that Wayne James took a fall last night on the sidewalk at the Church Street municipal lot and the lot at Church Street was dangerous for their customers as it was not plowed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 and Tuesday, January 16, 2007, as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Edge and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Committee Reports

for Finance and Administration, Public Safety, Public Works and the Chief of Police Report, the Code Enforcement Officer's Reports (Building Inspector's Report, Housing and Property Maintenance Report and Zoning Report), the Superintendent of Public Works Report and the Manager's Report for the month of January 2007 as submitted.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Update on Monument Ave. Speed Humps and Crest Ave. Stop Sign – Traffic Planning & Design reported that regarding the Multi-way Stop signs at Crest Avenue/Highland Avenue, they would have to conduct a field view to complete a sight distance evaluation for the intersection and review crash data provided by the Police Dept. The Police Dept. indicated that there was no crash data as there have been no crashes at this intersection. Traffic Planning & Design reported that speed studies completed by the Borough Police in the past, west of Malvern Avenue, indicate that more speed humps on Monument Avenue may be appropriate. For the section between Griffith Avenue and Crest Avenue, only one speed hump could meet PennDOT guidelines for spacing from unsignalized intersections. It was suggested that the Police Dept. conduct a speed survey between Wayne Avenue and Griffith Avenue and for TP&D to conduct a field view to determine the most appropriate location for one speed hump.

Council Member Smith recommended going forward with looking at the speed hump on Monument Avenue.

Council Vice President VanSciver stated that the Borough should take note that we were given copies of the meeting notes from the Planning Commission and the developer of the Randolph property will resubmit a Plan for the intersection of Griffith and Monument Avenues and it is within the current SALDO to have the applicants add traffic calming measures if the Borough requests. Council Vice President VanSciver stated that it seems that Council likes the idea of a hump and we might want to consider a bulb-out.
(Council Member Raymond arrived)

The Manager was asked to contact TP&D and inquire about the advisability of a bulb-out at Griffith Avenue.

Council President Briggs stated that the Borough has no state roads and there is no legal requirement to fit PennDOT standards. It is easier to avoid litigation if you meet those standards. We do have more control over our roads than most municipalities. He stated that if Monument Avenue is still a speedway, and pedestrian safety is a priority, he feels we should look at other solutions in addition to the speed humps. Otherwise, if you follow what we have been doing, you could end up with a whole bunch of speed humps. The question then becomes, is one speed hump enough, if not, how many do we need to keep the traffic slow. How many speed humps become too many? Should we consider bulb-outs, etc.?

Council Member Crawford stated that between Griffith and Wayne Avenue you could have one speed hump, then a stop sign, the entrance to the park and then a hump and then another hump.

Council Vice President VanSciver stated that there is a crest in the road between Griffith Avenue and Wayne Avenue.

The Manager was asked to discuss with TP&D the various options and recommendations.

Council Member Edge stated that he felt that bulb-outs cause more of a slow down in traffic.

Mayor McGlone stated that he would be interested in finding out the speeds on those roads. The speed tracking equipment will be put out again in the spring.

b. Malvern Fire Company Meeting – Council President Briggs reported that a meeting was held with the Fire Department about a week ago and reported that it was a good meeting. They liked the idea of the Borough giving them some help and were open to suggestions. Chick Devine, a CPA, was very good and discussed some of the numbers with them and gave them suggestions that would help them. Council President Briggs stated that he spoke with William MacAleer who agreed to look at the structure of the fire company. Mr. MacAleer will meet with Jerry Vaughn, President of the Board of Trustees, and get started on reviewing their current structure. The members of the Fire Company indicated that they were very willing to work with us. They suggested that we meet with them quarterly and we agreed to that.

Council Member Lynch asked about the make-up of the Board of Trustees. Council Member Edge explained that it was made up of the President, Fire Chief and five members. The members of the Board aren't really businessmen.

Council Member Lynch asked if the fire company shouldn't be looking for businessmen to serve on the board.

Council Member Edge responded that they tried to find businessmen in the past, but it is very difficult to find businessmen willing to volunteer.

Council Member Lynch suggested that they look for people in different capacities and who work in different kinds of businesses; i.e., banking.

Council President Briggs stated that he believes Malvern has a lot of people to pull from and if we can't find enough interest in the Borough, he is sure Willistown has a lot of retired professionals who would be willing to help. Fundraising is a real drain and the fire fighters have been doing the fundraising and they should be fighting fires. Council President Briggs also stated that in the future, as costs continue to rise, the fire companies may have to do some collective purchasing, as far as buying equipment.

c. Trash Collection Contract – Council Member Smith reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the current trash contract that will expire the end of March. We currently have a three year contract and pay “x” number of dollars for hauling and tipping. We also pay for two bulk pick-ups per year and two trash pick-ups and one recyclable pick-up per week. For the new contract, we will advertise the following:

One and Three Year Contract

In each of these bids, we will ask for a price for hauling and a price for tipping fees

We will look at collecting money for recyclables ourselves. The hauler takes the recyclables to King of Prussia and they will pay us for the recyclables.

We will request pick-up once per week and one bulk pick-up.

Council Member Raymond suggested that our Newsletter contain information on who to contact for bulk pick-up items that cannot wait until the bulk pick-up date and to include a phone number.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager