

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH
1 East First Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355

April 18, 2017
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Council President Bramwell

INVOCATION: David B. Burton, Mayor (Absent)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: Council President Bramwell
Council Vice-President Uzman
Council Member Arena (Absent)
Council Member Grossman
Council Member Lexer (Absent)
Council Member Meisel
Council Member Sinquett
Mayor Burton (Absent)

2. RECORDING OF MEETING:

Council President Bramwell asked in accordance with Resolution No. 714 if any member of the audience was recording the meeting.

No audience member identified themselves as recording the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Sinquett, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and Tuesday, April 4, 2017 as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Meisel, seconded by Council Vice-President Uzman and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Committee Reports for Finance & Administration, Public Safety, Public Works and the Chief of Police Report, the Code Enforcement and Zoning 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 March 2017 as submitted.

5. BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Finance & Administration

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Finance and Administration Committee met on March 21, 2017. Matters before the Committee included a discussion with the Borough Actuary, the Beyer-Barber Company, about the 2017 actuarial report for the police and non-uniform

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pension funds, a review of proposed revisions to the Borough's personnel policy, and discussion about banking options for the Borough's funds.

b. Public Safety

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the March 21, 2017 meeting of Borough Council. A public open house for the Borough's Vision Partnership Program Grant project was held on April 3, 2017. There were approximately 20 attendees at the open house. In addition, the public survey has been open on the Borough website since March 15, 2017. To date, there have been approximately 80 responses to the survey.

c. Public Works

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Public Works Committee last met on March 21, 2017. The Committee has reviewed information pertaining to the proposed Community Arts Project via email. This project involves the installation of dog sculptures on Borough property. After review of the information, the Committee recommended that the project be present to Borough Council for review. Mr. Bashore stated Kristin Thomas is present this evening to discuss the project.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 734 – SUPPORT FOR A CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING:

Borough Manager Bashore stated before Borough Council this evening is proposed Resolution No. 734. This resolution would support a constitutional amendment that would assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission. The intent is to create a commission that would conduct the redistricting process in a non-partisan fashion. This effort is being coordinated by an organization called Fair Districts PA and Amy Finkbiner is the coordinator for the local effort. A presentation was given to Borough Council, by Amy Finkbiner at the April 4, 2017 meeting.

Council President Bramwell tabled discussion since Council Member Lexer was not present and knew he had questions. Borough Council agreed to table any action until the Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Borough Council Meeting.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 735 – SUPPORT FOR POWERTALK 21

Borough Manager Bashore stated before Borough Council is proposed Resolution No. 735. This resolution would support PowerTalk 21 Day organized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). April is Alcohol Awareness Month and April 21, 2017 is set aside as "PowerTalk 21 Day" by MADD. The program began in 2011. PowerTalk 21 Day is designated as a time for parents and caregivers to discuss underage drinking among middle and high school students. This a component of MADD's "Power of Parents." In order to show support for this effort, MADD is requesting that municipalities through the country to declare April 21, 2017 as "PowerTalk 21 Day."

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A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Meisel, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 735, supporting the PowerTalk 21 program established by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and declaring April 21, 2017 as "PowerTalk 21 Day".

8. PRESENTATION – MALVERN FIRE COMPANY – FIRST QUARTER REPORT:

Fire Chief Chris Gastwirth presented first quarter information to Borough Council. The Malvern Fire Company responded to 71 Incidents – 37 in Willistown Township, 20 in Malvern Borough and the remainder in 6 other municipalities; approximately 4,400 total man hours for all 71 incidents; and 514 Training hours involving 43 personnel for the first quarter. Training also includes a joint effort with the Boy Scouts of America, where 'Explorers' in the age range of 14-16 years old complete fire safety training to earn merit badges. In addition, the fire company is selling its TAC vehicle and plans to purchase one (1) new engine in the summer of 2017.

Fire Chief Gastwirth thanked Borough Council for their continued support and financial contributions.

9. PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT:

Borough Manager Bashore stated before Borough Council this evening is a presentation on a proposed community arts project. The project is being proposed by Kristin Thomas; she had previously organized the mural project on King Street. The project being proposed is the installation of four (4) painted dog statues in the yard of Borough Hall along Channing Ave. The dogs are proposed to be life-sized. Ms. Thomas' goal is to also raise money for another picnic table, two (2) Adirondack chairs, and a trash can to accompany the four (4) proposed dog statues. The goal is to convert this space into an outdoor reading and picnic area. Each dog would be unique and Ms. Thomas would be working with the following organizations/businesses: St. Patrick School, the Art Program at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, and Gallery 222 (a fourth organization has yet to be determined). In terms of maintenance, Ms. Thomas spoke with representatives from Boyertown Borough who undertook a similar project involving bears. The bears have been installed for 10 years with no maintenance. Additionally, the manufacturer says they last 25 years and Sherwin-Williams Outdoor Lifetime Paint would be used (this was the paint used for the murals). This project was reviewed by the Public Works Committee. The Committee noted that it was a good use of space behind Borough Hall and recommend that the concept be presented to Borough Council for review.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council President Bramwell, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to support the Malvern Community Arts Project through the authorization of the Malvern Borough Public Works Department to perform site prep and installation of the dog statues and outdoor furniture.

Fire Chief Gastwirth stated he will talk to his board to determine if the fire company would be interested in making a donation and/or supplying a fire hydrant statue.

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10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance No. 2016-2: Issuance of Non-Electoral Debt

Council President Bramwell stated this agenda item is tabled for discussion.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion – May 2, 2017 Meeting

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Borough Council Meeting will commence at 6:30 P.M. in order to better accommodate the hosting of and presentation made by Malverns Worldwide.

- b. Zoning Hearing Board

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Monday, April 24, 2017 Hearing has been cancelled due to no new applications. The next scheduled hearing is Monday, May 22, 2017. The Zoning Hearing Board released its decision for 156 West King Street, which was conducted on February 22, 2017, granted specific relief from the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, subject to conditions. The decision is available for public review at the Borough Hall, per the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law / Sunshine Act.

- c. Resignation From Borough Council

Council President Bramwell stated Christine Arena has tendered his resignation from Borough Council because he is relocating outside of the borough boundaries. Council Member Arena's resignation is effective as of April 18, 2017. Council President Bramwell stated Borough Council will be accepting resumes of interested residents to fill the unexpired term. All resumes and questions should be directed to Borough Manager Bashore.

Borough Solicitor Christakis stated at the May 2, 2017 Borough Council Meeting, nominations will need to be conducted and at the May 16, 2017 Borough Council Meeting the selection and appointment process should occur.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Grossman, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to accept the resignation of Christine Arena from Borough Council, effective Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

12. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President Bramwell informed all present that copies of the agenda are

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available at the front entrance. Citizens/taxpayers were advised that Public Forum is the time to offer comments to bring any issues/concerns before Council that are not on the agenda.

a. Kenneth Furlong, 221 Woodland Avenue, requested as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, that participants of the Malvern Memorial Day Parade no longer throw candy to onlookers, but instead hand the candy out as to discourage children from running in front of or under moving vehicles.

Borough Manager Bashore stated he will follow-up with the parade organizer to get Mr. Furlong's request heard.

b. John Buckley, 165 Church Street, wants Borough Council to enforce the section of the General Code regarding sidewalks, specifically the property owners' responsibility to maintain the sidewalks. Mr. Buckley wants the Borough to install sidewalk along the remainder of his street frontages.

13. ADJOURMENT:

At 8:18 p.m. Council President Bramwell stated Council will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Council President Bramwell reconvened the public meeting at 8:40 p.m.

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Meisel, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Lovekin
Assistant Secretary