PRESIDING: David G. Bramwell, President

INVOCATION: David G. Bramwell, President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

   Council President Bramwell informed all present that copies of the agenda are available at the front entrance. Citizens/taxpayers were advised that Public Forum is the time to offer comments on any item on the agenda to bring any issues/concerns before Council.

   a) Skate/BMX Park
      Kelly Schmitt, 111 Church Street, spoke on behalf of Kristin Thomas, 326 East Broad Street who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Ms. Schmitt stated that Council may want to consider converting the basketball court at the intersection of Old Lincoln Highway and Bridge Street into a skate/bmx park for residents’ children.

   b) Public Works Department Recognition
      Frank Ortner, 144 Griffith Avenue, thanked the Public Works Department for doing a great job in maintaining the Borough’s parks, infrastructures and roadways.

   c) Pedestrian Safety
      John Buckley, 165 Church Street, asked Council what they plan to do about the lack of a sidewalk along South Warren Avenue down to Malvern Preparatory School, as well as, addressing pedestrian safety at the intersection of King Street and Old Lincoln Highway.

      Council Member Lexer stated that the Public Safety Committee is looking at the entire Borough and are systematically addressing concerns, including the two locations previously mentioned.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

   A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Lexer and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2015, as submitted.
4. **APPROVAL OF REPORTS:**

   A motion was made by Council Member Meisel seconded by Council Vice-President Uzman, and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 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 December 2015, as submitted.

5. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MANAGER CHRISTOPHER BASHORE:**

   Council President Bramwell introduced Christopher Bashore as the new Borough Manager and encouraged the public to welcome him to his new position.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 702 – HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER:**

   A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Lexer and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 702, a Resolution approving the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County of Chester.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

   a) **Intersection of King Street & Bridge Street – Demolished Property**

   Council President Bramwell stated that the Borough has not received a building application for the property, however, he has heard that one scenario is for a gallery to be constructed on the first floor and retail space to be added on the second floor.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

   a) **2016 Recommended Action Items**

   Council President Bramwell requested that the following recommending bodies submit 5 – 10 actions they would like to accomplish in 2016 so Council may discuss at its February Work Session scheduled, Tuesday, February 2nd.

   1. Planning Commission;
   2. Parks & Recreation Board; and
   3. Historical Commission

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

   All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Lexer, seconded by Council Vice-President Uzman, and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Lovekin
Assistant Secretary