

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

May 5, 2015
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Catherine O. Raymond, Vice-President

INVOCATION: David B. Burton, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: Council President Bramwell (Absent)
Council Vice-President Raymond
Council Member Lexer
Council Member Meisel
Council Member Oswald
Council Member Radano (Absent)
Council Member Van Sciver
Mayor Burton

2. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY – CHIEF OF POLICE:

Mayor David Burton administered the Oath of Office to Louis M. Marcelli as the new Chief of Police for the Borough of Malvern. Chief Marcelli thanked his family, friends, and colleagues for attending the evening's meeting.

3. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council Vice-President Raymond 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 and to bring any issues/concerns before Council.

- a. John Buckley, 165 Church Street, commented on five (5) items not on the agenda and not discussed with either the Borough Manager or the Police Chief prior to tonight's meeting. 1) Parked vehicle at the corner of Woodland Avenue and King Street with no current registration; 2) Police Officer dismissal not vetted through a public meeting; 3) First quarter sewer billing for 2015 is abnormally high and should be investigated as to why; 4) Vehicle at the corner of Bridge Street and East Broad Street has been resting on jacks and poses a safety concern; and 5) Borough Code and Zoning Officer should have magnetic signs displayed on side of vehicle when parking on Borough-owned streets.

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4. PARKING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – ADOPTION:

Following discussion, Council Member Meisel agreed to make adjustments to the Parking Management Program document and resubmit for Public Safety Committee to review.

Adjustments to be made: 1) Reduce threshold of 80% neighbors to sign petition, down to two-thirds; 2) Change the language of “Public Safety Committee Approval” to “Council” approval.

Council Member Van Sciver suggested a GIS Map be created to outline the fifteen most-affected streets surrounding the Regional Rail Train Station and prioritize identified streets, as well as, to map out parking spaces on an aerial map. Council Member Van Sciver recommended the Traffic Management Program be linked to the Parking Management Program; combine the two programs into one. Council Member Oswald agreed with Council Member Van Sciver’s suggestions.

Council Member Meisel to further identify public involvement in the Parking Management Program.

Council Member Meisel to coordinate with Natasha Manbeck, McMahan Traffic Engineering firm to identify possible grant funding opportunities for conducting traffic management studies.

Council Member Oswald stated a two-thirds threshold may not be necessary, rather a single resident citing that he/she has a perceived safety issue is sufficient in causing Council to take action in confirming if a perceived safety issue is justified and should be addressed. Council Member Lexer stated the Public Safety Committee selected an 80% threshold as that is what the current Traffic Calming Petition requires and it shows buy-in by a majority of the residents affected.

Mayor Burton questioned what Council will do at tonight’s meeting to address the Residents’ concerns on West Broad Street regarding commuters parking on the street and prohibiting residents from parking in front of their homes. Council Member Lexer stated the Public Safety Committee will reconvene to discuss the matter. Joe Greco, 121 West Broad Street, stated that he and the rest of the residents on West Broad Street would appreciate a discussion from Council by the start of the 2015 Summer.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Proposed Sidewalk at Rubino Park

Council Member Van Sciver stated previous Council members and he may have been short-sighted in not identifying Old Lincoln Highway as a high priority for having sidewalks installed.

Council Member Oswald questioned what the trade-offs are of having the sidewalks installed along Old Lincoln Highway as opposed to the frontage of Rubino Park and along East Broad Street.

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A motion was made by Council Member Van Sciver, seconded by Council Member Lexer and carried by a vote of 5-0, to authorize the Borough Engineer to instruct Joseph Rubino, owner of 361 Old Lincoln Highway to install 370 linear feet of 4-foot wide sidewalk, curbs and stormwater drainage along the frontage of Rubino Park on Old Lincoln Highway. The Borough Engineer to draft a cost estimate for the Borough to install sidewalk from the termination of the Rubino Park section, West over to the Basketball Court, former Herzak Property at Bridge Street.

b) Wireless Facilities Ordinance

Ari Christakis, solicitor with Lentz Cantor & Massey, LLC, stated the proposed ordinance amendment is to allow free-standing poles to be erected By-Right for the Malvern Fire Department. The Federal Communications Committee (FCC) regulates that poles may be erected 10% higher, if a height increase is proposed, then the municipality may regulate.

Borough Council instructed Borough Manager Kelley to publicly advertise the Ordinance for a public hearing and adoption at the May 19th Borough Council Meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a) No new business was discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Meisel, seconded by Council Member Oswald, and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Lovekin
Assistant Secretary