

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

October 15, 2013
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Catherine Raymond, Vice-President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: Council President Van Sciver - ABSENT
Council Vice President Raymond
Council Member Coughlin - ABSENT
Council Member Giandonato
Council Member Macaleer
Council Member Sponenbergh
Council Member Uzman
Mayor McGlone

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President informs all present that copies of the agenda are available at the front 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 now without all the cars being parked on Woodland Avenue between King Street and Roberts Lane, the school buses can now make the turn onto Woodland Avenue from King Street.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Sponenbergh, seconded by Council Member Uzman and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on Tuesday, September 3 and Tuesday, September 17, 2013, as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Uzman, seconded by Council Member Sponenbergh and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 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 September 2013, as submitted.

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5. PAYMENT RELEASE – AGPOINT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

A motion was made by Council Member Macaleer, seconded by Council Member Sponenbergh and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Final payment releases #1 and #2 to Agpoint Construction Services, in the amount of \$151,262.00, for payment of the Pole Barn Garage and Salt Shed Design / Build Project, as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Peddling & Soliciting Ordinance – Discussion and questions regarding this item included the need to be sure food vendor trucks were licensed by the County Health Department, to request that vendors attending the Malvern Fire Company have criminal background checks, how to police all vendors for background checks and the fee required by the vendors, not request a social security number by a tax identification number, etc. It was felt that the purpose of the ordinance was to protect our citizens from door to door salesmen and we may be losing sight of the entire reason for the ordinance.

Council agreed to table the ordinance until all members of Council are present. It was felt that the proposed ordinance was good but that it could be even better.

b. Crosswalks at Eastside Flats – After receiving input from the Borough Engineer regarding stormwater concerns if a raised crosswalk was to be placed at Ruthland Avenue and King Street, it was recommended by Council Member Uzman to not install raised crosswalks at this intersection. He explained that the raised crosswalks would not be feasible because of the stormwater concerns and the cost to make improvements to accommodate a raised crosswalk. The project could possibly exceed \$100,000. There are other options to pursue.

Council Member Sponenbergh stated that on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, we would like to explore the cost of looking at a raised crosswalk on Monument Avenue at Malvern Avenue. If we are to proceed with this recommendation, we would need to put money in the budget to fund the crosswalk.

c. Crosswalks – Council Member Giandonato reported that the crosswalk on Warren at Roberts needs a Yield to Pedestrians sign for people crossing to go to the Farmer's Market and to Church on Sundays. This crosswalk and the crosswalk at First and Warren need to be hot-taped as they are very worn and difficult to see.

Frank Ortner, 144 Griffith Avenue, suggested placing a flashing red light on the signs for pedestrians and the stop ahead signs.

Council Member Giandonato asked if we could talk to the Chief about having a police presence at the Roberts and Warren crosswalk for the Saturday Market and Sunday Church pedestrians.

David Burton, 19 Powelton Avenue, suggested placing stop signs on Warren Avenue at Monument Avenue as this is the same type of intersection as the Flying Pig.

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It was suggested that we have our engineer look at the warrants to place these stop signs on Warren Avenue but the Manager suggested that we first discuss it with the Chief. The Police Department can do the traffic counts if we meet other required warrants such as accidents at this location.

d. Parking on Monument Avenue – Frank Ortner reported that he feels there is a sight distance issue with traffic entering onto Monument Avenue from Prospect Avenue because of cars parking too close to Prospect Avenue on Monument Avenue. It is too difficult to see when looking right to enter onto Monument.

The following suggestions were made regarding parking in the Borough:

1. four-hour parking on Monument Avenue;
2. four-hour parking borough-wide with parking permits for residents;
3. parking throughout the Borough should be looked at.
4. parking on one side only on Monument Avenue;
5. parking on alternate days on either side of Monument Avenue.

Following discussion regarding parking in the Borough, the matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

e. EEB Hub Award – Council discussed Council President Van Sciver’s comments regarding the Memorandum of Understanding from EEB Hub and a motion was made by Council Member Sponenbergh, seconded by Council Vice President Raymond and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to follow Council President Van Sciver’s recommendations for the MOU and to sign the agreement for the EEB Hub Study of the Borough Administration Building.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Uzman, seconded by Council Vice President Raymond and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager