

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

October 3, 2017
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Council President Bramwell

INVOCATION: David B. Burton, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

Council President Bramwell stated Borough Council met in executive session, at 6:30 p.m., prior to tonight's public meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Council President Bramwell informed all present that copies of the agenda were available at the front entrance.

Police Chief Marcelli introduced two (2) part-time officers to Borough Council that were recently hired to fill spots that were vacated: 1) Police Officer Sian Keating; and 2) Police Officer Dan Wilson.

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 member of the audience identified themselves as recording the meeting.

3. 2018 BUDGET REQUESTS – CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

a. Malvern Business & Professional Association

Fran Givnish, President of the Malvern Business & Professional Association (MBPA) presented the association's 2018 requests and justifications. He stated the MBPA requests a 2018 civic contribution of \$10,000.00 to assist in defraying costs to provide the Malvern Blooms and Harvest Festivals, Victorian Christmas, Malvern Strolls, and the upcoming 150th Malvern Memorial Parade. The association intends to partner with the Parade Committee to make the event a memorable one for the Borough.

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Borough Council reviewed specific 2018 budget line items as outlined in the MBPA's 2018 budget, specifically; 1) Festival/Mural costs; 2) Donations; and 3) 150th Memorial Parade.

Council Member Grossman requested for greater detail as to what the requested \$10,000.00 contribution would provide funding for. Fran Givnish will follow-up with the Association members for clarification. No action was taken by Borough Council.

b. Malvern Park & Civic Association

Council President Bramwell tabled discussion as the representative was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

c. Upper Main Line Memorial Association

Council President Bramwell tabled discussion as the representative was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

d. Paoli Memorial Association

Council President Bramwell tabled discussion as the representative was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

e. Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

Bruce Knapp, President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF) presented a summary of 2017 activities and justifications for 2018 funding requests. For 2018, PBPF requested civic funds would go towards improving the condition and safety of the Battlefield's 1) Trails; 2) Walkways; 3) Controlling invasive plants; and 4) Improving the buffer area of plantings to improve neighboring residents' views leading from their backyards to the Battlefield.

Council President Bramwell asked Mr. Knapp when the federal government will determine whether to designate the Battlefield a "National Historic Landmark." Mr. Knapp stated the federal government has extended the timeline an additional two (2) years, therefore he does not expect a final decision until 2019.

Council Member Grossman requested Bruce Knapp and the PBPF submit in writing to Borough Manager Bashore the properties that are encroaching onto the Battlefield so corrective measures may be considered.

No action was taken by Borough Council.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Additional Paving Projects for 2017

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Borough Manager Bashore stated that he met with the Borough Engineer, Superintendent of Public Works to determine additional paving projects for 2017 that may be completed with the remaining funds. Three (3) locations were identified for paving consideration: 1) Bridge Street: Approximately 129 LF to include base repair and overlay; 2) King Street: Approximately 150 LF to include base repair and overlay in front of the Exxon gas station; and 3) Quaker Lane: Approximately 200 LF from curve on Quaker Lane to North Warren Avenue.

Borough Manager Bashore stated the Public Works Committee reviewed cost estimates as prepared by the Borough Engineer. The Borough Engineer prepared bid specifications that include the Borough purchasing the material directly from a COSTARS-approved vendor. There was one (1) bid received from DiRocco Brothers, Inc. (Paving Company that completed the work paving work on South Warren Avenue).

Police Chief Marcelli was concerned that new pavement on Bridge Street with the steep downslope will cause a slippery condition leading to a safety concern. Discussion among Council members lead to a consensus for the work at Bridge Street to be milled and finished with a coarse surface to increase friction/vehicle traction.

Borough Manager Bashore stated all work would be completed during non-business hours (i.e. late evening/early morning) and all line stripping and markings will be repainted after the completion for the paving projects.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Uzman, seconded by Council Member Sinquett, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve DiRocco Brothers, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, at an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00, with a scope of work to include: 1) Bridge Street (from the bridge to East King Street): Milling and wearing course overlay; 2) Quaker Lane (small portion near Warren Avenue): Base repair only; and 3) West King Street (near Exxon Station): base repair only.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Escrow Release Request
 - i. 183 PA Ave., LLC – Release Request No. 3

A motion was made by Council Member Sinquett, seconded by Council Vice-President Uzman, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to release \$5,409.00 to 183 PA Ave., LLC for 183 Pennsylvania Avenue, as recommended by the Borough Engineer's letter dated, September 29, 2017.

- b. Zoning Hearing Board
 - i. Renehan Building Group, Inc. – 328 East King Street

Borough Manager Bashore stated at the September 25, 2017 meeting, the Zoning Hearing Board voted to grant a variance from Section 220-2401 of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance to the applicant, Renehan Building Group. The relief was conditioned on the

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applicant's compliance with the evidence presented at the hearing. The applicant, Renehan Building Group, was seeking a variance in order to allow for an accessory structure in excess of the prescribed 15 feet maximum. The proposed structure height is 17 feet.

ii. Saint Patrick's Church – Channing and Woodland Avenues

Borough Manager Bashore stated at the September 25, 2017 meeting, the Zoning Hearing Board took testimony from the applicant, Saint Patrick's Church, including a review of the layout plan. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception from Section 220-1903.B of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. There were five (5) individuals who requested party status to the proceedings. In addition, the Borough Solicitor attended the hearing on behalf of the Borough, but not in opposition to the application as discussed at the September 19, 2017 Borough Council Meeting. The primary concern raised by the surrounding property owners was the demolition of the existing structures on Woodland Avenue. A decision was not issued at this hearing and will be issued at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on October 23, 2017.

c. International Walk to School Day

Police Chief Marcelli stated that Wednesday, October 4, 2017 will be International Walk to School Day, and as such the Saint Patrick's School will be participating. He advised residents to be mindful while driving their vehicles.

d. Introduction of New Malvern Public Library Director

Borough Manager Bashore introduced Maggie Stanton, who started on Sunday, September 10, 2017 as the new Director of the Malvern Public Library.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President Bramwell advised citizens/taxpayers that Public Forum is the time to offer comments and to bring any issues/concerns before Council that were not on the agenda.

No comments were made by an audience member.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Sinquett, seconded by Council Vice-President Uzman, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Lovekin
Assistant Secretary