

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

JANUARY 3, 2012
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Council President Van Sciver

1. 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, asked if he could serve on the Planning Commission. Council President Van Sciver responded that Council would discuss his request.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 651 – CHECK SIGNERS FOR 2012:

A motion was made by Council Vice President Raymond and seconded by Council Member Sponenbergh to adopt Resolution No. 651, a Resolution requiring the signatures of the Council President, Borough Secretary and Borough Treasurer on all checks on all Borough banking accounts in 2012.

Council President Van Sciver stated that, in the past, the Chairman of the Finance Committee was a check signer. If, once we get into Committee formation again, maybe we could include some member of the Finance Committee who may be available to sign checks. The Resolution can be revised again in the future should Council decide to make some changes.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Traffic Regulations – Cathy Reynolds, 225 W. King Street, asked the rationale for no parking along W. King Street between Crest Avenue and Malvern Avenue. Council President Van Sciver responded that this decision was made in 1981 and, although it has been researched, we were unable to find any discussion about this decision in the minutes.

Jack Reynolds, 225 W. King Street, stated that two years ago he was at a meeting when the proposal for the islands to initiate traffic calming on the west side of King Street was discussed and he expressed his concerns about their block between Crest Avenue and Malvern Avenue at that time. As a resident, the Borough has done a great job over that period of time. He has seen so many advancements downtown with the stop signs at the bridge and at the shopping center, speed humps on Monument Avenue, First Avenue and on Crest Avenue. However, the traffic hasn't gotten any lighter since 1976 but has increased. As much as the Borough has done, his block seems to be one area that is a real enigma. He was told the road is too narrow for an island and they can't have the humps because of emergency vehicles. This summer the Borough Engineer came to talk about the improvements to the sidewalks because of the drainage problems. Mr. Reynolds stated that he brought up his concerns about the safety on the west side. He feels it is no secret that those islands have not calmed traffic. It is no secret since 1986 that

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three out of four cars at the stop signs do more hesitating than stopping. We continue to have a real chronic problem in this area. He stated that he asked the police to look at some of the problems that have occurred because of the traffic. The traffic calming measures that have been initiated have made it more dangerous. In reality, it has not calmed the traffic. The wide lines have made speeding traffic closer to the walking community. It is more of a danger now than it has ever been. Could there be some additional thought for the bigger picture? We have people who don't respect the stop signs. A speed limit monitor was placed three houses west of the stop sign. The monitor showed an average speed of 27-28 MPH. If a driver was completely stopped at King Street and Crest Avenue and got up to 27-28 MPH in three houses, he was going fast. A camera would show who is drifting and who is not. It is a real concern. I see all the chronic ailments that have been made worse because the traffic is closer to our walking community. Mr. Reynolds stated that he hopes Council will give consideration to this. I think some thoughtful ways of possibly addressing this ailment would be to put stop signs within a football field length of each other with a three-way stop at Malvern Avenue and King Street.

Council President Van Sciver stated that Council will discuss the options and Council's goal will be to be enlightened.

b. Sign and Billboard Ordinance comments from CCPC and Borough Solicitor – Council Member McCrory stated that the Ordinance seems to call out "LED" lighting and that is a technology. He questioned whether a different term should be used to reference pixel based lighting.

Council Vice President Raymond responded that Council can certainly change the definition as it does seem to focus too much on LED and Council would make it a more generic term.

Council Member McCrory stated that we could just drop the term and say any sign. The Manager will discuss this change with the Solicitor.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Uzman, seconded by Council Member Sponenbergh and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager