

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

April 15, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: David G. Bramwell, President

INVOCATION: David B. Burton, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

Council President Bramwell called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President informed all present that copies of the agenda are available at the front desk. 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) John Buckley, 165 Church Street, stated vehicles that do not have current registration and inspection stickers, parked on public streets, should be ticketed as was done to his truck a few years ago. He reminded Borough staff that he had cinders in two (2) trash cans for pickup by the Public Works Department.

b) Sidne Baglini, 203 Channing Avenue, asked Council if lot irregularity and the term, “generally”, has been addressed in the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance.

Wendy McLean, Borough Solicitor, responded that she will need input from the Planning Commission as to what change they want to make before she can amend the ordinance.

The Planning Commission will discuss this topic at their May 1st meeting and the amendment will be recommended as promptly as possible.

Wendy McLean will send samples of ordinances from other municipalities.

c) Danny Fruchter, 234 Channing Avenue, commented on the following:

- i) whether attorney-client privilege communications regarding the SALDO and Zoning regulations could be made available to the public, with redactions;
- ii) all SALDO applications should require the applicant to notify adjacent property owners, in writing, when waivers have been requested following the initial application;
- iii) the Borough no longer has to welcome developers with open arms but should restrict development to what we consider to be a Malvern-type result, particularly in the downtown.

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d) Kristin Thomas, 326 East Broad Street, reported that students from the Great Valley School District, National Honors Art Society will be coming to Council on May 20th to show their sketches for the mural project on the Bridge. There will be five panels with the middle panel being the Borough logo and the remaining panels showing Malvern Today of the events held in Burke Park during the four seasons.

Kristin also asked Council to consider, as part of the 125th Anniversary, a mural to be painted on the walls in the lobby of Borough Hall of King Street in 1889 and King Street today. This mural will be painted in muted tones.

Council all agreed to allow the murals in the lobby of Borough Hall.

e) Frank Ortnier, Jr., 144 Griffith Avenue, announced upcoming events associated with the Malvern Business and Professional Association:

1. Sunday, May 4th – Malvern Blooms
2. Saturday, May 31st - 5K in morning, Spaghetti Dinner in Memorial Grounds and Chester County Band in evening
3. Sunday, June 1st - Memorial Day Parade

f) Patti Rossiter, 241 Miner Street, a member of the Malvern Borough Parks and Recreation Committee announced their upcoming events, located in Burke Park:

1. Saturday, May 17th – 4th Annual Spring Yard Sale, 9am – Noon
2. Saturday, May 30th – 10th Annual Spring Fling, 6pm – 8pm with Rita's water Ice and a Disc Jockey
3. Saturday, June 20th – Movie Night, Food Truck at 6pm, Movie and popcorn at 7:30pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Vice President Raymond and seconded by Council Member Lexer to approve the minutes of March 4 and March 18, 2014, as submitted.

Council Member Oswald stated that the March 4th minutes do not reflect his abstention and his reason for abstaining. The vote on the ordinances was 6-0 with Council Member Oswald abstaining because there was not sufficient time for him to prepare for the vote {as he had just been appointed to fill the Council vacancy}. The motion, as amended, was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. The March 4th Minutes will reflect the amendments.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Oswald, seconded by Council Member Lexer and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the March 2014 Reports, as submitted, of the Treasurer, the Chief of Police, the Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer (i.e. Building Inspector, Housing and Property Maintenance, and Zoning), the Superintendent of Public Works, and the Borough Manager, as well as, the Committee Reports for Finance and Administration Committee, Public Safety, and Public Works.

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5. RESOLUTION NO. 675 – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

A motion was made by Council Member Radano, seconded by Council Vice-President Raymond and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the appointment of Neil G. Lovekin as Assistant Secretary of the Borough of Malvern until such appointment shall be terminated by Resolution of Borough Council.

6. PARTICIPATION IN INCOMMUNITY MAGAZINE

A motion was made by Council Member Lexer, seconded by Council President Bramwell and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Borough of Malvern to join with the Great Valley School District and other municipalities within the School District in participating in the InCommunity Magazine project.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Discuss On-Street Parking Ordinances / Letter from Planning Commission

Council Member Oswald requested that a Parking Study be conducted as it is a recommended action in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated a study would identify the problems/root causes of the Borough's parking issues and could lend itself to identifying solutions to the specific problems found in the study.

After a discussion by Borough Council and with public comments, the Council identified four (4) action items:

1. Send Parking Ordinance Amendments back to the Public Safety Committee for further review
2. Borough Administration, in coordination with Dan Daley, Borough Engineer to research costs for a Borough-wide Parking Study
3. Dan Daley, Borough Engineer to determine current inventory of available parking within Borough limits and costs to paint striped parking spaces
4. Police Chief Marcelli and Mayor Burton to speak with the Property Manager of the Raintree development regarding the Borough Council's position and option of posting no parking signs on Winston Cutting Drive, due to Raintree residents parking their trucks on the cul-de-sac.

b) Malvern Blooms Festival - Council Member Lexer stated he will be staffing a booth at the Malvern Blooms Festival on Saturday, May 4th with information and handouts regarding the "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" campaign.

Council Member Oswald excused himself from the public meeting at 9:05 p.m. due to a work-related obligation.

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8. RESOLUTION NO. 676 – BORROWING:

A motion was made by Council Member Van Sciver, seconded by Council Vice-President Raymond, and carried by a vote of 5-1, with Council President Bramwell abstaining as he was not involved in the decision to purchase the vehicle, to approve Resolution No. 676, a Resolution that allows the Borough of Malvern to borrow funds from the National Bank of Malvern for purchase of a Police vehicle.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) ARLE Grant – A motion was made by Council President Bramwell, seconded by Council Member Meisel and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0 to apply for the ARLE Grant for the traffic signal at Warren Avenue and King Street. Council agreed to include in the grant that the Borough would pay for engineering costs associated with the design. Said grant is due in June.

b) TOD Study – Council Member Van Sciver announced that the TOD Study has been completed and is published on the website. The Planning Commission has invited him to have a discussion with them at their meeting on May 1st and he thinks the Borough needs to have a lot more discussion regarding this Study. Council Member Van Sciver feels the Borough should investigate a lot of the different options presented in the Study.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Lexer, seconded by Council Member Radano, and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil G. Lovekin
Assistant Secretary