REGULAR MEETING
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MALVERN BOROUGH                          June 6, 2023
1 East First Avenue                      7:30 PM
Malvern, PA 19355

PRESIDING:                                President Finkbiner

INVOCATION:                               Mayor Uzman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Council President Finkbiner
Council Vice President Bones
Council Member Frederick
Council Member Phillips
Council Member Niemiec
Council Member Riccetti
Zeyn B. Uzman, Mayor

ABSENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS
President Finkbiner asked in accordance with Resolution No. 840 if any member of the audience
was recording the meeting. Mr. Hugo Schmitt and Mr. Danny Fruchter recorded the meeting.

President Finkbiner requested as a courtesy, if you are participating via ZOOM, please turn on your
camera while speaking.

President Finkbiner announced that Borough Council met in executive session on June 6, 2023 prior
to this evening’s meeting to discuss matters related to collective bargaining.

President Finkbiner announced that Picnic in the Park occurred on Saturday, June 3, 2023 and the
Annual Memorial Day Parade took place the following day on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Mayor Uzman thanked the Malvern Borough Police Department and volunteer’s efforts at the
Memorial Day Parade.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Frederick, carried
by a vote of 6-0, to approve the agenda for the June 6, 2023 meeting as presented.

MINUTES & REPORTS

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Niemiec, and
carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, May 16, 2023 regular meeting as
presented.
A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Riccetti, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, May 19, 2023 special meeting as presented. Council Member Frederick abstained due to being not in attendance at the meeting.

b. BOROUGH COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance & Administration and Public Works Sub-Committees have not met since the last Borough Council meeting.

The Public Safety Sub-Committee met on Monday, June 5, 2023 and discussed the following:
- PECO replacing a pole at Monument Avenue and King Street
- Damaged Crosswalk Pole located at Warren Avenue and King Street
- Stocking parts through the supplier for crosswalk light repairs
- Traffic study quote for two (2) traffic studies to be performed at King Street & Channing Avenue and King Street & Bridge Street
- Rubino Park parking issued from resident complaint and concern letter received

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a. ACCEPTANCE OF MARTY LANEY’S RESIGNATION BY BOROUGH COUNCIL

President Finkbiner explained that former Council Member Marty Laney gave notification of her resignation to Borough Council effective May 31, 2023. Borough Council and the Community thank her for many years of service to Malvern Borough.

She further explained that pursuant to the Borough Home Rule Charter, nominations will be taken at the June 20, 2023 meeting. A replacement will be selected at the following regular meeting. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will be entitled to hold the office until a successor is elected at the November 7, 2023 municipal general election.

My. John Buckley asked to be considered for the position.

Borough Council thanked Marty Laney for her years of service to the Borough and asked the Borough Manager to look into having a plaque.

A motion was made by Council Member Niemiec, seconded by Council Member Riccetti, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to accept Marty Laney’s resignation from Borough Council as of Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

b. AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT A BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBER TO CO-SIGN FOR BANK TRANSACTIONS

President Finkbiner explained that Borough Council will appoint Vice President Bones to co-sign for bank transactions.

A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Riccetti, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to authorize Vice President Bones to co-sign for bank transactions on behalf of the Borough.
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c.  SEPTA INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION

President Finkbiner introduced SEPTA and explained that they will be implementing infrastructure updates to the local train station located in Malvern Borough. They will be presenting this evening and the presentation will be posted on the Borough Website the following day.

Mr. Robert Tangi and Mr. Joseph Connelly presented on behalf of SEPTA.

Borough Council discussed including aesthetics such as brick, new lighting additions being environmentally friendly to birds and surrounding residents, parking changes, and stormwater management upgrades to the site including the parking lots and on the Northside of the tracks.

Police Chief Marcelli addressed knox boxes and camera surveillance requesting as many cameras as possible.

Mrs. Gail Newman inquired if the residents would be notified of the work performed in the surrounding area. Mr. Tangi confirmed all residents would be notified well in advance.

Resident Lindsey inquired if the work being performed will be inspected and who is responsible for snow removal. Mr. Tangi explained that all work will be inspected and SEPTA is responsible for snow removal.

Mr. John Buckley commented on the current parking lot and remote parking including building a parking garage.

Mr. Connelly confirmed that SEPTA is pausing on all parking projects throughout the entire institution.

Borough Council thanks SEPTA for their presentation. Mr. Tangi explained that Borough Council has the opportunity to submit their wish list requests and he will be reaching out for the Borough to formalize such to SEPTA’s attention.

d.  TRASH CONTRACT AWARD FOR YEARS 2023 & 2024

President Finkbiner explained the trash contract concludes with A.J. Blosenski as of June 30, 2023. The Borough solicited bids for a new provider concluding Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 12PM. At the March 21, 2023 meeting, Borough Council authorized the trash contract be bid for the same services currently offered, for the same services offered with uniform trash bins provided by the trash company, and collection once a week without uniform trash bins, having bulk pick up occur semi-annually. The initial contract term shall be 18 months, with one or two 12-month option periods.

Borough Council discussed the four (4) bids received this evening from A.J. Bloskenski, J.P. Masscaro & Sons, Whitetail Disposal, and Charles Bloskenski Disposal presented in the bid tabulation and what option would best serve Malvern Borough.

Borough Council confirmed that A.J. Blosenski was the low bidder for once a week and twice a week pick up. They did not bid for the uniform trash receptacle option.
Mrs. Gail Newman of the Landmark Community inquired if the Borough would pay for their trash services given their residents have to pay twice how the trash contract is currently structured.

President Finkbiner explained upon the contract being put on an eighteen (18) month contact to have an annual trash contract the Borough will be able to address this issue in a future budget cycle.

Mr. Adam Grimes inquired about bulk trash pick-up. Borough Council explained that bulk trash pickup will occur twice a year, once in fall, and once in Spring.

Mr. Ryan Miller is in favor of once a week trash pickup.

Borough Council discussed the composting program and inquired when statistics would be received.

Assistant Manager Badman explained to collect data the program must operate for a longer period of time, as the program just initiated.

Dr. David Knies, Ph.D. asked who is in favor of once a week.

President Finkbiner asked the public who is favor of once a week and a majority of the general public that was in attendance raised their hands in favor.

Mr. John Buckley inquired if a separate hauler can be chosen for trash pick up and recycling, as well as commenting for trash pickup to remain on Fridays as is currently done.

Borough Council confirmed separate haulers may be chosen to perform each duty.

Mrs. Jessica Anderson commented on the compost program and is currently taking part in the program.

Mrs. Sid Baglini offered to assist the Borough with tips on how to manage trash is the once a week option is chosen.

Borough Council directed staff to create an educational mailer to be sent to all residents receiving residential trash service.

A motion was made by Council Member Niemiec, seconded by Council Member Phillips, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to authorize A.J. Blosenski as the Borough’s trash hauler for Bid C to the satisfaction of the Borough Solicitor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS & POTENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

President Finkbiner explained that Borough Council will interview interested applicants to become member(s) of the Main Street Revitalization Task Force and potentially appoint five (5) members this evening pursuant to Resolution No. 845. All interested applicants were contacted on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 requesting their presence at the meeting this evening to be interviewed in
person or via ZOOM by the Borough Manager on behalf of Borough Council. There are 11 application submissions.

Mr. Bill Arrowood of PA Downtown and Mr. Mark Evans of Derck & Edson are available for questions and to assist with the process. Malvern Borough is a member of PA Downtown.

Council Member Frederick discussed with Borough Council her interest in being on the Committee as a local business owner since Year 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Riccetti, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to appoint Lynne D. Frederick to the Main Street Revitalization Task Force. Lynne D. Frederick abstained from voting due to being the subject matter of the vote.

Ms. Tina Corrado was not able to attend this evening due to a conflict and notified Borough Council.

Ms. Christy Campli presented her recommendations and has 10 years’ experience in restaurant, retail, and marketing experience. She runs the weekly Farmers Market held in Burke Park.

Mr. Eric Rea is a resident of the Malvern Borough and has a background in economic development. He has owned numerous companies and is currently retired looking to become more involved in his community.

Mr. Ryan Miller has an interest in serving on the task force and works in the medical field.

Mr. Fred Mannis has business and accounting experience and is interested in serving on the task force.

Ms. Meghan Miller is the Director of CGI and has a MBA from St. Joseph’s University. She has experience and is focused on bringing young families into the Malvern Borough culture.

Ms. Jessica Anderson is a resident of the community and has 30 years background in education dealing with family relations. She is interested in supporting the Community.

Mr. Nicholas Bociella, Ms. Katherine Summers, and Ms. Margie Versaglie were not available this evening for interviews in person.

Borough Council and the Mayor discussed in length the great candidates that applied for the task force and thanked everyone for their time. They invited anyone not selected this evening to be part of the public process and join the meeting that will be taking place in the near future.

Mr. Mark Evans discussed the grant available that is due July 28, 2023 that requires a 20% match. There may not be enough time to make application this round.

Borough Council asked what the vision is of the candidates.

Mr. Jim Vike inquired that this question be offered to all the candidates to answer.

Ms. Meghan Miller commented on the process of creating a vision.

Ms. Jessica Anderson commented on the vision of keeping a safe and vital community.
Ms. Christy Campli commented on strength in numbers and sustainability, while implementing growth.

Mr. John Buckley commented on the size of the task force and requested that the number be increased to eight (8) members.

Ms. Tiffanie Quinn commented that anyone interviewing that is present this evening should be considered and to apply for the grant mentioned.

Dr. David Knies, Ph.D. urged Borough Council to move forward with the five (5) member task force as proposed and start working on the vision as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Council Member Frederick, seconded by Council Member Phillips, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to appoint Tina Corrado to the Main Street Revitalization Task Force.

A motion was made by Vice President Bones, seconded by Council Member Phillips, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to appoint Eric Rea to the Main Street Revitalization Task Force.

A motion was made by Council Member Riccetti, seconded by Council Member Frederick, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to appoint Meghan Miller to the Main Street Revitalization Task Force.

A motion was made by Vice President Bones, seconded by Council Member Phillips, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to appoint Christy Campli to the Main Street Revitalization Task Force.

b. REFERENDUM RESULTS

President Finkbiner explained that Borough Council will discuss the referendum results regarding the First Avenue Bike Trail Park and have the Borough Solicitor explain the legal process.

The Borough Solicitor explained that he will work with the Borough Manager to file and record the Ordinance, as well as submit the easement offer to the Williston Conservation Trust.

c. ZONING HEARING BOARD

President Finkbiner explained that a Zoning Hearing Board Application has been received as of May 26, 2023 for 38 Ruthland Avenue proposing an additional dwelling unit, to total four (4) units, located at the property located in the R4 Residential Zoning District. The Zoning Officer and Assistant Zoning Officer are currently reviewing the application for completeness in conjunction with the Borough Solicitor’s guidance.

Mr. Vike is not in support of the relief requested due to the proposed use being out of character with what is required in the R4 Residential Zoning District.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. John Buckley asked about receiving a waiver for a Zoning permit fee to install a walkway on his property.
President Finkbiner agreed that this matter will be addressed on the Agenda at the June 20, 2023 Borough Council meeting.

Ms. Sid Baglini complemented the new flagpole light located on the PMA grounds and the pocket park that has been installed at the rear of Borough Hall of Channing and Warren Avenues.

ADJOURNMENT

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Riccetti, seconded by Vice President Frederick, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany M. Loomis
Borough Manager/Secretary