

New Britain Borough

Minutes

January 12, 2010

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Council was called to order by President David Donahue at 7:30 PM in the Borough Hall. All council members were present except Mr. Robert Belchic. Also present were Ms. Robin Trymbiski, Mr. Mark Hintenlang, Mayor David Holewinski, Mr. Lloyd Vansant and Solicitor Michael Goodwin. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting as written; seconded by Ms. Margaret Remmey and approved. Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

Residents Remarks: Mr. Joe Cangelosi reported on the meeting of the Covered Bridge Society which he attended. The Society has received a grant to purchase a camera to be placed on a covered bridge as a test case to help prevent and help investigate damage and vandalism to the bridge. If the system works and the County approves, the hope is to put cameras on all the covered bridges. If this program is initiated, the Pine Valley Bridge will be the third bridge to be outfitted with a camera.

Correspondence: for the month was reviewed.

November Tax Collector's Report: for the month was reviewed.

Fire, Building, Zoning and Road Reports: for the month were reviewed.

Manager's Report:

Administration: The Bucks County Borough's Assoc. will hold a meeting on February 2, 2010 at the Doylestown Country Club.

PSAB will hold newly elected officials training classes pertaining to a variety of issues that impact municipalities.

Bucks County Water and Sewer is requesting the cooperation of the Borough to develop a system that will insure the installation and maintenance of grease traps in commercial properties. An ordinance which Doylestown Township has adopted is up for discussion.

Finance: As requested last month, a letter of support was sent in support of retaining elected tax collectors.

Police: The police have ordered a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria which should be delivered the end of the month.

Expenditures: Ms. Margaret Remmey motioned to pay the monthly expenditures; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

New Business: Mr. Craig Sturza motioned to approve Resolution 2010-2, agreeing that a study should be completed to determine whether the Central Bucks Regional Police Department should be considered for the future delivery of police services to the Central Bucks community and willing to participate in a Regional Police Committee; seconded by Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski and approved.

Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to approve Resolution 2010-3, adopting a Borough policy providing instruction and guidelines to Borough employees, elected officials, appointed persons and other agents of the Borough, regarding any incidence of fraud affecting any aspect of Borough operations; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Margaret Remmey motioned to advertise an ordinance approving, in part, certain regulations adopted by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority related to the installation and regulation of oil and grease interceptors and/or traps for all industrial, commercial and institutional establishments and providing penalties for same in the event of violations of the ordinance; seconded by Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski and approved for advertisement. Solicitor Michael Goodwin will advertise the ordinance. The Borough Fee Schedule will need to be adapted when the ordinance is approved.

Old Business: The New Britain Bike and Hike Committee has completed their application to the Green Region – PECO Open Space Program Grant. Mr. Peter LaMontagne motioned to approve Resolution 2010-4 approving the submittal of the application; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and approved. The Resolution will be sent to State Representative K. Watson for her support at Mr. LaMontagne's request.

Ms. Mary Pat Holewinski motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Craig Sturza and the meeting ended at 8:15 PM.