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POTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Pottstown Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as a Go-To-Meeting with President Weand in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

President Weand requested a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilors present were Ryan Procsal, Lisa Vanni, Donald Lebedynsky, Trenita Lindsay, Dan Weand, Michael Paules and Joseph Kirkland. Also present were Manager Justin Keller, Assistant Solicitor Matthew Hovey, Mayor Stephanie Henrick and Borough Secretary Virginia Takach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borough Manager Keller explained the format for this evening's meeting, advising that the meeting is a GoTo Meeting and available on-line. Public comments are being accepted through email and chat and will be announced to all. Comments are limited to 300 words to be in compliance with Council's three-minute rule and participants shall be identified accordingly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. September 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilor Lebedynsky, seconded by Councilor Lindsay to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. Motion carried: 7 ayes.
- b. September 14, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilor Procsal, seconded by Councilor Vanni to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration – President Weand reported that at 67% of the year, the General Fund revenues stand at 76% and expenses are at 52%. The real estate taxes received are at 96%. President Weand also noted that assessments have dropped by \$183,870 during August and September. Property assessments continue to be pursued and the Portnoff collections are steady. President Weand added that there were no new Lerta applications and he commended Mr. Keller and Ms. Maletsky for the recent budget presentation.

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. EAC – There was no report.
- b. Regional Planning – Councilor Procsal advised that the 2021 budget was discussed along with the High Street Corridor study.
- c. Blighted Property – There was no meeting.
- d. Pottstown School District - Councilor Lindsay reported that the School Board voted to resume sports activities. She also advised that every Monday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., parents are able to pick up a 5-day supply of breakfast and lunches for students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Conditional Use, 356 North Charlotte Street - Motion by Councilor Procsal, seconded by Councilor Vanni to grant the Conditional Use request of Melinda Hoagey, to operate an eat-in/take-out restaurant at the property located at 356 North Charlotte Street, with conditions as stated in the order dated October 13, 2020. Motion carried: 7 ayes.
- b. Conditional Offers – Motion by Councilor Procsal, seconded by Councilor Lebedynsky to authorize the Chief of Police to extend conditional offers of employment to the next two (2) candidates from the Civil Service Eligibility List. Motion carried: 7 ayes
- c. Purchase of Additional Capacity - Motion by Councilor Procsal, seconded by Councilor Lindsay to authorize execution of a Purchase of Additional Capacity Agreement among Upper Pottsgrove Township, the Pottstown Borough Authority and the Borough of Pottstown, amending the Capacity Rights Agreement dated March 26, 2009. Motion carried: 7 ayes.
- d. Pick-up Truck to North End - Motion by Councilor Lebedynsky, seconded by Councilor Lindsay to adopt a Resolution authorizing the transfer of a four-wheel drive pick-up truck to the North End Fire Company No. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BURGESS AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK TO THE NORTH END FIRE COMPANY NO. 1.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pottstown (hereinafter referred to as “Borough”) is the legal owner and in possession of a 2006 Chevrolet 2500 HD 4-wheel drive pick-up truck with plow, identified as VIN #IGCHK24U76E106186 (hereinafter referred to as “Truck”); and

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WHEREAS, the Borough has determined the truck is no longer needed for public use and is not otherwise dedicated or restricted pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous to transfer said truck as authorized under 8 Pa. C.S.A. § 1201.2 of the State Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Truck has a value in excess of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00);

WHEREAS, the aforesaid provision of the State Borough Code permits an exemption from the requirements of advertising and sale of personal property so long as the personal property is conveyed to certain specified organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to transfer the truck to North End Fire Company No. 1, which is a specified organization under the Borough Code, exempt from bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND RESOLVED by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Pottstown, that the Borough Manager is hereby authorized and directed to transfer title from the aforesaid Truck to the North End Fire Company No. 1 and further authorized to take all further action, as required, to accomplish said transfer.

ENACTED and RESOLVED this 13th day of October 2020.

Motion carried: 7 ayes.

e. Rental Inspection Cycle – President Weand announced that this matter will be tabled to the November meeting.

f. Tiburon Race - Motion by Councilor Lebedynsky seconded by Councilor Procsal to grant the request of the Tiburon Endurance Sports & Sly Fox Brewery to conduct a 5k road running race on May 15, 2021, resulting in the closing of portions of the Circle of Progress, and Glasgow, Rice, West Chestnut and Prince Streets from 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., subject to review and approval of the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilor Vanni questioned if COVID conditions could be added to the motion at this time.

Solicitor Hovey noted that any conditions could be added by Councilor or it may be reconsidered at a later date if the pandemic continues and to be in compliance with any Governor's orders at the time of the event.

President Weand commented that since Council has an option, he recommends voting on the motion as originally stated.

Motion carried: 7 ayes.

g. Human Relations Commission – Motion by Councilor Lindsay, seconded by Councilor Lebedynsky to appoint Lisa Vanni to the Human Relations Commission for a four (4) year term to expire October 11, 2024. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

REPORT OF BILLS – Motion by Councilor Paules, seconded by Councilor Lebedynsky to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,048,118.14. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Vanni and Councilor Lebedynsky commended the NAACP food drive and voting information event held on October 10th.

Councilor Lindsay reviewed the voting locations for Pottstown and informed that the drop off ballot box is located at the MCCC building, 95 South Hanover Street. She also reported that the Borough's Census reporting stands at 49.4% and the 19464 area is at 68.3%. Councilor Lindsay also advised that the YMCA will hold a coat drive October 24th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. In addition the Carousel will hold an event October 17th, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

President Weand announced that the Animal Control Officer is collecting food and supplies for the kennel. He also reminded all to be safe on Halloween.

ADJOURNMENT

President Weand adjourned the meeting 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Justin M. Keller
Borough Manager