

BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG
MINUTES
September Council Meeting
September 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM

The September 2014 Heidelberg Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, in the Heidelberg Borough Community Room, 1639 East Railroad Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Richard Pattinato.

Roll Call:

President Pattinato	Present
Vice President Nolan	Present
Councilman DeBar	Present
Councilman Duda	Present
Councilman Jordan	<i>Absent</i>
Mayor LaSota	Present
Manager Kauer	Present
Solicitor Colangelo	Present
Chief Barkley	Present

Recognitions: Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Girl Scout Troop No. 50476 for its efforts in raising funds to purchase a bulletproof vest for K-9 Officer Rocky. Mayor LaSota presented the Girl Scouts present with the Proclamation and thanked them for their service and efforts to help advance our Police K9 Unit.

Ratify and pass the minutes from the August 12, 2014 and August 19, 2014 Council Meetings. Motion was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Councilman DeBar to accept the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2014 Borough Treasurer's report was made by Councilman DeBar, seconded by Vice President Nolan; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Councilman DeBar. Roll call vote was taken: DEBAR – YES, DUDA – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Public Comment – (Agenda Items Only)

Mr. Raymond Losego, 1740 Ellsworth Avenue, stated that he doesn't see a need to reduce the frequency in inspections of rental units in the Borough from every three years to two years or even at the time of change in tenants. He stated that with the improvements made in the collection of Earned Income Tax, the rental registration system isn't needed. Councilman DeBar agreed with Mr. Losego. President Pattinato stated that this proposal is being drafted and proposed for safety purposes and not collection of Earned Income Tax. Mayor LaSota reflected that when this process was

originally adopted it was to be every year, and then it was changed to every three years even though the Building Official at that time thought it should stay every year.

Borough Manager's Report

The Borough Manager reported that the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office awarded \$1,000 to the Borough to purchase "Say No to Drugs" materials to pass out to the children for this year's Halloween Treat Bags and Police Safety Talks.

The Manager also reported that he has secured a grant worth \$852 from the US Department of Justice that will pay 50% of the costs to purchase two new bulletproof vests for Chief Barkley and Sgt. Dixon, both of their vests are due to expire.

Lastly regarding CDBG Yr. 41 (2015-2016) – First Street Reconstruction Project, he stated that he sought input regarding potential CDBG projects, no input received. He prepared an initial pre-application that would seek 65% funding to reconstruct First Street from Route 50 to Ellsworth Avenue; total project estimate is \$55,935 – grant to fund \$36,378. If the County grants approval to proceed, full application that includes a Resolution from Council that would formally request this grant would be forthcoming for consideration. If approved to proceed and then if awarded, construction would be late 2015 or 2016.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor reported that he submitted a written activity report to Council and would answer any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor LaSota reported summary police statistics for the period August 1 through August 31, 2014. In this period, the Heidelberg Police responded to 86 calls for service and collected \$746.06 in fines. Mayor LaSota reported that full-time Officer Emily Bielewicz has tendered her resignation effective September 25th; he wished her well in her future endeavors.

On August 20th, he represented the Borough at a meeting of the Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce that was held in Collier Township.

On August 27th, in addition to other Borough Officials, attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Route 50 Streetscape Project here in Heidelberg.

On August 28th, he attended a meeting of the Allegheny Land Trust in Sewickley Borough. He stated that the Trust has received a grant for additional greenspace.

On September 11th, he attended the Allegheny Land Trust's Urban Green Committee meeting that was held in East Liberty. He stated that the committee is working to advance conservation efforts in the City of Pittsburgh.

Also on September 11th, he attended the University of Pittsburgh elected officials seminar that was held at Station Square.

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He also reported on two letters received in the past month. The first being from PENNDOT District 11 Traffic Unit replying to the Borough's desire to lower the speed limit on Route 50. PENNDOT stated that the roadway does not warrant a reduction below 35 MPH. The second letter was from Congressman Murphy thanking him for his efforts to advance the Tri-Community Revitalization Project.

President Pattinato thanked both the Mayor and Borough Manager for their tireless efforts that made possible the fruition of the Heidelberg portion of the Tri-Community Revitalization Project.

Chief of Police's Report

Chief Barkley thanked the area Police Chiefs who assisted in the recent oral exams of the Civil Service Commission.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 7-2014, a Resolution of the Borough of Heidelberg acknowledging the inter-governmental cooperation amongst the Boroughs of Carnegie and Heidelberg, the Township of Scott, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the design, development, and construction of the Tri-Community Revitalization Project. Motion was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman DeBar; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-2014, a Resolution of Council of the Borough of Heidelberg approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a parcel of vacant property known as lot and block number 101-B-292 (*vacant lot in the 400 block of Grant Avenue*) would be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the municipality. Motion was made by Councilman DeBar, seconded by Councilman Duda; roll call vote was taken: DEBAR – YES, DUDA – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried

Motion to appoint Miss Lisa Karbowski as the Heidelberg Borough Vacancy Board Chairperson. President Pattinato reported that this office has an annual term that would end on December 31st of each year. Motion by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman DeBar; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the advertisement of the following dates for the purposes of conducting budget workshop sessions: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 – 6:00PM and Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – 6:00PM. Motion was made by Councilman DeBar, seconded by Councilman Duda; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize Mr. John Duda to conduct the necessary electrical work to facilitate the Heidelberg Oktoberfest at a sum not to exceed \$280. Motion was made by Councilman DeBar, seconded by Councilman Pattinato; roll call vote was taken: DEBAR – YES, DUDA –

ABSTAIN, NOLAN – NO, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried, 2-1-1. Councilman Duda stated that he did not want to do the work as it was not a unanimous decision of Council. He stated that he told Vice President Nolan of his desires in advance.

Motion to accept the lowest bid received and recommend to SHACOG the awarding of contract to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$60,975 for the Grant Avenue Reconstruction Phase 3 Project. Motion was made by Councilman Duda, seconded by Vice President Nolan; roll call vote was taken: DEBAR – YES, DUDA – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Motion to authorize execution of an administrative agreement by and between the Borough of Heidelberg and SHACOG for the purposes of the administration of the Grant Avenue Reconstruction Phase 3 Project. Motion was made by Vice President Nolan, seconded by Councilman Duda; roll call vote was taken: DEBAR – YES, DUDA – YES, NOLAN – YES, PATTINATO - YES; motion carried.

Motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. 616, an Ordinance of the Borough of Heidelberg, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 91 “Residential Rental Operating License,” to require renewal of license every two years. Motion was made by Vice President Nolan, there was no second. With the lack of a second, the motion died.

COMMITTEES

SHACOG

Vice President Nolan reported that she attended the recent meeting that was held at Peters Township. She stated that SHACOG has moved their offices to Scott Township. It was also reported that much discussion was around the recent awarded bid for rock salt that is now \$79.29 per ton, last year it cost \$57.53 per town. She stated that the increase is mainly due to shipping costs. Lastly, it was reported that CDBG Year 41 applications are currently being processed and that she will be attending next month’s meeting that is scheduled to be held at Upper St. Clair Township.

ROADS

Councilman DeBar reported that the Public Works has been active with the following projects:

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- o Grass Cutting of municipal lots, parks and right of ways
- o Completed Line and Crosswalk Painting
- o Prepared the finishing touches and readied the business district for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 27th
- o Sanitary Sewer System was cleaned with assistance of the SHACOG Vactor Unit the week of September 8-12.
- o Completed storm sewer outfall testing on August 28th as mandated by the Borough’s MS4 Permit

Old DPW Garage Restoration Project:

- Roof has been completed.
- Securing estimates to repair electrical service to the garage from the Borough Building and fix lights within the structure.

RECREATION

Vice President Nolan reported on the following items:

- Recreation Committee Volunteers Prepared and Served food at the Streetscape Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on 8/27 – thank you to the Committee Members for their help.
- Community Yard Sale Day, Saturday, September 6th – event was well participated in.
- Monthly Seniors is Thursday, September 18th – they are planning a luncheon at 1:00PM at the Community Room.
- Seeking Oktoberfest Craft Vendors and Volunteers. – Oktoberfest is Saturday, September 27th, 1 to 8 at Heidelberg Park. There will be live music, Zambelli Fireworks at 8, craft vendors, children’s activities, German and American foods, and many raffles.
- Selling Oktoberfest Raffle (\$2,500 Drawing at 7PM on 9/27/14) – many tickets are still left.
- Sponsor Board is complete – thank you to all of our 2014 Community Event Sponsors! They are also listed and acknowledged on the “Oktoberfest” page at www.HeidelbergBorough.com
- Halloween Parade and Party – Sunday, October 26th, Parade start is 12:30 from the Ellsworth Avenue Playground to the Firehouse.

FLOOD CONTROL

Councilman DeBar reported that there have been no meetings of the Flood Control Authority.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Duda wished Officer Bielewicz luck in her future endeavors.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Councilman DeBar reported on the code items for the past month. He reported on the permits issued since last council meeting:

- Occupancy Permits – 3
- Ordinance Violation Notices Sent Out – 5 (2 for high grass issues, 2 for expired vehicles and 1 regarding a general property maintenance complaint)
- Currently working with PCS on developing a standardized check-list for Occupancy Inspections.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

Mayor LaSota reported that of the ten garden areas in the business district only two remain to be adopted including the 1800 and 1900 block billboard beds. Signs recognizing the garden adoptions have been posted and recognized on the Borough’s website and Facebook pages.

He also stated that sales of the Military Recognition Banners are picking up – currently 44 banners have been sold recognizing our community’s service members.

Lastly, in regards to the Streetscape Project:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Congressman Tim Murphy, August 27th – event was well attended; he thanked everyone for attending and preparing the ceremony.
- Contractor is still working on Punch List Items; few small projects remain including areas of grass restoration, sealing and cleanup.

Public Comment (General)

Mr. Frank Pattinato, 1632 East Railroad Street, commented about the maintenance that is now the burden of the adjacent property owners of the new sidewalk on the west side of East Railroad Street. He complained that the snow plows routinely push snow back on the sidewalks and feel that it will be an unjust burden as result.

Mrs. Mary Anne Morgan, 554 Grant Avenue, spoke about dogs being in the park and the number of organized sports teams that are now using the field. Mayor LaSota requested the Borough to look at creating a permitting process to manage the organized teams that use the park’s field. President Pattinato stated that the Borough promotes physical activity and best pet practices.

Mr. John Clawson, 408 Second Street, addressed Council about the maintenance that is now the burden of the adjacent property owners of the new sidewalk on the west side of East Railroad Street. He stated that trucks go too fast on Route 50 which will make snow maintenance of the sidewalk unsafe.

Good of the Order: President Pattinato thanked Mrs. Dolly Kosol and the Recreation Committee for their efforts in preparing and serving food at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Streetscape Project. He also requested Councilman Duda to reconsider his earlier remarks and perform the needed electrical work for Oktoberfest.

President Pattinato declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager