# Sellersville Borough Council 140 East Church Street Sellersville, PA 18960

March 10, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The Regular March 10, 2025 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lois Dodson. All present joined in offering our National Pledge of Allegiance.

# I. ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Thomas C. Hufnagle

Councilpersons: Lois A. Dodson, President

James G. Hull, Vice-President

Donald Crouthamel, President Pro Tempore

Kathleen J. Hallman

Marie Howells Lynne A. Saylor

Manager: Eileen M. Bradley Solicitor: Vicki Kushto, Esq.

Engineer: Scott P. McMackin, P.E. Perkasie Police Dept. Chief Robert Schurr

Absent: David A. O'Donnell

#### II. CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda.

# III. PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Tara Bergey of Jessica Lane stated that she disagreed with a letter issued by the Borough regarding mid-block crossings and intended to file a complaint with the Departments of Justice and Transportation in Harrisburg.

Mr. Chris Lombardo of W. Fairview Avenue and S. Branch Street registered a complaint about the state of property at 134 S. Branch Street. The property was so bad that he could not rent his adjoining property. Ms. Bradley stated that the owner had a history with the Borough, and she would escalate enforcement.

Nicole Cameron of S. Branch Street added that there were two cars belonging to the same owner on jacks for weeks, with tools, parts, and oil, which required children to walk in the street on the way to school.

Chief Schurr noted that vehicle maintenance can only happen in the owner's driveway. Police would deal with the issue immediately. Ms. Bradley added that Officer Mantz had addressed the cars with the owner, but follow-up would be needed.

## IV. PRESENTATIONS AND HEARINGS:

# A. Ordinance #752 Amending Chapter 160 Zoning – Sign Regulations:

A Public Hearing was opened for discussion of Proposed Ordinance #752, which would delete the existing Article VIII Sign Regulations of Chapter 160 Zoning of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough and replace it with fully content neutral regulations.

A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. Crouthamel, and unanimously approved by all present, to adopt Ordinance #752, deleting and replacing Chapter 160 Article VIII Sign Regulations of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough.

## B. Ordinance #753 Amending Chapter 22 - Manager:

A Public Hearing was opened for discussion of Proposed Ordinance #753, which would delete the existing Chapter 22 Manager of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough and replace it with an ordinance removing residency requirements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hallman, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously approved by all present, to adopt Ordinance #753, amending Chapter 22 Manager of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough by eliminating residency requirements.

# C. Ordinance #754 Issuing Debt of \$2,264,515.00 with PennVest for the Lawn Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project:

A Public Hearing was opened for discussion of Proposed Ordinance #754, which authorizes issuing debt of \$2,264,515.00 for replacement of the main sanitary sewer line at Lawn Avenue through a PennVest loan.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howells, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, to adopt Ordinance #754, incurring indebtedness of \$2,264,515.00 through PennVest for replacement of the Lawn Avenue Main Sanitary Sewer Line Project.

#### V. DEVELOPER ITEMS:

There were no developer items at this time.

#### VI. BOROUGH BUSINESS ITEMS:

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Minutes of February 10, 2025 Council Meeting.
- 2. February 2025 Treasurer's Reports: See Treasurer's Report on file.
- 3. February 2025 Tax Collector's Reports: See Tax Collector's Report on file.
- 4. February 2025 Mayor Hufnagle's Report: See PPD Report on file.
- 5. February 2025 Reports from Operating Departments:
- 6. February 2025 Solicitor's Report: See Solicitor's Report on file.
- 7. February 2025 Engineer's Report: See Engineer's Report on file.
- 8. February 2025 Reports from Commissions and Boards:
  - a. Public Management Committee Minutes of February 26, 2025
  - b. Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of February 3, 2025

- c. Planning Commission Minutes
- d. Zoning Hearing Board
- e. Emergency Management Agency

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel and seconded by Ms. Saylor, to approve the Consent Calendar items A.1 through A.8.e. The motion carried unanimously.

# VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF BUSINESS AND COMMENTS:

#### E. Police

Chief Schurr stated that his Department has had twenty-four new outreaches to crime victims so far this year. The newly appointed Traffic Enforcement Officer was presently responding to all traffic and motor vehicle complaints. He was now scheduled to work weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# H. Manager

## 1. Award of Mowing and Landscaping Contracts 2025-27:

Ms. Bradley stated that two bids had been received for the 2025-27 Lawn Mowing and Landscaping contract. The low bidder did not submit the required 10% Bid Bond, thereby excluding the bid from consideration. The next lowest bidder was Rahn Lawn & Landscape, Inc. of Quakertown, PA, with a total bid of \$7,977.00 per cut.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, to contract with Rahn Lawn and Landscape, Inc. of Quakertown at \$7,877 per cut.

# 2. Special Event Permit Application Revivals Outreach April 26, 2025:

Ms. Bradley was in receipt of a Special Event Permit Application for Revivals Outreach Center for a disc golf tournament and Block Party/Picnic at Lake Lenape Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Crouthamel suggested ordering an additional Porta-Potty and having Revivals contract with the Fire Department for parking.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howells, seconded by Mr. Hull, and unanimously approved by all present, to approve a Special Event Permit for Revivals Outreach Center for Saturday, April 26, 2025.

#### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### A. WRSJRA Vacancy:

Ms. Bradley was in receipt of Ms. Saylor's resignation from the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority (WRSJRA) and stated that Sellersville would need to appoint another representative.

Mr. Crouthamel asked if there was any response from the Sellersville Fire Department regarding funding. Ms. Bradley stated that she was still waiting for a response. Ms. Saylor added that Hilltown Township was reexamining their appropriation schedule.

Mrs. Hallman noted that Perkasie Borough employees had received Active Shooter training from the Perkasie Police Department and asked if Sellersville staff could also receive that training. Chief Schurr stated that he would be happy to arrange it.

# IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Joan Keating inquired about maintenance on the tennis courts at Druckenmiller Park. Ms. Bradley stated that the courts would be cleaned thoroughly at the beginning of the season and again at least once a week.

# X. <u>AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:</u>

The February invoices were presented for payment authorization, with General and Sewer Fund Check Numbers 40952 through 40988 totaling \$254,538.97.

A motion was made by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize payment of Bills for the month of February 2025 totaling \$254,538.97.

# XI. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u>

At 8:05 p.m., Council convened in Executive Session to discuss land disposition, litigation, and personnel issues. No action was taken. Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Council, President Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting of Borough Council was scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest	
	Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
	Sellersville Borough Council