

Sellersville Borough Council
140 East Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960

May 13, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Regular May 13, 2024 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
Donald Crouthamel, President Pro Tempore
Kathleen J. Hallman
Marie G. Howells
Lynne A. Saylor

Absent: James G. Hull, Vice-President
David A. O'Donnell

Manager: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager
Solicitor: Vicki Kushto, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Engineer: Michael R. Smith, Cowan Engineering
Perkasie Police: Chief Robert Schurr

II. CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND HEARINGS:

A. Chal-Brit Regional EMS

Appearing for Chal-Brit Regional EMS was Chief Russ Leets, Deputy Chief Ryan Brunk, and Board President Holly Pulido. Mr. Brunk gave a brief history of the Squad and proposed serving Sellersville from their newly formed squad out of a facility at the Silverdale Fire Company at Routes 113 and 152 in Silverdale.

Presently, Sellersville experienced response times of fourteen+ minutes with Grandview EMS responding as first-due responder. Chal-Brit could make calls to the furthest point in Sellersville within six minutes. They did no transport calls and did not intend to add non-emergency transport to its protocols. They promised to provide emergency response coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Mrs. Howells asked for an explanation of the subscription plans. Mr. Brunk stated that being a subscriber would mean that should Chal-Brit respond to a call for the

subscriber, Chal-Brit would accept what the insurance carrier paid for the service, without billing the subscriber for the remaining balance.

Mrs. Hallman stated that Chal-Brit's proposal provided a better response time than Grandview and would bring better service to Sellersville.

On Motion of Ms. Saylor, second by Mrs. Hallman, and unanimously approved by all present, to appoint Chal-Brit Regional EMS as first-due ambulance squad for Sellersville Borough, effective June 1, 2024.

- B. Ordinance #748 No Parking Maple Avenue, No Overnight Parking Temple Lot**
Ms. Bradley presented proposed Ordinance #748 to Council. The ordinance would prohibit parking at any time on both sides of Maple Avenue from W. Temple Avenue to Farmers Lane. Additionally, the ordinance prohibited overnight parking in the W. Temple Municipal Parking Lot between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.

On Motion of Mrs. Howells, second by Ms. Saylor, and unanimously approved by all present, Ordinance #748 was adopted, preventing parking on Maple Avenue, and preventing overnight parking in the W. Temple Municipal Parking Lot.

V. DEVELOPER ITEMS:

There were no developer items at this time.

VI. BOROUGH BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of March 11 and April 8, 2024 Council Meeting.
2. April 2024 Treasurer's Reports: See Treasurer's Report on file.
3. April 2024 Tax Collector's Reports: See Tax Collector's Report on file.
4. April 2024 Mayor Hufnagle's Report: See PPD Report on file.
5. April 2024 Reports from Operating Departments:
6. April 2024 Solicitor's Report: See Solicitor's Report on file.
7. April 2024 Engineer's Report: See Engineer's Report on file.
8. April 2024 Reports from Commissions and Boards:
 - a. Public Management Committee Minutes of March 27 and April 24, 2024.
 - b. Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of April 2, 2024.
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes of March 18 and April 15, 2024.
 - d. Zoning Hearing Board
 - e. Emergency Management Agency

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

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF BUSINESS AND COMMENTS:

B. Council:

Mr. Crouthamel asked that the manager reach out to the developer whose containers were parked near the armory and have them removed.

D. Engineer:

Mr. Mike Smith stated that he had placed a Stop Work Order at 220 N. Main Street, now owned by Velocity Ventures, due to work being done at the building without proper permits being issued. Staff would continue to monitor the situation.

E. Police Chief:

Chief Schurr stated that Perkasio Police Department was near to hiring two new officers by June 10, 2024, which would cut down on overtime charges from personnel shortages.

The Department had received a three-year grant for a crime victims' specialist that would assist victims with navigating through any type of assistance needed, including monetary losses. The program was a joint Bedminster-Perkasie Community Relations Program.

Mr. Crouthamel expressed concern about an apparent uptick in domestic and disturbance calls. Chief responded that many of those types of calls were related to drug and alcohol use or mental disturbance.

H. Manager

1. 2024 Paving Program Bid Award:

Ms. Bradley presented the 2024 Paving Program bid tabulation. She stated that the rates for ADA Ramp replacement were excessively high, and she and the Borough Engineer agreed to advertise that portion of the bid as a separate project in hopes of getting better rates.

The apparent low bidder for W. Clymer Avenue was Sacks and Sons of Zieglerville, PA at \$162,341.77. The apparent low bidder for E. Church Street was also Sacks and Sons of Zieglerville, PA at \$121,188.85. All paperwork and references were in order.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel and seconded by Mrs. Howells, to award the paving contracts for W. Clymer Avenue and E. Church Street to Sacks and Sons of Zieglerville, PA for \$162,341.77 and \$121,188.85, respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Mrs. Howells, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize advertising bids for ADA Ramp replacement.

2. PWTA Ordinance Wastewater pH and Pollutant Limitations:

Ms. Bradley explained that EPA and DEP had changed regulations for the levels of specific pollutants and pH of wastewater discharges. In order to comply with the new regulations, all member municipalities of the Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority would need to update their individual ordinances. She requested authorization to advertise the ordinance for future passage.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Ms. Saylor, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize advertisement of the Wastewater pH and Pollutant Limitations Ordinance.

3. Five Points Intersection:

Ms. Bradley gave an update on the sinkhole at the Five Points Intersection. Over time, repairs to drainage and roadways connecting into Five Points, as well as reconstruction of the Main Street bridge has left the intersection with crumbling stormwater management infrastructure. The Borough had attempted to televise all the inlets and piping associated with the intersection, all of which are State highways.

The investigation found accumulated silt blockage, standing water, missing barrel walls, broken sections, and pipe failures within the entire system.

After multiple conversations with PennDOT, PennDOT states that the project falls under Sellersville's requirements to repair. This would be a project well over \$1 million and would close down the intersection and all roads leading to it.

Mr. Smith stated that he would like to discuss the logistics of the project with one of the larger companies that do such work to get an idea of cost and time estimates and asked Council for approval to begin the early investigations. Council agreed, and expressed the opinion to move forward on the project so that it could be completed before work began on Lawn Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Ms. Saylor, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize Cowan Associates to begin preliminary work on the Five Points Rehabilitation Project.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Sesquicentennial 5K Race Special Event Permit:

Ms. Bradley was in receipt of a Special Event Permit Application for a 5K Race on July 7, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through Lenape Park as part of the Sesquicentennial Events planned this year. As the Borough was the sponsor of the Event, all fees were waived.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouthamel, seconded by Ms. Saylor, and unanimously approved by all present, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Sesquicentennial 5K Race on July 7, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

B. Planning Commission Meeting Dates Change:

Ms. Bradley stated that all future Planning Commission Meetings needed to be moved to the third Thursday of each month. The change had been duly advertised.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

X. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

The April invoices were presented for payment authorization, with General and Sewer Fund Check Numbers 40390 through 40470 totaling \$494,840.79.

A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. Crouthamel, and unanimously approved by all present, to authorize payment of Bills for the month of April 2024 totaling \$494,840.79.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m., Council then adjourned into Executive Session to discuss litigation and land disposition. The Regular Meeting then reconvened at 9:10 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional matters to come before this meeting of Council, President Lois Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting of Borough Council was scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley, Secretary
Sellersville Borough Council