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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday February 19, 2019, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Mike McNamara, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: Dave Hess, George Hinton, David Manzo, and Jeff Yob. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski Sr., Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Borough Engineer Brian Pysher, and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Kerry Gassler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Adrienne Fors of Waste Management reported that regarding capping, they are about 95% complete on the cover, but as they go forward with that they are working on the header.

As we have discussed over the last few months, the Grand Central Landfill team has been completing a lot of budgeted projects including the installation of 39 gas extraction wells/drains and deploying approximately 13-acres of plastic/synthetic capping on the landfill. The well drilling has wrapped up and the liner crew has installed 7-acres of intermediate slope temporary capping and 6-acres of final capping.

Final cover on the slopes is still ongoing ~95% complete.

Final gas collection lines area being installed concurrently with the placement of final cover. The contractor has a second crew dedicated to following up with the permanent gas extraction lines as the final cover is being placed (typical phasing schedule for a final cap project). Due to the weather delays, the GCS crew has upgraded several of the temporary gas collection headers in order to increase the available vacuum to a handful of the new gas wells. These wells were already under vacuum; however, GCLS felt it was important to increase the flow rates (by increasing the vacuum) before the permanent gas collection is installed. The permanent gas collection lines are about 25% installed.

Community Relations:

Grand Central hosted its Winter Bird walk on February 17th at the Grand Central Environmental Education Center with Community Partner and friend, Rich Eime. Approximately 1 dozen residents attended.

Grand Central Landfill website continues to be updated and includes the monthly landfill update notices. www.grandcentrallandfill.com

2. Pibbles and Paws Agreement – ACO – Stacey Kellner came before Council to inform them of how they Animal Control Program works. She said that their ACO program is a portion of their rescue. When their ACO gets called out, they get the dog, bring them back in and microchip the dog, if they are not already microchipped. If no one comes forward for the dog it goes through their rescue program which means that that dog has a place to go. They work with Community Veterinarian and William Penn Veterinarian Hospital. They are ACO for the

Nazareth C.O.G., Bushkill Township, Stockertown Borough, Tatamy Borough, Bath Borough, Upper Nazareth Township, Lower Nazareth Township, Plainfield Township and Pen Argyl Borough. They do not have a shelter facility, but they do have 63 foster homes. They have a Facebook page where they post the dogs. The dogs are held for 24 to 48 hours, after 48 hours the dog is legally their animal. They are inspected 2 times a year by the PA State Dog Warden and are on call 24/7. They do pay for their own training that is held in Harrisburg which keeps them up on current dog laws.

On motion by George Hinton to sign the agreement with Pibbles and Paws as our Animal Control Officer and seconded by Dave Manzo. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

Stacey will get together with Mayor Mogilski to be sworn in. She also said that all calls will go through the non-emergency number for the Slate Belt Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Dave Manzo to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes and seconded by George Hinton. Roll call taken. In favor: G. Hinton, D. Manzo, M. McNamara. Abstained: J. Yob, D. Hess. Motion carried 3 – 0 – 2.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Alexander F. Cortezzo III Resignation

On motion by Jeff Yob to accept the resignation of Alexander Cortezzo with regrets and seconded by George Hinton. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

On motion by George Hinton to nominate Dave Hess as Council President and seconded by Dave Manzo. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

2. Project Child 5K Tortoise & Hare Race Route Approval Letter to PennDot - Louise Firestone reported that Wind Gap Borough has to send a letter to Project Child indicating that the borough is aware of the race route since it goes through the borough. Project Child will forward the letter to PennDot so everyone is aware of where the race is going.

On motion by George Hinton to send a letter of approval to Project Child for the 5K Tortoise and Hare Race and seconded by Jeff Yob. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2019 Election Polling Location Update - Louise Firestone reported that Northampton County said that there is not enough time to get notices to all the residents if the location was changed from the Municipal Complex to the new Fire Company social hall so the voting location will remain here for this year. We did tell them that we have limited parking and it causes problem with presidential elections. The office state will make sure that the County Election Board does an inspection and approve use of the Social Hall for the 2020 elections.

2. Attorney Karasek reported that Mr. Turtzo contacted him and said that his property on Longcore Road is under agreement for \$100,000 and he would like to know if the Borough is interested in it before he sells it. If Council does not want the property, we need to let him know. Brian Pysher reported that there was a sub-division submitted years ago that never went anywhere. Wetlands and other issues came up when trying to develop the property.

3. Brian Pysker reported that he put a copy of the Geo-technical report in everyone's mail box. He went over all the requirements that are needed.

Brian said that this RFP was put together by our architect in conjunction with the structural engineer doing the building design. This is the geo-technical report and information they are looking for to utilize in order to design the foundations. He did a comparison, they all basically have the same criteria, and Council has copies of their proposals with their proposed cost. They are all drilling at a minimum of 15 feet. Brian is comfortable with all of the proposals, he has worked a few of them and would recommend any one of them. Brian did specify that they should mobilize no later than March 15th, be onsite within a month and have the reports done by April 15th so we can provide it for our architect.

On motion by George Hinton to use John Kortvely and seconded by Jeff Yob. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

4. Attorney Karasek reported that he is scheduling the hearing for the Giant Liquor License to be on the agenda for Council's March 19, 2019 meeting. He needs to make sure the date is good so he can advertise. This will also have to be approved by the Liquor Control Board,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Dave Manzo said for 2018 the year-end report was 1642 calls for service, 140 were for emergency calls in Monroe County, 721 emergency calls in Northampton County, and 778 non-emergency transports. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

2. Fire – Mike McNamara reported that they have 15 calls for the year.

3. Regional Police – Dave Hess reported that Police Department responded to a total of 587 calls for service, 146 were for Wind Gap.

On January 22nd, Chief Mettin along with Officer Young, Steirer, and Daly presented an introduction to ALICE training at Pen Argyl Borough, focusing on places of worship. Four churches were represented at the program.

The Harlem Rockets basketball game on February 15th at Pen Argyl High School was to raise money for D.A.R.E. program. Chief Mettin and 6 Officers participated.

Chief Mettin will be traveling to the United Arab Emirates in the next few weeks to participate in the World Wide Special Olympics. He will be the representative for Pennsylvania.

Two new officers, one full time, one part time will be sworn in on Thursday.

4. Emergency Management – Jeff Yob reported that they discussed some of the billing concerns with the Solicitor. We are waiting on 2 pieces of information from the County to complete an updated EOC plan for the Borough. This should be on the agenda for March. He will forward the Resolution that we are going to use to Louise, as well as the plan. He reached out to Seth, from EMS, for the classification of the ambulances. He is going to have to make changes due to Alex's resignation. Dave Hess will become deputy, changes will be made before the plan is adopted.

5. Zoning – Mike McNamara reported that 2 people filed for variances. Chad Weeast was granted a variance to keep his shed up related to his land development plan. GeorgeAnn Custom Homes applied for a variance to put an apartment building where the church is on Lehigh and Genoga, but their request was denied by the Wind Gap Borough Zoning Hearing Board. Tina Serfass, Zoning Officer, Building Code Official, sent a report to Louise, applications were received in January, but no permits were issued.

6. Planning – Nothing to report.
7. Municipal Authority – Jeff Yob reported that he was not present at the last meeting and there is a meeting tomorrow night.
8. Streets – Jeff reported that we did receive a salt delivery.
George said he has taken notice of the cross bars, the one on Third Street, is nonexistent. Rich Fox said that we could get the inlaid stop bars and heat them up with a torch. They are \$300 for 30 feet, which would take care of two stop bars, Male Road and Third Street.
9. Park/Concession Stand – George Hinton reported that Collura’s surveyor crew was out in the lower park, ballfield area, today and got all the field work done so Brian can proceed with a preliminary design work for a ballfield.
Dave Manzo reported that he heard from Nestle Water and they are anxious to participate in the project.
10. Tipping Fees – Nothing to report.
11. C.O.G. – Mayor Mogilski reported that at the January meeting all the officers will stay the same. Laura Miller, Slate Belt YMCA, is trying to start a program called Silver Sneakers, for the older generation, where they will go to different municipal parks to walk/exercise for a nominal fee that would benefit the Slate Belt YMCA.
12. Slate Belt Rising – George Hinton reported that he is going to get together with Slate Belt Rising Director Steve Reider to show him properties in the Borough that could potentially be utilized for a community garden. Wind Gap has not been active in promoting Wind Gap either on our own, or with the assistance of Slate Belt Rising. The façade program that can be funded through Slate Belt Rising has requirements that buildings along S.R. 512 be owner occupied or commercial, but unfortunately in Wind Gap a lot of those properties are rental properties. If anyone knows of any residential property that might qualify, please send them our way.
George said that last year they ran the Road Rally as a fundraiser for Slate Belt Rising that was held in Portland, this year it will be in Pen Argyl and next year in Wind Gap.
13. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Mogilski reported that the date for the meeting for the 2020 Census was moved to May 1st on census.gov to register. Mayor Mogilski would like to offer Wind Gap residents the option of registering on a computer in the borough office, since there are some residents who do not have a computer at home. It is not connected to the borough office server. The Mayor said that he will set up two days a week to be here to help the residents register. Our government has earmarked \$675 billion to get a count on the US Census.
Mayor Mogilski went to BJ Toys to try to get stuffed animals for the Easter Egg Hunt and for the Fire Company and Ambulance to give to children in emergency situations but they already made a donation to the Borough last year for our 125th anniversary.
On January 21st, 25 Fire Police were sworn in. He also found another \$40 in unclaimed property.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mike McNamara to adjourn the meeting of February 19, 2019. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of February 19, 2019 adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Louise Firestone – Borough Administrator