SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present at the Council Meeting: Andrea Lage
Joe Hockersmith
Angie Facchinei
Sandra Mailey
John Alosi
Bruce Hockersmith, Mayor
Sam Wiser, Solicitor

INVOCATION: Joe Hockersmith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COUNCIL

REPORTS:

Mayor Hockersmith reported that he has come to the conclusion after a short trip to Niagara Falls and enjoying the beauty of that area that the Borough of Shippensburg, in order to complete its revitalization process, should seriously consider underground electrical services. He went on to state that in the cities and towns that they visited the electrical services off of Main Street certainly added to the esthetic value of the community. Mayor Hockersmith further stated that 10 years ago the Borough was looking at that and it was supposed to go onto a 10 year plan with the State which never made it to the light of day and he feels that we should push for this and anything that the electric company may want to do to upgrade. Joe Hockersmith asked where they could find out how much a project like that would cost? Mayor Hockersmith stated that he is sure the electric company would be familiar with the cost per foot for installation of underground services. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he is not sure a price per foot will capture the true cost because he doesn't think the matter of a ditch witch but open culverts and rebuilding the infrastructure, etc.

President Lage asked Manager Epley in regards to the Finance and Budget Committee if they are looking at a Thursday meeting in the afternoon? Mr. Epley stated that the only response he received was from Joe but Mr. Potts stated that he would like to meet with them but it could only be in the afternoon so he thought they could meet with him and then go right into a budget meeting. Council members discussed Thursday October 27, 2016, as their possible meeting date.

President Lage stated that the Personnel Committee does not have a meeting scheduled and nor do they need to but there is an executive session issue that they will be discussing.

Manager Epley stated that the Long Range Planning Committee has not scheduled another meeting and they are waiting to hear from Kate Molinaro to schedule a meeting for next week and he is hoping to bring back some more information at that time about the Long Range Planning Committee's goals.

Chief Fred Scott reported that the Mayor informed Council about the drug overdose they had a month ago and that the investigation is still ongoing with that case. He further stated that the overdoses have slowed down currently and they feel that the individual that supplied the batch with the poisonous stuff is on the run which they are looking for. Chief Scott also reported that they have encountered a lot of heroin users that are now homeless and living behind Food Lion and in the woods and his biggest concern is what will happen when it is cold because they won't be able to stay in the tents so they are telling people to keep their vehicles locked and if you go away from home don't report it on social media, etc. He also reported that since they have gotten the Child Hotline they are extremely busy and every complaint that is reported must be investigated so they are spending a lot of time on that right now. Chief Scott asked Solicitor Wiser if they are to respond to non-criminal incidents at schools? Solicitor Wiser stated that he does not know why they would. Chief Scott stated that they are responding to discipline issues with 8 year olds and getting caught in the middle. Solicitor Wiser asked if they were calls in the borough? Chief Scott stated yes. Solicitor Wiser stated that if they are not law enforcement matters it is not the role of the police department to intervene. Joe Hockersmith stated that he thinks we should inform the school district that we do not respond to those calls. Chief Scott stated that he has tried. Solicitor Wiser stated that the problem is that when the call from County comes in it just comes in as a call for service so you have to respond to the call for service but once you get there and find out it is not a law enforcement issue at that point. Chief Scott stated that it is his position also but he feels like he is stuck in the middle which is why he wanted to ask the Solicitor his thoughts. Solicitor Wiser explained that they have an obligation to respond to the call for service but once the officer is there they can assess whether or not they believe there has been a violation of law and if there hasn't been there is nothing that our officers can do at that point. President Lage stated that we have sent the letter to the school district saying they need an officer, we've gone on record in the newspaper saying that it is not police issues so maybe they need to see officers arrive and say, "I'm sorry this is not criminal" and leave and maybe that will get the message across. Chief Scott stated that they will assess each situation.

Chief Scott also reported that they had the building painted by a fraternity at the university and they did an excellent job. Chief Scott asked Council for permission to find out what it would cost to have a mural put on the back of the building. President Lage asked who the group was that was doing the murals around town? Mayor Hockersmith stated that the one on the side of Arooga's was done by a group out of Lancaster which was paid by, Cumberland County, D.O.I.T. and the Corn Festival. President Lage asked if anyone would be willing to help the Chief out in this endeavor? Mayor Hockersmith stated that he recommended that the Chief check with SHAPE and see if there is anyone who would be interested in doing it. Chief Scott stated that he would show Council what he mural would be before it is started. Chief Scott also reported that the Mayor has requested that he set up a meeting with the

Police Department and the University on interacting with people so they will be having a class on it November 16, 2016, which will involve the entire department.

Chief Randy O'Donnell reported that everything is going well with the Fire Department and they are very active right now with their fire safety programs for the month. He went on to report that they are looking at making some changes to the program for next year. He explained that he has a meeting with all of the daycares next Monday evening because the department is required to provide training and education to all of the staff and what they are going to do is have the training at one location and offer it twice a year to cut down on man hours for the staffing. Randy stated that because it is difficult to get staffing through the day they are going to expand the program and start the daycares in April and go in through the fall to try to eliminate some of the pressure of all the training at one time. He also stated that they offer programs in the classrooms for 2nd and 3rd grade students so the education portion is going on all the time. Chief O'Donnell also reported that Louis Larson used to attend meetings with the Franklin County Alliance and he was Louis' alternate. Randy explained that what that group is, is a group of public officials from Franklin County both local government, County officials, emergency management from the county, fire police and EMS and they meet quarterly. Randy stated that it is a great group that is very proactive on things and he wondered if Council would like to consider putting an elected official on that Board. He went on to state that even though the Borough is in a small part of Franklin County but a lot of the things they do affect what we do here. Chief O'Donnell reported that one of the things they are looking at doing now is trying to see what they can do working with PennDot, PA State Police, and all the utility companies because one of the biggest problems they have is that their fire police are getting hammered when 81 is closed down they may be out there 6 to 9 hours which isn't acceptable. He stated that they are trying to work with these agencies to say what service they will provide and for what length of time they will provide it so that they can utilize the time of the fire police more wisely since he is low on manpower in the fire police.

President Lage stated that EMS and the Emergency Management Coordinator are not present this evening.

Solicitor Wiser stated that he has items for the executive session.

President Lage stated that they have received written reports form the WWTP manager and the Borough Manager. Manager Epley stated that he has nothing to add to his report.

President Lage asked about the property on Orange Street that has had trenches dug and now trash and debris in the front lawn and wondered if there is a mechanism to send someone to check and make sure everything is operating in a way that is OK there, such as social services or someone to call to check it out? Solicitor Wiser stated that if the resident is of a certain age they can ask for the Office of the Aging to see if there are any services that are needed. Manager Epley reported that our zoning officer has talked to this person several times with no resolution. Solicitor Wiser stated that he feels we should contact the Office of the Aging and it is likely a violation of our nuisance ordinance and give

the person an opportunity to rectify that and in dealing with that perhaps attempt to talk to the person and find out what is going on.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2016, MEETING

Angie Facchinei moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Joe Hockersmith. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CONTRACTURAL MATTERS)

President Lage reported that they will have an executive session where they will discuss personnel matters regarding the police negotiations as well as contractual matters. Council went into executive session at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m., where they discussed various contractual matters including negotiations with the police.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR THE WWTP

President Lage reported that the professional service proposal is from GHD for a study of our screening at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Joe Hockersmith moved to approve the proposal for the Wastewater Treatment Plant screening study with GHD. Motion seconded by John Alosi. Motion carried 5-0. President Lage stated that this will be a study that we go jointly into with CFJMA. Joe stated that the amount is $5,500 combined.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-020; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT THROUGH THE PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AN ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

President Lage stated that the grant will be to find funds for our bio-solids pad. Manager Epley reported that Lance thought we could pursue the grant to use towards the bio-solids pad which would be a tremendous help to us. Joe Hockersmith asked if the amount they are pursing is equivalent to the price of the pad? President Lage stated that she thinks it will be small fraction of the pad. Manager Epley stated that the grant only pays a small portion of it and they would be responsible for the remainder because it is the maximum percentage that the grant would be allowed. Joe Hockersmith moved to approve Resolution 16-020. Motion seconded by Sandra Mailey. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Epley stated that the water department has been doing a lot of routine flushing of the lines and we have had some calls and inquiries about discoloration of the water just in case they would get any calls or complaints. He further stated that we put out notifications through Nixle, also notifications on our website and a notice in the newspaper, however there has still been a few complaints and the discoloration is a normal occurrence while flushing and nothing to be concerned about. Joe Hockersmith asked if we will be getting back on an annual schedule of flushing once we get through this cycle? Manager Epley stated yes, it will occur annually after this. Joe stated that he thought that was a great use of the Nixle system.

Joe Hockersmith asked when leaf collection will be starting? President Lage stated that it will start in November. Joe stated that the leaves are falling sooner because of the dry weather we had in the summer so if we could start a little sooner that would be a good thing.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Hockersmith moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Secretary