

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE
REGULAR VOTING MEETING
May 16, 2007

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 7:02 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Robert Brooks, Jeffrey Franke, Nancy Kacin, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, Joan Kearns, and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Kacin called to order the Regular Voting Meeting of Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL: Kim Blauvelt determined the voting order and called the roll: Mr. Brooks, Mr. Franke, Mrs. Kacin, Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Nicolette, Mr. Pavlik, and Mr. van de Venne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Kacin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:

Under Administration – Mr. Brooks moved to move Agenda Item 12E, CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 739-07, INCREASING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE MUNICIPALITY BY GUARANTEEING THE REPAYMENT OF A PEMA LOAN ISSUED TO THE MURRYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 to Agenda Item 12A. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. van de Venne moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Mr. Brooks seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

5A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

5B. INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

5C. APRIL 18, 2007, MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED.

Mr. Nicolette moved to approve Consent Calendar Items. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:

Mayor Somers reported that

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:

John Barrett reported that the Old William Penn slide project will

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Franke attended the Emergency Management Council meeting. Their major discussion was concerning a new ordinance that they will be drafting regarding the “knox box system.” This is a security system that could be installed as new businesses are being constructed that would allow the fire departments to safely enter the building when an alarm goes off. This new ordinance will come before Council in the near future.

Mr. Franke was unable to attend the Parks and Recreations Commission meeting, but has been in touch with Michele Clarke and will be bringing the goals of the Commission to the next Council meeting.

Mr. Pavlik said that he, Mr. van de Venne, and Mr. Nicolette met to discuss the zoning overlay and overlay districts. Chris Rearick (Director of Community Development) gave a presentation regarding the overlays and this group concluded that the presentation will greatly help the Community Development department present these plans in the future.

Mr. Nicolette reported that the Finance Committee will be coming forth with a presentation before the next budget cycle regarding where the Municipality’s debt fits in and ways to do some of our capital projects. This Committee also discussed possibly updating the purchasing procedure of the Municipality of Murrysville.

Mr. van de Venne reported the Personnel Board is continuing their review of personnel policies. This board also discussed the police grievance on the dental plan.

Mrs. Kacin reported that the Communication Advisory Committee met and welcomed a new member, Tom Stimmel, principal with Stimmel Video Productions. The Committee is always looking for productions which could be aired on Channel 19.

Mrs. Kacin also reported that the Gifting Committee met and they are on track with the Community Foundation, and are working on a brochure for the official opening of Murrysville Community Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

9A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 736-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220 ZONING, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAYP TO RECLASSIFY THE ZONING OF LOT 2 OF TAX MAP 49-16-14-0-200 AT THE CORNER OF BORLAND FARM ROAD AND OLD WILLIAM

ENGINEERING:

11A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD DPW-3-07, YEAR 2007 CRACK SEALING PROJECT. Mr. Nicolette moved to award DPW-3-07, Year 2007 Crack Sealing Project to Matcon Diamond Inc., for a cost not to exceed \$31,150.00. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS ROAD MATERIALS, GUIDE RAIL, AND LINE PAINTING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette moved to amend the motion to insure that Council is only approving the unit cost and the low bidder as listed in the Agenda Briefing. Council also requested a total of the money being spent for these projects and the money that has been budgeted for said projects. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion to amend is approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

12A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 739-07, INCREASING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE MUNICIPALITY BY GUARANTEEING THE REPAYMENT OF A PEMA LOAN ISSUED TO THE MURRYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12B. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY. Mr. van de Venne nominated Joan Kearns. Mr. Nicolette nominated David Castaldo. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Nicolette – Mr. Castaldo, Mr. Franke – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Pavlik – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. van de Venne – Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. Kacin – Mr. Castaldo, Mr. Brooks – Mr. Castaldo.

The tie vote was followed by discussion and a second roll call vote: Mr. Nicolette – Mr. Castaldo, Mr. Franke – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Pavlik – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. van de Venne – Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. Kacin – Mr. Castaldo, Mr. Brooks – Mrs. Kearns. By a vote of 4-3, Mrs. Kearns was appointed to fill the Council vacancy.

12C. CONSIDER POLICY PERTAINING TO CONTRACTUAL OVERRUNS. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. van de Venne seconded. There was no vote on the original motion.

Mr. Nicolette moved to table to the May 2, 2007 Council meeting until Council has resolution 522-07, drafted by the solicitor. Mr. Brooks seconded. All present voted aye.

12D. UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWAGE AT MURRYSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK. Staff was directed to approach Evans Road residents regarding water lines and pursue their willingness to pay up front in conjunction with the Municipality paying its portion. In regards to extending sewer lines to the park, Council agreed with staff that bond proceeds could be used for this project; however, Council advised not to spend any monies on the design of sewer lines until the private land owners proceed with their portion of the project.

12E. DISCUSSION ON TAKING OVER WIESTERTOWN ROAD. This discussion included PennDOT's Turnback Program and the desire of the Municipality of Murrysville to gain more control of Wiestertown Road as a result of the increased traffic to Murrysville Community Park.

12F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF THE UNDERGROUND ARCHIVES (FORMERLY BRADY'S BEND UNDERGROUND STORAGE) ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR OFF SITE STORAGE OF ARCHIVE FILES WITH A LIMIT OF \$1,500.00. Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 738-07 AMENDED 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE. Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council requested staff check to see if the money donated by Senator Don White at the April 4, 2007 Council meeting was actually approved by Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Barrett reviewed old Action Items as follows:

Action Item #10-07, a request to staff to clarify the fee computation process from new Tower Trust Company with regards to real estate investments. This has now been provided to Council.

Action Item #12-07, 2006 Overlay Project's quantity vs. bid tabulation. Chief Administrator has provided this information to Council.

Action Item #11-07, regarding a representative from Jason Altmire's office coming to the Municipal building to assist the community. Mr. Barrett is awaiting additional information from Congressman Altmire's office, and will relay this to Council as soon as possible.

Action Item #2-07, regarding the new level of bonding for officials. Mr. Barrett is awaiting information from the Finance Committee on this issue.

Action Item #39-06 – Mr. Barrett will be getting in touch with Betsy Aiken regarding the walking/biking trails.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ACTION ITEM:

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- ✓ Council directed staff to provide a total amount which will be spent with regards to Agenda Item 11B, Public Works contracts for various projects, and also the amount budgeted for these projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pavlik moved to adjourn. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Time: 10:18 p.m.

JOHN M. BARRETT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

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cc: Mayor
Council
Community Development
Finance

Police
Public Works
Solicitor
Front Office/Library