

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Nancy Kacin, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, Joan Kearns, Jeff Franke, Rege Synan 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, January 16, 2008.

DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL: Penny Fox determined the voting order and called the roll: Mr. Synan, 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 – Remove 9B – Discuss request by Keystone Collections to increase the fee assessed for the collection for the Local Services Tax from 2% to 4%. Keystone Collections has withdrawn their request.

Mrs. Kearns moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

4A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4B. INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

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

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Dino DePaulo – 4065 Iris Court – President of the Heritage Estates Homeowners’ Association. Mr. DePaulo spoke at length regarding the dangerous conditions that exist surrounding the detention pond in this neighborhood. He stated that the pond continually has water in it and therefore is a hazardous situation, particularly for the children of Heritage Estates.

Christopher Rearick, Director, Community Development, mentioned that he appreciates the patience of the homeowners of Heritage Estates. The municipality will work with Mr. Latta in order to stabilize the banks of the pond and create a channel once weather permits.

Richard Connors, Director, Engineering, Public Works/Parks, made mention that the reason why the pond is there is to collect massive amounts of storm water, e.g. the August 9, 2007 storm.

Richard Connors spoke with Mr. Latta regarding this problem. Mr. Latta offered to come back in spring 2008 and build a pilot stream down the center of the pond, build up the banks, and achieve 85% ground coverage in order to capture the water. Mr. Connors has asked Mr. Latta to put a swing fence at the access road which would be accessible for maintenance personnel and to post a “No Trespassing” sign at the base of the swing fence. Fencing would be a last resort if all other options fail.

Mrs. Kacin asked that a grate be placed over the standing pipe in the pond. Mrs. Kacin also made comment that they are looking into stabilizing the slopes, perform planting, and correcting the springs that are causing some of this water.

Mr. Dietrick, former Municipal Engineer, currently with Fahinger, McCarty, and Grey, Inc. gave clarity on the storm water management ordinance that was established. He reported if the developer could not reach the slope requirement that was established in the ordinance, a fence would be required.

Wendy Carrick-5006 Harvest Drive – She and her husband support Mr. DePaulo’s concerns to establish a dry pond. Further, Ms. Carrick stated that Mr. Latta conveyed that the pond would be dry when they developed the land. The Carrick’s would like to see a dry-bottom pond for the safety of the children.

Susan Scimio – 3141 Barberry Court – Ms. Scimio would like to see a dry-bottom pond for the safety and welfare of all children in the neighborhood.

Rhonda Yankauskas – 4979 Cypress Drive – Is in favor of seeing a dry-bottom pond in the neighborhood. If the developer cannot reach that goal, she is in favor of a fence.

Steve Kothe – 5041 Whispering Pines Lane – He is a neighbor of Mr. DePaulo and is in agreement with him on this issue and would like to see a dry-bottom pond.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:

The Mayor reported she has been administering the oaths for the new boards and commissions members.

The Mayor and Mr. Barrett attended the school safety meeting and addressed the problem of overflow parking at the Municipal Building when Sloan Elementary has special events. The Municipality will be working together with the school district to resolve this problem.

The Mayor also attended the Emergency Management Council meeting of which Mr. Synan will report on that meeting. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Synan to his first Council meeting.

The Mayor and Mrs. Kacin attended an installation ceremony for a new Supreme Court Judge, Jackie Shogun, which took place in the Supreme Court at the City County Building at 10:00 a.m. with a reception and luncheon following at the Omni William Penn.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Barrett would like to schedule a Council/Staff Retreat for February 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00, breaking for lunch.

Mr. Barrett reported that efforts continue in regards to the Murrysville tree sign.

Mr. Barrett reported that the Murrysville Library will hire a consultant to do a space analysis. The Municipality is expecting the library to report needed requirements from the consultant on space configurations.

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Kearns reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 8, 2008. The Commission discussed a preliminary plan for a DeCesare development on the upper portion of Wiestertown Road and expressed some concerns of which was dedicated as open space. The Commission will compile a list of goals for 2008 which Michele Clarke, Director of Recreation, will circulate to all members of Council.

Mr. Pavlik reported that the Planning Commission met and introduced their board members. They expressed their gratitude to Mr. Synan for his service on the Commission. The Planning Commission meets each month on the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Pavlik wanted to know the status of the Overlay Ordinance? No response was provided to Mr. Pavlik.

Mr. Pavlik reported that the Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee met. The next meeting will be in April, 2008 when they will discuss goals and objectives for 2008.

Mr. Synan reported that he attended the Emergency Management Council Meeting and wanted to report the high level of expertise the Council has to offer. The community of Murrysville is in safe hands.

ADMINISTRATION:

9A. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT PROVIDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REPRESENTATIVE JOE MARKOSEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Synan seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9B. DISCUSS REQUEST BY KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS TO INCREASE THE FEE ASSESSED FOR THE COLLECTION FOR THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX FROM 2% TO 4%. Keystone Collections withdrew their request.

9C. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF FRED BALDASSARE AND DAVID ROCKMAN

AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) FOR YEAR 2008. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9D. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION POSITION. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

10A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF S-19-07, BARRED ROCK SUBDIVISION, RT. 22 AND TRIANGLE LANE, FOR THE CREATION OF TWO LOTS FROM A 4.36 ACRE TRACT, B ZONING , TAX MAP 49-15-00-0-217. Mr. Pavlik moved to approve that the Municipality consider approval of S-19-07, Barred Rock Subdivision, Rt. 22 and Triangle Lane, for the creation of two lots from a 4.36 acre tract, B Zoning District, subject to the conditions A, B, & C outlined in the agenda briefing as well as any additional conditions; that there are no waivers to any of the Municipality's ordinances, unless specifically presented to the Council at this time. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette moved to amend Mr. Pavlik's motion pertaining to Item C in the Agenda Briefing to state that plans shall be adhered to and considered conditions of approval unless they contradict the Municipality's stated ordinances. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF S-18-07, HILLTOP ESTATES RESUBDIVISION, ONE LOT INTO THREE LOTS, TRAFFORD ROAD, R-ZONING, TAX MAP NUMBER 49-14-09-0-033, 1.69 ACRES. Mr. Pavlik moved to approve subject to the conditions and restrictions A through E, as outlined in the agenda briefing, with an added restriction as previously noted that there are no waivers of any ordinances unless expressly noted within the agenda briefing. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENEWED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GINA HOFFMAN FOR REGULAR PLAN REVIEW AND CONSULTING SERVICES. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Synan seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 529-08, A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA LINDAUER AND GREGORY TADDONIO TO THE MURRYSVILLE ZONING HEARING BOARD. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10E. CONSIDER CONTRACT AWARD TO LOWEST BIDDER FOR RENOVATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AS FUNDED IN PART BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT. Mr. van de Venne moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Synan – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mrs. Kearns – yes, Mr. Nicolette – yes, Mr. Pavlik – no, Mr. van de Venne – yes. Motion approved.

ENGINEERING:

11A. CONSIDER MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION AND COST SHARING OPTIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF A WATERLINE TO THE MURRYSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK.

Mr. van de Venne moved to approve to approach the residents of Evans and Wiestertown Roads on a cost sharing event, 50% to the municipality, 50% to be shared by the residents of Evans and Wiestertown Roads for the extension of a waterline to the Murrysville Community Park. (In accordance with Options #2 and #3 as outlined in the agenda briefing for an approximate cost of \$210,500). Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council convened to an Executive Session (Contractual Issue) at 9:05 p.m. Council returned at 9:25 p.m. There was no voting as a result of the Executive Session.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Reinforce the action of a dry pond at Heritage Estates by July 30, 2008.
- Place a grate over the standing pipe and any other opening at Heritage Estates.
- Direct staff to hold applicant responsible for all plans presented and all ordinances unless the ordinances were waived by Council.
- Draw a sketch of the Council work room for renovation.
- John Barrett and George Kotjarapoglus to meet regarding the Comcast contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time: 9:45p.m.

JOHN M. BARRETT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

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cc: Mayor

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