

**Minutes of the Work Session
Of the Borough of Chester Heights
222 Llewelyn Road
Chester Heights, PA 19017**

May 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT Susan H. Clarke, President
Jordan Goldberg, Vice President
Anne C. Searl, Pro Tem
Philip Block, Ph.D.
Marta Driscoll
Jeffrey D. Durst

OFFICIALS PRESENT Frank Daly, Esq., Solicitor
Matt Houtmann, P. E.

CALL TO ORDER President Clarke called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in a moment of silence and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS
COUNCIL No response.

RADAR SPEED SIGNS Mr. Ward and Councilwoman Searl presented council with information concerning radar speed signs.

MOTION Upon motion (Searl/Driscoll) council voted to authorize Mr. Ward to purchase one solar powered safe piece 100 radar speed sign and the necessary accessories for placement on Vallleybrook Road.

ESCROW ACCOUNT STATUS
BEARD LOT LINE Mrs. Timmins reported that there are two escrow accounts for the Beard Townhouse Land Development, the Initial Escrow Account and the Lot Line Escrow Account. The Lot Line Escrow was set up to change the lot line on the land development plans which have been approved by Thornbury Township and Chester Heights Borough. Council will consider closing out the Lot Line Escrow in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 at the June 5th Regular Council Meeting.

CHESTER HEIGHTS SELF STORAGE President Clarke reported on correspondence from the alternate engineer concerning a list of deficiencies in need of correction with the basin volume for the Chester Heights Self Storage property before the account can be closed out.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

SEPTIC ABANDONMENT President Clarke reported that under the current Borough Code – Section 149-4 requires that a septic system be cleaned and filled under the direction of the Borough Building Inspector within 20 days of abandonment. No other requirements are listed. Council reviewed a sample ordinance and discussed various issues concerning amending the borough ordinance. The solicitor will provide a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY Council reviewed issues concerning alternative energy. Councilman Durst suggested obtaining sample ordinances from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Council assigned Councilman McIntosh to work on this ordinance. Mr. Ward reported on the dangers for firefighters with fires and solar panels.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

ORDINANCE Solicitor Daly has discussed the draft ordinance with Councilman McIntosh and both are satisfied with the draft ordinance.

PSAB

President Clarke, Councilman Durst and Councilwoman Driscoll attended the 106th Annual PSAB Conference. The conference had programs concerning a variety of municipal issues, including:

- Government Grants
- Municipal Legal Updates
- Ethical Dilemmas of Social Media
- Borough Officials Refresher Course
- Integrating P3S Into Storm Water Compliance
- Programs Available Through State and Federal Agencies
- Pennvest Borrowing for Sewer Tie-In

ARLE

Councilman Durst presented council with information on the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant Program through PennDOT. The purpose is to provide opportunities for ARLE transportation enhancement grants through revenues generated by the automated red light enforcement program, to improve safety and reduce congestion. Councilman Durst will work with the engineer to prepare for the grant application and Councilwoman Driscoll to review the budget for matching funds for the grant application.

FIRE COMPANY FUNDING

Councilman Block reported that there was a meeting to discuss fire company funding on May 17th. Councilman Block, Councilwoman Driscoll, Councilman Durst, Sam Ianucci and Larry Ward attended the meeting and discussed quarterly payments to the fire company.

NEW BUSINESS
CONCORDVILLE
AMBULANCE

Councilman Goldberg reported that he has been contacted by some residents concerning a postcard residents received requesting a \$45.00 donation per household for a fundraiser for the Concordville Fire and Protective Association. Mr. Ward explained that Concordville Fire and Protective Association will cover the entire borough for ambulance use, the fund drive is not mandatory. The coverage means that Concordville Fire and Protective Association will accept whatever a resident's insurance will cover. Mr. Ianucci will prepare a communication concerning this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

ADDITIONAL PERIOD
PUBLIC COMMENT

MARYANN FURLONG
TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Furlong informed council that she received fourteen duplicate payments for tax and fire protection tax.

MOTION

Upon motion (Goldberg/Durst) council approved the tax duplicate refund payments for June 5th Regular Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clarke announced in accordance with Act 84, the Sunshine Law that Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. Council met in Executive Session from 8:38 p.m. until .:

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion () council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at p.m.

ASK SUSAN WHAT TIME THE MEETING WAS OVER.

Land Development Dates

1. **STF Crier** – Submitted Plans 4/30/07, Reviewed Planning Commission 5/24/07 - Open Ended Extension
2. **S. B. Conrad/CH Market** - Submitted Plans 2/18/10, Reviewed Planning Commission 3/25/10 - Extension 7/19/2017

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Timmins
Secretary/Treasurer