

*Referred to Committee  
Hortons & Higgins*

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS, PA. COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BOROUGH SCHOOL BLDG. MONDAY  
JANUARY 5th. 1948 at 8 P.M.

At 8 P.M. H. Herbert Breneman, Mr. E. Clay Krebs and Mr. Lohr E. Kerns presented their certificate of election to Justice of the Peace, Theo. O. Buckley who administered the oath of office to them and they immediately took their seats as re-elected members of Council for a four year term. (Term expiring 1952)

The members of Council with Mr. Keller and Mr. Little absent, were called to order and the business of nominations for President of Council was prepared. J. Taney Willcox was nominated and seconded and a motion carried that the nomination be closed. By unanimous action of Council, Mr. Willcox was re-elected President of Council to serve two years.

The next order of business was to nominate and elect a Secretary. C. Nelson Smitheman was nominated, seconded and unanimously re-elected. For the office of Treasurer, Mrs. Josephine G. Breneman was nominated, seconded and unanimously re-elected.

Present in Council Chambers was Mr. Hogue of the Phila. Elec. Co. Mr. Hearn of the A.T. & T. Co. and Mr. Brown of the Bell Tel. Co. Each of these gentlemen appealed to Council to amend certain parts of Ordinance No. 11. Mr. Hogue filed a letter with the Secretary which in turn was turned over to the Borough Attorney, Donald H. Hamilton. A letter protecting certain features of Ord. No. 11 from The Bell Tel. Co. was filed with the Secretary. These gentlemen then left the meeting with the assurance Council would consider their appeals and advise the result.

Note:- Mr. Hearn of the A.T. & T. Co. stated his Company had 7500 feet of Conduit within the Borough. Mr. Brown of The Bell Tel. Co. said his Company had 198 Poles and 811 ft. of Conduit within the Borough. Mr. Hogue of the Phila. Elec. Co. did not know number of poles or amount of wire his Company had within the Borough but he would report on this

later.

Immediately following the withdrawal of Councils guests the Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the December 1947 meeting which upon being read were unanimously approved.

The next order of business was the fixing of the salaries for the Secretary and the Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved that the Secretary's salary should be continued the same ie. \$25.00 per month and that the Treasurer should continue to receive (2) two per-cent of the amount of funds paid out by the Treasurer upon Borough Orders or Warrants provided that compensation shall not be paid to the Treasurer on the balance of funds turned over by the Treasurer to her successor, or the payment of any loan or the redemption of bonds or the transfer ~~£~~ from or to the Sinking-Fund, or to or from any other fund, whether upon order, warrant or otherwise. Included in this Resolution was that expiring bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer be renewed.

The following bills presented to Council by the Secretary were unanimously approved for payment.

The Treasurer read her final report for the year 1947 which was unanimously approved as read.

The Secretary was directed to inquire of Highway Commissioner, Irwin S. Little<sup>LE</sup> if he had ordered Borough Name Signs to indicate the various road limits of the Borough, also to charge the repairs of Matson Road against the Highway Aid Fund if this could be done.

Mr. Walter E. Schrader, Burgess in his report stated that signs have been erected at each end of the piece of road abandoned to Mr. R. D. Wood. The signs state this piece of road is "Private Property" and

that the Borough will not be responsible for damage to property or injury to persons hereafter using this road.

The Burgess recommended that due to the office of High Constable being eliminated by legislature, Council should appoint Borough Police as needed and also nominate a new Constable to be approved by the Delaware County Courts

The former High Constable, Geo. H. Wilson, Jr. has turned into the Borough in excellent condition all of the Borough Police equipment issued to him. Officer John S. Voigt resigned his post and likewise turned in his equipment in excellent condition.

Immediately upon Council hearing the above recommendation of the Burgess, a Resolution was made, seconded and unanimously passed that John S. Voigt be appointed Chief of Police and that Chas. G. McCann be appointed Police Officer.

A Resolution was made, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED, that Donald H. Hamilton, Esq. prepare the necessary papers for presentation to court Friday next for the appointment of Chas. G. McCann as Constable.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED, that the Police Salary be increased \$5.00 per month effective immediately. The monthly salary hereafter to be \$30.00 per month.

Mr. James Townsend, Bldg. Inspector reported that at the February meeting he expected to be prepared to report upon the cubic capacity of Non-conforming business building's within the Borough. He also again requested that Council advise him regarding the issuing of a permit for a private Green House with<sup>in</sup> the residential zone. Councils comments were to the effect that if a applicant complied with the terms of the Zoning Ordinance either in writing or verbally stating that he intended the Green House for personal pleasure use and not for business, the applicants word would have to be accepted and any violation thereafter dealt with accordingly.

The Burgess, with the help of the Finance Committee will prepare

the 1948 Budgett and present it to Council at the February meeting.

The routine business of this meeting having been completed, Council then went into discussion of possible changes in Ordinance No. 11. It was agreed Mr, Donald Hamilton re-draft Ord. 11 with the following changes. Take out the charge for wires, leave blank the charge for Poles, allow Utility Companies to make statements of their equipment within the Borough (without the necessity of a sworn affidavit, and finally to remove from the present ordinance a requirement for repairs to be made within 48 hrs.

Their being no further business it was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved to adjourn.

C. Nelson Smitheman  
Secretary

All existing Committees were reappointed for the year 1948 as was Mr. G.D. Houtman as Borough Engineer.