

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

September 25, 2017

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Susan H. Clarke, President
Anne Searl, Pro Tem
Philip Block, Ph.D.
Marta Driscoll
Jeffrey D. Durst
Joseph McIntosh, Esq.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Frank Daly, Esq., Solicitor
- 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.
- BEARD LAND DEVELOPMENT** Solicitor Daly reported that documents for the Beard Land Development were presented at the last meeting. The borough engineer will provide council with a final review. There is a request for final approval for the Beard Townhouse Land Development Plan scheduled for the October 2, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- BUDGET UPDATE** Councilwoman Driscoll presented council with the following reports:
- Fire Protection Fund 2017 Projections and 2018 Preliminary Budget
 - Councilman Block, Councilwoman Driscoll and Councilman Durst met with the fire company to review their current funds, operating expenses and the 2018 projections.
 - General Fund 2017 Projections and 2018 Preliminary Budget
 - Liquid Fuels Fund 2017 Projections and 2018 Preliminary Budget
- Councilwoman Driscoll will be in discussion with the Building Inspector, the Engineer, the Treasurer and various Committees to discuss budget requests for 2018. The Preliminary Budget will be reviewed at the October 23, 2017 Work Session. Councilman Block suggested council consider starting an Open Space Fund.

CONGRESSIONAL
REDISTRICTING

Councilman Block presented council with a sample Resolution concerning state legislative and congressional redistricting that has resulted in gerrymandered districts which favor a political party over others and provides language that would state the following:

- Ensure a fair, accurate and transparent state legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest;
- Prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or any candidate;
- Ensure the use of impartial and sound methodology and public input when setting district boundaries;
- Fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary."

BOROUGH SIGNAGE

Council discussed borough signage on borough and state roads in the borough. Council will have the road master contact Higgins to review the signage.

PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE

Council discussed feedback from residents concerning the Property Maintenance Ordinance at the September 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. President Clarke suggested council consider the following:

- Look at ordinances from other municipalities
- Consider breaking the ordinance into 2 ordinances
- More clearly define a bamboo owner
- Allow property owners to grow bamboo

President Clarke and Councilman Block will review the feedback and prepare notes to send to the Solicitor and Councilman McIntosh for further discussion at the October Work Session.

RECYCLING DAY

Councilman Block and Councilman McIntosh thanked President Clarke for her efforts in arranging Recycling Day and thanked the volunteers and the fire company.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Council discussed various traffic issues on Valleybrook Road. There have been numerous car accidents in the borough. Council discussed writing a letter to PennDOT and arranging a meeting with PennDOT and the Public Safety Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

ADDITIONAL PERIOD
PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (Searl/Block) council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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