# ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION December 1, 2016 Minutes

Elizabethtown Borough Council held its monthly work session meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Office. Present were Councilmembers Phil Clark, J. Neil Ketchum Jr., Jeff McCloud, Tom Shaud, Dr. C. Dale Treese and J. Marc Hershey. Also present were Borough Manager Roni Ryan, Assistant Borough Manager Cindy Foster, Planning & Zoning Director Rodney Horton, Public Works Director Wayne Devan, Police Chief Jack Mentzer, and Mayor Chuck Mummert.

## **Public Comment**

- 1. **Robert Yahara**, **207 Masonic Drive**, reported he is praying for those in authority and thanks Council for its service.
- 2. The following expressed support for a funding allocation in the 2017 budget for participation in the Lancaster County Drug Task Force:
  - a. Matt Thompson, 43 Briar Rose Trail, parent of a child lost to the herion/opioid crisis
  - b. Chris Dreisbach, 222 South Market Street, CEO of Blueprints for Recovery
  - c. Joy Perrone, 609 Hess Road, Celebrate Recovery, Lifegate Church
  - d. Suzette Kreider, 5176 Bossler Road, Clinical Operations Manager, Northwest EMS
  - e. Kelly Evans, 229 Cliff Lane, 27 years' experience in law enforcement and working with drug task forces in other counties
  - f. Erin Driscoll, Elizabethtown College Sophomore
  - g. Scott Theurer, 484 West Bainbridge Street, certified recovery specialist/recovering addict
  - h. Gail Viscome, 915 Spring Road, Executive Director, Elizabethtown Communities that Care
  - i. **Mason Swisher, 113 Foxchase Drive,** Elizabethtown Area High School Freshman In addition to speaking, Perrone and Driscoll submitted petitions supporting the request.

### Council heard the following informational reports:

#### 1. Administration

- a. Conoy Crossing Phase 2A Dedication Request—Horton explained that the developer is ready to transfer the infrastructure to the Borough, but to do so a performance bond is required in the amount of \$43,000 for Phase 2A and an additional \$93,000 for the bridge across Conoy Creek. Todd Smeigh of DC Gohn Associates addressed Council on behalf of Jake Olweiler, developer, who was also present. Smeigh requested a waiver of the performance bond for the bridge noting it was installed in 2010, opened to traffic in 2014, and has been through the first round of inspections by Penn DOT's engineers. Olweiler noted that minor repairs were made following the inspection but they feel the bridge has weathered very well. Concerns about construction traffic using the bridge for access while working on remaining phases of the development were discussed. The waiver request will be on the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for consideration.
- b. EAWA <u>Update</u>—No Report
- 2. Police Department—Mentzer reported on the following:
  - a. Police Department monthly report.
  - b. <u>Lancaster County Drug Task Force Presentation</u>—District Attorney Craig Stedman and John Burkhart, officer in charge of the Lancaster County Drug Task Force, provided an overview of the task force's role in the community noting there is a focus on apprehending higher level drug dealers. There are currently ten municipalities who have dedicated officers to the effort, and Ephrata and East Hempfield are in the process of joining. Advantages of participation were discussed along with the type of officer they are looking for and what his/her typical

day might look like. Council expressed an interest in seeing feedback on the results of the Borough's participation. It was agreed that Mentzer could receive periodic updates and that he could then pass along general progress reports to Borough Council.

# 2017 Proposed Budget

Ryan provided an update on the 2017 Proposed Budget as follows:

- 1. **Revised 2016 Projections**—proposed adjustments and updated projections for 2016 for the General Fund, Sewer Revenue Fund, and Capital Reserve Fund were reviewed.
- 2. Other Budget Adjustments—proposed adjustments and transfers for 2017 were discussed as follows:
  - a. Transfer of \$56,325 from the General Fund to the Stabilization Fund
  - b. Transfer of \$50,000 from the Health Insurance Fund to the General Fund
  - c. Transfer of \$375,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund
  - d. The general consensus was to increase the tax millage rate by one-tenth of a percent taking it from 5.5 to 5.6 next year.

Ryan will provide a summary of the changes for Council's consideration at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time it is anticipated that the final budget for 2017 will be accepted and an ordinance setting the tax millage for the coming year will be adopted.

After a motion by Shaud, second by Ketchum, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:33 p.m. whereupon Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

# Petition for a Drug Task Force Assigned Officer for Elizabethtown

On belhalf of our community, we as the Elizabethtown College community are petitioning the Borough Council to support the assignment of a full-time police officer to the County Drug Task Force. The police officer would address the Heroin Epidemic and other drug activity that impacts the health and safety of our citizens and campus.

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