

**BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS
COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2015**

Council President Jennifer Sikora called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Seven Fields Borough Municipal Office at 2200 Garden Drive, Suite 100, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

Council President Sikora began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council President Jennifer Sikora, Council Vice President Jack Oakley, Council Member Robert Messina, Council Member Dr. Kevin Caridad, Council Member Dr. Trotta, Mayor Victor Giannotta, Borough Manager Thomas B. Smith, Attorney James Manolis, Engineer John Balewski

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Virostek – 223 Sycamore Drive – He shared a handout with all members of Council reflecting his analysis of the current billing rates for water against the proposed increases asking Council to justify the new rates and reasoning. He feels the increase is too steep and unnecessary. He feels the Borough has quite a reserve at over \$700,000 as compared to the reserve of the average resident. The impact of the increase to the resident is far greater than the impact on the Borough.

Manager Smith shared that he spoke with Sharon Bruno at West View Water and she indicated that continued growth has dictated the need for expansion. There was a plan to start the project in 2008/2009 but when the economy had a turn-down West View Water delayed the project. She is happy to field calls for anyone who has additional questions.

Council President Sikora explained that the rate increase is simply a “pass-through” increase and offsets the increase the Borough has incurred by West View Water. The increase is necessary to allow the Borough to maintain financial solvency.

Manager Smith shared the complete report from West View Water with Mr. Virostek for his review and announced that there is one available for the public to review at the Borough Office.

Mr. Virostek commented that he simply wanted to make Council aware of the financial difficulty residents will face with the increase and asked Council to consider a lower rate increase if possible.

Carol Vollman – 102 Sycamore Drive – She stated that when the speed plateaus are removed from Mars Crider Road the police had better be sitting there and ready to control speeders or there are going to be accidents. They personally have had issues trying to back out of their driveway as well as several of their neighbors have shared the same concerns with her. There have been several instances where they or their neighbors are backing out of their driveways and a speeding vehicle coming down the hill comes within inches of hitting them – it is very dangerous.

Council Vice President Oakley commented that we have had this conversation many times and yes, the police are aware of the issue and plan to be in the area to assist with controlling speeding vehicles.

Mrs. Vollman asked about the placement of a “stop” sign at the intersection.

Borough Manager Smith explained that the guidelines don’t allow for a “stop” sign to be placed as a “traffic calming device” and would not be allowed by PennDOT Official guidelines/regulations.

Marien Evans – 239 Sycamore Drive – She stated that by the very definition a “stop” sign is used to “control traffic” and that doesn’t make any sense.

Borough Manager Smith referred Mrs. Vollman and Mrs. Evans to Mr. Glen Beattie, Legislative Assistant to Daryl Metcalfe, who was in attendance at the meeting, for assistance with this regulation.

Mr. Beattie acknowledged their concerns and noted he would share them with Representative Metcalfe but not to expect a favorable response.

Council President Sikora thanked everyone for attending and participating.

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APPROVAL OF May 11, 2015 COUNCIL MINUTES

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council accepted the Minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting, as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Giannotta reported that after 5 months, the feedback he has had regarding the police department has been very positive. He recently met with residents of Evans City and their feedback was quite positive as well. He presented the May police report noting the calls and the number of citations are up.

Council Member Dr. Trotta noted that his daughter made the police report this month with her accident and he wanted to thank Council Member Dr. Caridad for his efforts to assist his daughter the morning of the accident. He and his daughter both truly appreciated Dr. Caridad's help.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Council President Sikora referred Council Members to the Accounts Payable List dated June 2, 2015. After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved the Accounts Payable List, dated June 2, 2015.

Fund Balances as of June 8, 2015

General Fund	\$1,342,988
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,343
Road Fund	\$ 131,839
Liquid Fuels	\$ 341,180
CD Program	\$ ----
Sinking Fund	\$ 2,961
TOTAL	\$1,820,310

LEGAL ISSUES

Attorney Manolis reported that he is prepared for discussion related to the Public Works Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Evans City Borough if necessary. Otherwise, he had no issues for review or discussion.

PLANNING ISSUES

Engineer Balewski reported that the Planning Commission met regarding development of lot 501A but it was not approved by a vote of 3-1 so it is not ready for review by Council. Lot 501A is approximately 1.7 acres. Kent Koch is the developer planning for a building of <10,000 square feet, tentatively planning for retail and medical units to occupy the space. There are a few issues being addressed by the developer.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ordinance #64 (Water Rates)

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved Ordinance #64, service charge increase to \$15.94 per month and the actual water usage rate of \$7.87 per 1,000 gallons of water used to be effective July 1, 2015.

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2015 Seven Fields Town Park Pool Manager

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved the hiring of Deborah Schettler as the Town Park Pool Manager for the 2015 season at the rate of \$14.00 per hour.

2015 Seven Fields Town Park Pool Lifeguards

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved the hiring of 2 new lifeguards for the 2015 pool season: Andrew Ivory and Anthony Grasso at the rate of \$7.75 per hour.

Seven Fields Public Works Laborer

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Vice President Oakley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved the hiring of Keith Ulewicz as the full-time Public Works Laborer at the rate of \$18.75 per hour.

Legal Ad for Ordinance #85 (Evans City/Seven Fields Public Works Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement)

After review and upon motion of Council President Sikora and a second by Council Member Messina, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: Borough Council approved the legal ad for Ordinance #85 establishing a Public Works Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Evans City Borough.

Council President Sikora moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Council Vice President Oakley, the meeting adjourned at 7:02pm without the need for an Executive Session.

- MEETING ADJOURNED -



Borough Manager



Council President

July 13, 2015

Date Approved