

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Hamilton, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Fabry, Controller Farina, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Callender, and City Clerk Cook. Absent was Treasurer Eshbaugh.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Treasurer's Report for December, 2017.

Earned Income Tax Report for December, 2017. (No action needed).

Engineering Report from Senate Engineering. Ben Bothell is leaving the company but ensures that the City of Lower Burrell will still get incredible service.

Paul Kostick III concerning Verizon Fios and Comcast. The Agreement is clear that it is a non-exclusive franchise agreement.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: Thanked David Florek for plowing the sidewalks and the park walkways during snow events. There has been a temporary fix for a water leak that occurred at city hall. Councilman Koziarski welcomed Troop 121 and their leader Carrie Banks who were working on their Citizenship in the Community badge.

Councilman Fabry: Congratulations to the Burrell Wrestling Team.

Councilman Hamilton: Councilman Hamilton had the Public Works Job Completion Report for January.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly and a year to date report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for January, 2018. Councilman Grillo recently met with Treasurer Eshbaugh, Mike Nedley, and Michelle Sell to discuss inspection rentals.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: Public Works has been operating with two shifts as they check on streets. They are also working on signage, organizing the shop and maintaining City equipment.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel had year-end statistics of the police department. He also reported that a bi-annual agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police regarding the 56 bypass has been renewed. There will be training for 60 officers held at city hall in April. Sgt. Noll has gone to police super training. Sgt. Beam has been promoted within the New Kensington/Lower Burrell joint SWAT team, replacing a retired New Kensington officer. Chief Weitzel is also anticipating a \$10,000 grant to be used for equipment; he was unable to elaborate on the actual grant but said a press release would be forthcoming.

City Clerk Cook: No report.

Mayor Callender: Mayor Callender thanked the members of Burrell High School's National Honor Society for the banner that they presented. It is currently displayed in the council room.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) A lengthy discussion was held with Joseph Muscatello of Boenning and Scattergood regarding financing options.
- 2) A presentation from Roberta Schwalm of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) concerning possible financing of sewer lateral and/or septic system repairs.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Hamilton, second by Councilman Fabry to accept the retirement of David Turiak of Public Works as of February 5, 2018. Mr. Johnson remarked that Mr. Turiak has been employed with the City of Lower Burrell for over 35 years and was an asset to the City. He was always professional in

how he maintained and operated equipment, and he thanked him for his service. Councilman Fabry remarked that Mr. Turiak did his job every day and was an asset to the City. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

4) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Mayor Callender to accept resignation of Kelly Diller as the Health Officer for the City of Lower Burrell. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

5) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to appoint James Solinski as the Health Officer for the City of Lower Burrell. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

6) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to offer conditional employment to David Youell for the vacant police officer position, pending physical and psychological testing and the completion of the one-year probationary period. Chief Weitzel commented that the police department has been down an officer with the retirement of Domenico DiLeo. Mr. Youell is a veteran and was present at the meeting. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

7) Discussed Tobacco Free City Hall/ Property. City Hall has been smoke free for years. The discussion centered on making City Hall tobacco free. City Clerk Cook is hoping Council will look into a tobacco free policy before the handbook is revised. City Clerk Cook will forward our handbook to our labor counsel to review and incorporate changes given to him by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Representatives from Cougar Land Services, Huntley and Huntley, and Geo-Kinetics were in attendance. Councilman Hamilton shared his experiences with the seismic testing that was recently done in his neighborhood. Even though his house sits approximately 150 feet off the road, the testing caused his house to shake and pictures to fall off the wall. He invited the representatives to his home to see what he was describing and also asked what would happen to homes built closer to the road. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Nedley both meet with a member of Cougar Land Services every Monday to discuss their work being performed in the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Richard Callender, Mayor

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM