

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

March 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT	Patrick L. Patterson, Vice President Anne C. Searl, Pro Tem Mark Carroll, Mayor Jordan E. Goldberg Joseph McIntosh
OFFICIALS PRESENT	Gerald C. Montella, Esq., Solicitor Matthew Houtmann, P.E., Engineer
CALL TO ORDER	Vice President Patterson 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.
<u>PUBLIC TO ADDRESS</u> <u>COUNCIL</u>	No response from the public.
DCSWA	Solicitor Montella informed council that at the April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting he will request authorization to prepare and advertise an amendment to Ordinance #103 that would extend the ordinance for an additional twenty-five years. An ordinance whereas, Delaware County Solid Waste Authority and Chester Heights Borough entered into an agreement regulating the disposal of municipal solid waste from the municipality, requiring disposal at approved sites, providing licensing of solid waste collectors, providing for regulations and penalties dated July 6, 1987.
NEWSLETTER UPDATE	Vice President Patterson updated council concerning the newsletter. The content has been sent to the art director at Hometown Press and estimated a mid May date for the mailing of the newsletter.
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	Mr. Houtman provided council members with a document concerning the removal of the pedestrian crossing at Red Roof Drive and Baltimore Pike intersection. Wawa Corporate is having the traffic signal reconfigured due to the building expansion at the Corporate Center. Wawa Corporate is in discussion with PennDOT to have the pedestrian crossing removed and will need a letter from the borough approving the removal. Mr. Houtman asked council members to review the document.
NEW BUSINESS TRAFFIC SIGNAL	Councilwoman Clarke asked if there was any update concerning the

damaged traffic signal at Smithbridge and Valleybrook Roads. Solicitor Montella reported that he is not aware that the borough received any invoices from Higgins at this point.

LARRY WARD
64 BISHOPS DRIVE

Mr. Ward suggested the borough request Higgins to perform an extensive inspection for damage to the traffic light and that he has noticed that the traffic light's head mask is tilted.

OLD BUSINESS
301 LLEWELYN RD

Councilwoman Clarke asked if there was any update concerning the certified letter that was sent to the relative concerning the abandoned property at 301 Llewelyn Road. Solicitor Montella reported that he will check with the zoning officer for an update.

VILLAGE OF
VALLEYBROOK
ROAD DEDICATION
REQUEST

Councilwoman Clarke and Mr. Houtman presented council with a financial report with regards to pricing estimates for road paving, curbing replacement and snow removal for Bishop and Kings Drive. Council concluded that the curbs and stormwater management system are not up to dedication standards, the conditions of the road bed is unknown and the Homeowners Association would have to bear the cost to bring all these items up to dedication standards before council would consider dedication.

LARRY WARD
64 BISHOPS DRIVE

Mr. Ward asked why there is a disparity in the figures for Bishops Drive's snow removal. Mr. Kouba, a board member for the Village of Valleybrook, explained that the major expense for snow removal is due to clearing out the parking areas. Mr. Ward reported that he has asked the Village of Valleybrook HOA Board if they have voted to present a formal request to the borough for road dedication and was told that their request is for fact finding mission. Mr. Ward expressed concern for the fees that both the borough and the Village of Valleybrook is spending to have the professionals review this issues.

FORMAL REQUEST

Vice President Patterson suggested Valleybrook HOA Board adopt a resolution stating a formal request to borough council for the dedication of Bishop Drive and Kings Road prior to spending time and money on this issue.

JIM HOLT
85 BISHOP DRIVE

Mr. Holt informed council that according to the Village of Valleybrook By-Laws it will take two thirds of the Village of Valleybrook residents to approve the vote to take over the roads. Councilman Goldberg stated that the board can recommend but it is the residents of the association that will decide.

Mr. Holt stated that he would like to thank the fire company for all the good work they have done through out the years.

ARRON NATHAN
40 BISHOP DRIVE

Mr. Nathan stated that he use to walk along the sidewalks and feel safe with his children, since the speed humps have been removed

he no longer feels it is safe and it has turned into a highway. Mayor Carroll said the borough is not holding up the replacement of the speed humps, that it is a public safety issue that the Village of Valleybrook HOA Board makes.

GINA ELLIS
15 BISHOP DRIVE

impact the tax payers.

Ms. Ellis asked when will the board decide if the speed humps will be replaced. Mr. Kouba, a member of the Village of Valleybrook HOA Board stated that that would

JOY FOX
75 BISHOP DR

Ms. Fox informed council that she was told that the decision to put back the speed humps on Bishop Drive was being held up until the borough council decides if they will accept dedication of the roads.

MARTA DRISCOLL
458A LENNI ROAD

Ms. Driscoll asked why would borough council accept dedication for the Le Nape Valley roads. Vice President Patterson stated that Le Nape Valley roads are a neighborhood road for fourteen homes and a cul-de-sac.

FORMAL REQUEST

Council Goldberg recommended the Village of Valleybrook HOA meet and discuss this issue internally and come back to the borough after a vote from the residents.

Additional Period for Public Comment

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (Clarke/Searl) council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 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 4/25/2016**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Timmins
Secretary/Treasurer