

Borough of Susquehanna Depot
Minutes March 2, 2016

Present: Sue Crawford, John Hendrickson, Roy Williams, Joseph Varsik and Deborah Zayas

Absent: Barbara Larsen, Dana Rockwell

Also Present: Margaret Biegert, Mayor Nancy Hurley

Guests: None

MOTION: By Roy Williams seconded by Deb Zayas to approve the agenda.

MOTION: By Roy Williams, seconded by John Hendrickson, to rescind the motion of February 10, 2016 to purchase The 2014 Dodge Charger V6 from Domino's Auto for \$26,475.00. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Deborah Zayas seconded by John Hendrickson to purchase 2016 Sedan Police Interceptor for 24,824.81. price includes car, Co-Star discount, and trade-in for 2008 police Charger, push bumper, and service to Transfer light bar from the charger to the Interceptor. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Sue Crawford seconded by John Hendrickson to make the following line item changes: Decrease: 410.18 Officer Call out to \$3,000., 430.75 DPW Truck savings to \$4,500. Increase: 301.2 Prior Real Est.Tx to \$18,650.00, 410.75 Police Car Saving to \$489.00, 413.12 Codes/hourly to \$17,208.00, 430.11 DPW P/T 20 to \$17,800.00, 430.18 DPW Call out to \$2,792.00. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By John Hendrickson seconded by Roy Williams to have the police Durango assessed for rust damage after the arrival of the new police car. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Roy Williams, seconded by Sue Crawford, to advertise and cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of March 9, 2015. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Council President, Joe Varsik called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. After approval of the agenda, council voted to rescind the motion made at the February 10, 2016 meeting to purchase the 2014 V6 Dodge Charger for \$26,475.00 from Domino's Auto. Council reviewed a quote from Sunbury Motors for a 2016 Sedan Police Interceptor. The price quote included the Co-Star discount, trade in for 2008 police charger, push bumper, and service to transfer light bar from the charger to the Interceptor. Council voted to purchase 2016 Sedan Police Interceptor for \$24,824.81 Council reviewed several quotes to letter the car from Rosencrantz Signs of \$832.00, \$786.00 and \$642.00. There was a discussion about expensive options and requirements for lettering. As the car is not due in for a number of weeks, councilmen Varsik and Williams will check on other options.

The secretary explained that several request had been submitted to the finance committee. The first was to increase the DPW part-time hours by 12 a week from April through November. The second request was from the Codes department. Councilmen Williams would like to decrease by four hours a week and to hire a part-time person to train 8 hours a week. The finance committee made the following recommendations. Increase the already received prior year's real estate tax by \$4,800, Decrease Officer Call out to by \$2,697.00, DPW Truck savings to by \$500. Increase police car savings to \$489.00, increase codes part-time hourly by \$2,208.00. Finance committee recommended that there should be no further departmental spending until both the 2015 and 2016 inventories were submitted by all departments. All departments but the police have submitted the 2015 and 2016 inventories to date. Council agreed.

Chief Sweet requested to purchase an updated DUI book. The book normally cost \$100, but if purchased by Friday through the DA's department, the cost would be \$50.00. Council agreed to this purchase as an exception, until the police inventory was submitted. Councilman Hendrickson requested that the police Durango be assessed for rust so that preventative repairs could be made. Council agreed to the assessment after the new car arrives.

Roy Williams advised council that Flood Plain Ordinance #465 requires the codes enforcement officer to review and certify engineering plans pertaining to construction in the flood plain area. A request had recently been made by the engineering firm who will be constructing the flood wall for the Tri-boro Municipal Authority. Roy has reviewed plans and understands them, but does not feel qualified to approve or certify them. He will speak to NEIC, but feels a company, such as JHA would be more qualified to approval plans. He recommended that the ordinance be changed to a qualified person or company making those certifications.

Council discussed the DCNR/DEP river front park meeting. The Secretary indicated that the plan was solidly structured, but much would need to be accomplished before the submission of the application in April. The SCDA held a well attended meeting the previous night for a community economic development SWOT analyst. The meeting was facilitated by Peter Wolfhorst of Penn State.

Council went into executive session at 6:28 to discuss a legal issue
Council reconvened at 6:36

Council questioned if there was a need for the regularly scheduled meeting the following week. Other than departmental reports all other business had been covered at this meeting. Margaret said that she would have February minutes available the April and get approval for any bills that are not routine. Council cancelled the regularly scheduled meeting due to lack of business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM