

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 2, 11

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in work session on May 2, 2011 at 7:56 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Theodore Landis, Mr. Steve Boeder, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Edward Schwaberow and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Michael Kuhn was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna M. Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Scott Brown, Police Sergeant; Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council; and one visitors.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF LOT SIZES, REGULATIONS AND BUILDING FEES

Mr. Schwaberow reviewed the information that was in the Council packets regarding the regulations to lot sizes and building fees. The situation is that we have a number of lots throughout the Municipality that are now unable to be built on due to the current restrictions.

Council reviewed the current rules and regulations of the Zoning Code. It was determined that the Manager would contact MVRPC to have them put together a proposal for a scope of service study.

DRAINAGE INTO SANITARY SEWER

Mrs. Sizemore stated there are quite a few residents that are dumping their sump pump water into the sewers. When the Service Department is checking the sanitary sewer to make sure they are not blocked; we are finding a lot of clean water in the sewers. We are paying to have this clean water treated by the Franklin plant. The Franklin plant called and stated that the flows are too high. The Twin Creek Lift station has been working overtime due to the excess of water.

The residents that are complaining about water in their basements that we have gone out and checked are the ones causing the problem because they are connected into the sanitary sewer. The south side of Market Street seems to be having the most problems right now. There is over 2 million gallons of water being sent to the Franklin plant and we are only pumping 500-600,000 gallons of water out of the water tower. The extra water is coming from somewhere and we are paying to have it treated.

The Code reads that the residents cannot be pumping the water into the sanitary sewer. We may want to consider sending letters to the residents stating that the Service Department will be testing to see if they are in violation and pumping water into the sanitary sewer and have the resident correct the problem.

Council discussed the excess water that is being sent to the Franklin Plant and the drainage into the sanitary sewer. It was determined that the Manager would send out letters to the residents informing them if they have a sump pump that is pumping into the sanitary sewer that it will need to be corrected.

Mrs. Sizemore went on by saying that she had received a violation notice from the EPA for the Butter Street sanitary sewer overflow issues. Mr. Moore and the Engineer will be looking into this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Theodore E. Landis
Mayor