

## MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 12

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in work session on August 20, 2012 at 8:03 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present: Mayor Theodore Landis, Mr. Steve Boeder, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogler, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Edward Schwaberow and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None.

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Anna M. Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director and Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council.

### **1934 Dayton Pike**

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she had negotiated the selling price for the property at \$100,000.00 with Mr. Recker. Mr. Recker will be living in the house and he does have three employees that will be working in the business from the garage. He will be starting the school and phasing out his business eventually. She did discuss an easement to the drive so the City may have access to the water tower with the Engineer. The Engineer will provide the Law Director a legal description to take care of the paperwork. Council reviewed the preliminary map of the easement that would give the City access to the tower. She went on by saying that Mr. Recker did want to move forward on the work that needed to be done to the house before the paperwork is completed and signed. Council agreed that Mr. Recker could move into the house before the paperwork is signed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **North Wellfield**

Council briefly discussed the north wellfield. It was determined that the Manager would meet with the Engineer this week to visit the north wellfields again and determine where a good location for the dog park would be.

#### **Service Department Property**

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she briefly discussed the Gunckel Street property with the Public Service Director and it was decided that the property is not in good shape. We have discussed possibly constructing another building at the street garage location on Water Street. The street garage is located in a flood plain and we would need to get EPA approval to move the water lab to the street garage location. This would allow everything to be at one location and we could then sell the Gunckel Street property. We are just in the preliminary stages at this time and will get back with Council when the Public Service Director is ready to move forward.

#### **Water Meters**

Mrs. Sizemore stated that we have briefly discussed replacing the water meters throughout the City. We currently have two types of meters and are paying two service contracts. We are looking at approximately a \$300,000.00 project to replace all of them. FCC regulations will be changing in January and we will have to change the radio frequency at that time. We will have to purchase a new \$10,000.00 meter reader. We can replace the meter head verses replacing the entire meter in some cases and this would save money. Changing all the meters would save time by being able to radio read everything. The staff would read meters for only 2-3 days when this is complete.

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Council agreed that the Manager, Finance Director and the Public Service Director should put together the numbers and information and bring it back to Council for review.

**Senior Center**

Mrs. Sizemore briefly updated Council regarding a Senior Center patron that the Director is having a problem with. The patron has been disruptive and has been asked not to return to the Center at this time.

Mr. Boeder stated that he phoned the Manager last week regarding the progress of the tap in invoice for United Methodist Church. She did not have any updates because she had not been updated herself. Then he had heard that some of the church members had spoken with Mr. Kuhn. When he worked at other jobs in management he needed to know what was going on whether he was directly responsible for it or not. He would like the Manager to be updated on topics so if Council members call she will have an answer. He is not being critical but the City Manager has to know what is going on in the City.

The Law Director stated that he was taking care of the issue and the Manager has many other things to do. If anyone has questions they should feel free to contact him. He is willing to do whatever Council would like for him to do.

Council briefly discussed the progress of the communications with the church regarding the tap in invoice.

Mr. Boeder stated that he would like to see signage installed on Astoria Road for the patrons at Kercher Park. There is really a safety issue in that area and someone is going to get hurt.

Mr. Wafzig stated that he would like to see the reasoning as to why the dumpster enclosure legislation was changed in 2000. He would also like to see if this is a state safety issue and if so he would like to see the information. He wanted to make sure that Council wanted to keep the height requirement as it is.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she spoke with Rumpke regarding the enclosures and they recommended the enclosures be 8 feet tall. If Council would like to remove the dumpster legislation completely that is your decision. We have been receiving complaints regarding the dumpsters not being enclosed.

Council discussed the dumpster enclosure requirements. It was determined that the staff would look for information about dumpster enclosures having four sides.

Mr. Schwaberow stated that in his travels this month he spent time with Bill Forbes, a previous Law Director for the City. He says "Hello" to everyone.

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

The work session was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Theodore E. Landis  
Mayor