

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 14

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in work session on March 3, 2014 at 7:56 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Stephen Boeder, Mr. Mark Heistand, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Roy McGill, Chief of Police; Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council and one visitor.

Mayor Boeder stated we will be able to give the Manager direction and have her prioritize projects/concerns. This will allow us to make a determination on her job performance at the end of the year.

Old Water Tower

Mayor Boeder stated that the water study did prove that the Municipality does need the old water tower. The Engineer evaluated the situation and identified needs.

Council discussed the options of purchasing land, approximately an acre of land, to build a new tower. The consensus of Council was to have the Manager contact the neighboring properties regarding the need for more land. The Manager will also need to discuss the cost/OPWC grants with the Engineer and the Finance Director and report back to Council periodically.

South Main Reconstruction

Mayor Boeder stated that the Engineer core tested South Main Street and there is no base under the pavement. We will need to do a total reconstruction according to the Engineer.

Council discussed the reconstruction of South Main Street and the anticipated high cost of this large project. The consensus of Council was to get an estimate for the project from the Engineer and get back with Council.

Street Levy

Council discussed having a street levy that would be just for the Municipality and not include the Township. The consensus of Council was to have the Manager and the Finance Director discuss how much would be required for the Municipality to run their own levy that would equal the same amount of money that we currently receive.

Camp Miami

Mrs. Sizemore stated that we have not received the deed yet. We should receive it any day now.

The Law Director briefly update the new Council Members on the Camp Miami situation and advised that the City do nothing with the property until we receive the deed.

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Council discussed many ideas of how to secure the property, community functions and future site ideas. The consensus of Council was to discuss this topic during work sessions but to move forward with the demolition as soon as possible.

South Walnut Drainage

Council briefly discussed the drainage issue of South Walnut.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she has asked the Service Director to monitor the situation closely.

The consensus of Council was to have the Engineer evaluate the situation and get back to Council with a solution.

East Market Street Sidewalk

Council discussed the sidewalk issue along East Market Street and a crosswalk at Route 4.

The consensus of Council was to have the Manger look into the bridge on East Market Street and have the hazard of slipping dealt with immediately. Council would like to have the sidewalk continued on the North side of the East Market to Route 4. The Manager would look into a crosswalk at State Route 4 by contacting the State and the Engineer and report back to Council.

Retreat

Council discussed dates that would work for a Council Retreat. Monday, March 31 was suggested but the Manager will email three dates and Council will need to look at their schedules so we can determine the final date.

Delinquent Water Bills

Mr. Koogle questioned if we are able to determine the exact dates when people are not paying their bills. Mrs. Sizemore replied yes.

Council discussed the delinquent water bills and the new meter system. The new system is able to inform the City exactly what is going on with each meter.

The consensus of Council was that the Staff will inform owners of rental property if there are delinquent bills.

Snow Removal/Snow Emergency Routes

Mayor Boeder stated that the Municipality has in place a snow removal and snow emergency route ordinance. He has concern of the downtown area and the removal of the snow.

The consensus of Council was to have the Staff review and provide Council with updated information for a later work session.

Other Business

Mayor Boeder asked Mr. Heistand if he has Mr. Schwaberow's new address. Mr. Heistand replied yes and he will email it to Mrs. Sizemore. Mayor Boeder went on by saying we have had a plaque made for Mr. Schwaberow in appreciation of his years of service and would like to send it to him. If anyone would like to enclose a letter for Mr. Schwaberow in the envelope please have them to Mrs. Sizemore by the next Council Meeting.

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Mayor Boeder requested that a plaque be made for Bob Hale. He has decided to retire from driving the Senior Center Bus.

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

The work session was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor