

Rochester Borough Council
Regular Meeting in Council Chambers
July 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Present: President Benjamin Rader, Howard Howe, Ron Becker, Mayor Keith Jackson, Solicitor Bernie Rabik, Sargent Dawn Shane, Manager John Barrett

Absent: Vice-President Brandy Dietrich, Marjorie White, Don Brothers, Donna Short, Martin Knafele, Code Officer Peggy Griffith

The regular meeting was called to order with roll call.

Mr. Rader informed those in attendance that there was not a quorum of Council and therefore no business could be conducted tonight. Mr. Rader did offer to those in attendance to speak with those members present since they took the time to attend the meeting. He did remind them that no action could be taken regarding any matter they discussed.

Persons in Attendance:

Attorney Douglas, Solicitor for the Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority, reviewed the Treatment Renovation Project the Authority is undertaking. He stated that excavation of ground material is necessary for the project. An analysis of the material has caused the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection to declare the material regulated as historic fill and therefore cannot be taken to a regular landfill site. A site for this type of material is being developed here in Beaver County which could offer significant savings to the project. This new facility may not be in operation by the time the Authority is ready to begin the construction phase of the project. The Authority would like to ask permission of the Borough to temporarily store this material on their Public Works facility site until this new landfill site is operating and able to take this material. The Authority is looking to enter into an agreement with the Borough for this consideration. After some discussion, Solicitor Douglas was asked to provide the soil analysis for Council to review. He agreed and will do so at Council's next meeting.

HAP Enterprises - Attorney Martooci, speaking on the behalf of HAP expressed the need for HAP to expand their facility located at 351 Rhode Island Avenue. They have an opportunity to purchase the property immediately behind theirs, 220 Jefferson Street. They were looking to construct a garage on this site for additional storage space. However, the Borough's zoning ordinance does not permit an accessory building to be located on a stand-alone parcel, it must be on the same parcel as the main structure. HAP would like to ask the Borough if they would consider vacating one block of Franklin Way between Jefferson Street and Milden Way. This would then allow HAP to consolidate the 2 parcels into one and permit them to now construct an accessory building for their operation. After some discussion, Attorney Martooci will re-state their request at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. McGaffic, 481 Heller Street, and Mr. Mignanelli, 421 Pennsylvania Avenue raised concerns regarding the condition of Chewning Playground, the adjacent alleys and high grass in the neighborhood.

Dan Miller, 514 Jackson Street, raised concerns with the Borough tar & chipping the roads. Tar gets exposed and the residents tract this tar into their homes. He would like to see the Borough discontinue this form of road maintenance.

Mr. Brdar, 90 Dewey Way, stated that he was there to see if Council would consider granting him an extension regarding the construction of a garage he is undertaking. He noted that he has been sited numerous times but personal matters have prevented him from completing the project. It was noted that Mr. Brdar had approached Council before asking for an extension for which he was denied. Mr. Brdar was advised to plead his case before the Judge and the Judges decision would be final.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

John M. Barrett
Borough Manager