

Public Hearing

May 5, 2015

6:00 PM

I Call To Order 6:00pm

Council president Jay Race called the Public Hearing to order on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00pm.

II Moment Silence & Pledge Of Allegiance

The group participated in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Borough Secretary Nina Solivan took roll: Councilmen in attendance were, Councilman Cardiff, Councilman Hockenberry, Councilman Ledwich, Councilman Race, and Councilman Shoub. Absent were Councilman Mellon and, Councilman Schultz. Others in attendance were Mayor Rey Peduzzi, and Solicitor Craig Alexander of Bruce Dice & Associates.

With reference to property and/or structures located upon the property that have been declared abandoned, dilapidated and/or nuisance structures. The said properties in Trafford, PA are as follows:

Lanalex Cloyd Inc.	501 Cavitt Ave	Map #: 36-03-03-0-490-00-000
Robert J Cromer	315-317 5 th St.	Map #: 36-03-03-0-162-00-000
Lucas Mina ETAL	635 6 th St.	Map #: 36-01-16-0-120-00-000
James Bruno	90 1 st St.	Map #: 36-03-03-0-498-00-000

Public Comment:

Rose Frolini 505 Duquesne Avenue: Both buildings 501 Cavitt and 315-317 5th street In the winter the down spouts cause a public hazard the water pours onto the sidewalk and it freezes causing the sidewalk to become a sheet of ice and impassable. The windows on the bank building are falling out, it's an eye sore. There is a tree growing out of the chimney. The purchaser has done nothing to restore the structure. It is a historical building and hate to say tear it down but as far as renovations go it is probably to the point where it is cost prohibiting, if something isn't done soon it needs to be torn down.

Jim Bruno 307 Edgewood Avenue: Owner of 90 1st Street, states he has buyers interested in purchasing the property as is. States the property looks the way it does due to the fire department going into the home and practicing drills without Mr. Bruno's permission and destroyed the interior and exterior.

Mayor Peduzzi: Born in Trafford over the years these properties have deteriorated and nothing has been done to correct the issues. In order for the community to move forward we have to take the direction and tear down these dilapidated buildings.

Councilman Ledwich made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. MC Adjourned at 6:23pm.

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2015

7:00pm

I. Call To Order 7:00pm

Council President Jay Race called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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III. Roll Call

Borough Secretary Nina Solivan took roll: Councilmen in attendance were, Councilman Cardiff, Councilman Hockenberry, Councilman Ledwich, Councilman Mellon, Councilman Race, and Councilman Shoub. Absent Councilman Schultz. Others in attendance were Mayor Rey Peduzzi, Borough Solicitor Craig Alexander of Bruce Dice & Associates, Borough Engineer Don Glenn of Glenn Engineering, Public Works Foreman Bill Sadler, and Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Turoczy.

IV Notice of Executive Session held May 2, 2015 in Borough Conference Room for matters of personnel

V Minutes from Regular Monthly Meeting held April 7, 2015

- A First: Councilman Cardiff
- B Second: Councilman Ledwich
- C Public Comment
No Comment.
- D Motion Pass [] YES or NO

VI Minutes from Special Meeting April 16, 2015

- A First: Councilman Hockenberry
- B Second: Councilman Cardiff
- C Public Comment
No Comment.
- D Motion Pass [] YES or NO

VII Payment of Bills

- A First: Councilman Shoub
- B Second: Councilman Mellon
- C Public Comment
No Comment.
- D Motion Pass [] YES or NO

VIII Motion to hire Richard Sahar, contingent upon criminal background check

- A First: Councilman Ledwich
- B Second: Councilman Cardiff
- C Public Comment
No comment
- D Motion Pass [] YES or NO
- Craig Alexander mentioned Mr. Sahar was capable of starting on 5/6/15, will the background check prohibit that. Council's response, it takes two minutes for a background check that will not prohibit his start time.

IX Motion to advertise for Full Time & Part Time police, with approval of ad by Chief Carmen Disso

- A First: Councilman Shoub
- B Second: Councilman Ledwich
- C Public Comment
- D Motion Pass []YES or NO

X Report from Borough Engineer, Glenn Engineering

- A Report Submitted
 - On May 1, 2015 Glenn Engineering went and inspected a building located at 501 Cavitt Avenue the sidewalk along 5th street has collapsed. The support beams are severely rusted and are being held up with temporary jacks. The sidewalk has shifted down about 4 inches and is falling into the basement. It is Don's recommendation to have the sidewalk be suspended of pedestrian traffic, have the sidewalk torn out and the basement support structure be rebuilt with new support beams where the void be filled in before the new sidewalk is built.
 - Don stated he attended a meeting with the Wet Weather Association during that meeting there was discussion on AICOSAN taking over our municipal interceptors, the 10' line that connects 2 municipalities. The borough has received preliminary paperwork for this plan, Don will meet with Casey and Bill to discuss the matter.
 - Consent order 2: Gives you 18 months to come up with a plan on the reduction of storm water.
 - Consent order 3: gives you 18 months to implement that plan.
 - 7th Street Road Conditions: PennDot has seen all the patch work and has put a halt on the paving project. PennDot is looking for a new plan and a new sub base to sustain the traffic flow.
- B Public Comment
- C Glenn Engineering dismissed from meeting

XI Public Comment

- A Public Comment for all matters which the public has concern. No public comment or questions on agenda items will be received after this point.
 - Marylyn Chiprinko 106 Belleau woods Blvd:** Expressed concerns for off street parking in Belleauwoods area. Ms. Chiprinko brought in a diagram and showed council, and made the statement "if it isn't broke don't fix it, it's worked for 50 years why change it now?" It is a giant mud pit.
 - Shannon Koschik 236 E Fairmont Ave:** Expressed concerns that there has been damage to her property from the sewage project. April 20, 2015 side yard caved in, at that moment all construction stopped, contractors had to reroute anew way for the pipe to be laid. Lawson left Ms. Koschik a note on her door that stated to call him ASAP. Lawson explained to Ms. Koschik that this is a serious situation and they have it under control. As the construction continued Ms. Koschik noticed cracks within the foundation and her basement wall was separated from the joint to the adjoining wall. Ms. Koschik passed around pictures to council. Contractor is not returning calls and is avoiding homeowner.
 - Carol Richardson 225 1st Street:** Thanks council for use of Manchester Room for the TECDC Bingo was a big success, also Thanks to the Public Works Department for their cooperation during this year's cleanup day.
 - Gillian Graber 110 Belleauwoods Blvd:** Formed a petition for the parking issue within Belleauwoods. Provided council with a copy of the letter and those in support of the petition. Some residents within the area were unaware that they were no longer going to be able to have permission to park there. Ms. Graber asks council to please consider this petition. Also the drainage and grates were not working properly, the middle looked like a giant mud river.
 - Mike Lambert 293 E Edgewood Ave:** Has a 90ft treated timber side wall that runs along his property, with the construction Mr. Lambert's side wall is beginning to push. Mr. Lawson claims his wall was like this prior to the construction. If it happened prior it happened during the winter, Mr. Lambert replaced all the tops on the wall last year and was not leaning then. Also had property surveyed and have not replaced pins.
 - Dana Vankirk 516 Cavitt Ave:** Property owner of 516 Cavitt Avenue, does not understand why she has to replace a sewer line under the street about 18ft in order to sell her property. Why is it her responsibility if it is under the Boroughs Street?

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-Brian Vankirk 741 ½ 7th Street: Commented on the communication within the Borough, it is hard to get a hold of people doing inspections. Mr. Vankirk is a real estate agent and he doesn't have nearly as much trouble on a closing than he does in Trafford.

- B Only public comment for motions not listed on the agenda will be received when called for.
- C This is allowable under state law. See attached.
- D Response

-Ms. Chaprinko: Council will review the current ordinances and see what the best solution to the problem.

-Ms. Koschik: Bill was called to the sight by Shane Lawson to explain what was happening, before Lawson made it to the property the ground was giving way. The trench box was falling into the ditch. Immediately Bill called Don Glenn Borough Engineer. Bill stated Ms. Koschik's porch is extremely close to where the digging was taking place. There is an existing storm and sanitary sewer that runs through the easement on the property. Looked and assessed the situation and had Lawson stop all construction. Saw substantial cracks in the foundation, Lawson sated they were there prior to construction. Bill stated he has not yet had the chance to review the pre-construction photos or video. Bill stated he will look at the photos we have but Ms. Koschik is correct by stating we do not have photos from the inside of the home.

-Ms. Graber: Catch basins have silt bags and are to catch sediment around the basin. The ground is still settling, if this continues to be a problem please report it to the Borough.

-Mr. Lambert: We will review the pictures. If you can provide proof of the survey prior to the property that would greatly appreciated.

-Dana Vankirk: The Ordinance in regards to sewer laterals and taps being the responsibility of the property owner is not unique to the borough of Trafford of the 26 municipalities that Don Glenn represents all have the same ordinance.

XII Update on Zoning Changes for unconventional gas well drilling, by Craig Alexander

- Craig and Pete met and formed an ordinance that would be most beneficial to the Borough, Pete is still looking over the changes. Still progressing will need some input form the Borough engineer. Once the ordinance is complete Craig will send it to the county view it within 45 days provide their comments, then the planning commission they too have 45 days and provide their comments. If there are no changes with those whom need to review we will then have a public hearing on the ordinance, we can then adopt the ordinance. If any of the two entities have changes we will then have to start over and resubmit with those changes.

XIII Update on Road paving by PennDot

XIV Update on Trafford Motors

XV Update on 501 Cavitt, Bank Building

XVI Update on 2hr Parking Ordinance

- Will be holding a special meeting for this matter.

XVII Update on oversized vehicles

-Will be holding a special meeting for this matter.

Wednesday May 20 2015 at 7pm in the Manchester Room there will be a special meeting for public comment on the 2 hr parking ordinance and the oversized vehicle ordinance and any other business that may come before council.

XVIII Resolution by Trafford Borough acknowledging joining the Westmoreland County Land Bank

- A First: Councilman Shoub
- B Second: Councilman Cardiff
- C Motion Pass []YES or NO

The purpose is to get rid of dilapidated structures and get the land back on the tax rolls, fairly new program but very beneficial.

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XIX Resolution by Trafford Borough requesting the Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Grant for improvements at Fairmont Street Playground. The Trafford Recreation Board will pay for the portion of the money responsible by the borough, as required by the grant.

- A First: Councilman Ledwich
- B Second: Councilman Cardiff
- C Motion Pass YES or No
-If the rec board was capable of getting the grant the Borough would be responsible for \$1500.00 for replacing the inlet in the ally way behind Fairmont Playground. Rec Board will cover all cost except for the portion be paid by the Borough.

XX Adoption of Code of ethics for email and computer use.

- A First:
- B Second:
- C Motion Pass YES or NO
Councilman Ledwich requested this motion be tabled due to a discrepancy within the text of the code of ethics seconded by Councilman Shoub. MC

XXI Motion to adopt the shareable calendar, as provided by the website licensee company (GoDaddy), as the calendar to be used for official business of the Borough of Trafford.

- A First: Councilman Cardiff
- B Second: Councilman Mellon
- C Motion Pass YES or NO

XXII Trafford Community Public Library would like to reserve the Manchester Room for Middle School Poetry meetings on Mondays in June, July and August from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

- A. First: Councilman Shoub
- B. Second: Councilman Ledwich
- C. Motion Pass YES or No

XXIII Penn-Trafford Soccer Club is requesting free use of the Manchester Room on June 20, 2015 to hold a Trivia night fundraiser.

- A. First:
- B. Second:
- C. Motion Pass Yes or No
- Mike Mellon, Jay Race abstain from any comment or motion to this. Motion was turned down.

XXIV Administrative Reports

a Code Enforcement

-Report provided within packet

b Borough Manager

-No report

c Borough Solicitor

-Public Hearing

Immediately preceding tonight's council meeting there was a Public hearing for matters of nuisance/ dilapidated properties:

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Mr. Yeager owner of the 501 Cavitt Avenue questioned council as to why he has not received any notice in regards to a public hearing or possible demolition to his building. Council stated it was advertised within the penn Trafford star. Mr. Yeager stated he does not receive this paper. He is in the process of receiving bids, has spoken to Don Glenn and Mr. Sadler regarding sewer line. Working on bids for the sidewalk and the roof. Mr. Yeager is planning on renovating the building into apartments and commercial stores on the main street. Craig stated Mr. Yeager will receive a letter contingent council declares the properties public nesciences and authorize demolition. The property owners will then have 30 days to appeal the decision with the court of common pleas, the court will then declare if council's decision was arbitrary or capricious.

-Councilman Hockenberry made a motion to condemn and authorize demolition the above mentioned properties seconded by Councilman Ledwich. MC

d TEMS

- 28 total calls for the month of April with 9 transfers. TEMS is willing to purchase another fryer for the borough to have, this would benefit TEMS during their fish fry.

e Trafford VFD

-Hoagie sale was great sold out before noon. Craig questioned Brian on an accusation made by Jim Bruno, "The Trafford fire department went on to the property of 90 1st street with no permission and performed fire drills and practice exercises". Brian stated he has a signed letter from Mr. Bruno that the fire department was able to go onto the property and do so, being that the structures were going to be torn down anyways.

f EMC

-No report

g Rec board

- Fishing Derby is on June 6, 2015 at the BY Park starts at 9 am. Woodlawn, Terrace and Fairmont Park are the designated parks this year for the playground program.

-Councilman Ledwich made a motion to approve Woodlawn, Terrace and Fairmont Park as the designated parks this year for the playground program seconded by Councilman Shoub. MC

- Councilman Ledwich made a motion to approve Emily Bippus, Cristina lander, Brian Mcdonna, Mark Tressler, Claire Mervous, and Crista Hankinson as the playground supervisors at a rate of \$8.00 per hour seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. MC

h Mayor Peduzzi

-Councilman Shoub made a motion to allow Trafford Beautification Committee to use the library parking lot to hold their annual flower sale on May 16 2015 from 8am-1pm seconded by Councilman Cardiff. MC

XXV Committee Reports

A. Finance

-Submitted within the packet there are p&l statements.

B. Community Development

- Thanked Public Works and the TEDCD for their participation with Clean-up day. Westmoreland Park Grand Reopening Ceremony Will be held on Saturday May 30 2015 at 10:30.

Councilman Ledwich made a motion to donate 200.00 to the PT community band for playing during the ceremony seconded by Councilman Cardiff.

-Thanked Councilman Hockenberry and mayor Peduzzi for taking the initiative to review the Parking ordinance and the oversized vehicle.

-Councilman Ledwich made a motion to repair the linden nozzle for the by park fountain in the amount of \$106.73 seconded by Councilman Cardiff. MC

C. Public Works

- Bill Sadler proposed a Motion to hire Chris Jurich, and Joe Giacomini at the rate of 8.50 per hour for part time summer help within the public works department seconded by Councilman Mellon.
- Mayor Peduzzi commended the public works for the participation with the cleanup and their day to day work.

D. Sewage

- Restorations will begin to take place weather permitting.

E. Public Safety

- Police contract is finally settled and in effect. Commended Mayor Peduzzi for his hard work on the two ordinances. Thanked Kris and Craig for getting the new borough manger Richard Sahar, hired and getting the contract done in record time.

F. General Government

- Thanked the public works and the TECDC with the cleanup. Manchester Room Committee members are Kris Cardiff, Mike Mellon and Pete Ledwich.
Councilman Cardiff made a motion to approve the job description of the Manchester Room manager seconded by Councilman Mellon.
Councilman Cardiff made a motion to table an advertisement for the position on social media seconded by Pete Ledwich. MC
Councilman Cardiff made a motion to table the permission for Digital Trafford to print 5 ½ by 8 ½ with general information on the Manchester room in the amount of \$250.00 seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. MC
Councilman Cardiff made a motion to allow Matt of Mastro Signs to donate a sign for the Manchester Room and placing the sign on the corner next to the police station contingent upon consulting the chief of police, public works and the chief of the fire department seconded by Councilman Hockenberry. MC

XXVI New Business

- Councilman Shoub stated he had spoken with Bert Ghetto in regards to CDBG money Bert advises us to have surveys done sooner than later for any projects we are requesting money for so we can have them in before the deadline and see if we qualify.

XXVII Adjournment

- Councilman Ledwich made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hockenberry