

# Meeting Minutes

## Regular Meeting 11-10-2020

### ZOOM-COVID19

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**

President Pat McCarthy

Dr. Carpenter

Mr. Forbeck

Ms. LoAlbo

Mr. Matlin

Ms. Provenza

Mr. Suhevich

Mayor Ricupero

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Pitsch

Mr. Kenna

#### IV. **Registered Comments from the Public**

1. Trish-Hredzak-Showalter-449 North Ave-follow up on the community garden site selection and answer any questions about the P&R 2021 budget?—Verona has conditionally been accepted if we decide on a site. We need to accept a site. (County Vacant lot acquisition program) Parcel fee:\$1400 Railroad Park, 851 2<sup>nd</sup> St, (\$600-\$800 cost + \$1400 fee +\$500 closing cost -may be waived) 246 West RR Ave .(in flood zone) We need Council to vote on which lot. Dr. Carpenter-question-is there a preference? The preference of the two vacant lots, Trish we would like to get 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mike, do you have to be the adjacent property but not sure if a Municipality may be different. Dave Matlin where did the estimated appraisals come from? They came from the County.

President McCarthy- what is the last possible date you need this decision? If we vote at the workshop it would not delay more than two weeks. Decided to have a Motion to acquire 851 2<sup>nd</sup> St for garden, Mr. Suhevich were the neighbors contacted , yes 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are very enthusiastic. Motion to acquire 851 2<sup>nd</sup> St 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. LoAlbo, question Ray is there anything else we need to do as a Borough before we get this, Jerry Kenna- should we put a limit –Dr. Carpenter motion amended to put \$3000 limit for 851 2<sup>nd</sup> St., 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Ms. Suhevich. all ayes, motion passed

2. Christine McBride, North Ave.-clarity on some of the Building/Zoning application. Can we have a breakdown on how this works. Would it be possible to print information in local newspaper?

Craig explained the breakdown. The Zoning officer, Mark Stanton, reviews the paperwork. (application) We then schedule a hearing within 60 days then it is advertised for 2 consecutive wks. The information is also in the zoning code book. Penny Saver is not the paper that we advertise. We advertise in the Post-Gazette, The Valley.

3. Rhea Homa, 742 Brunot Street – wanted to share PA resource council collecting the election signs for recycling now until Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> . Arrangement like the bags where collected. shared link [pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/yard-sign-recycling.org](http://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/yard-sign-recycling.org) Motion to have a pickup for the signs at the vestibule 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Forbeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Suhevich all ayes, motion passed.

**V. Jerry Kenna: Reports and Correspondence**

a. Borough Manager's Reports: Jerry Kenna

1. Meeting Minutes Motion to approve, Oct workshop minutes, 1st Ms. Provenza, 2nd Mr. Suchevidh all ayes, motion passed
2. Bills Payable Motion to approve, 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Mr. Forbeck, all ayes, motion passed
3. Tax Collector & Special Taxes Motion to approve, 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Dr. Carpenter question Ray, Jerry answered we are \$79,000 short from last year real estate low may have a jump in Nov. Dec. We may finish \$60,000 by the end. Reduction on earned income tax. The CARES ACT funding is about \$60,000t that we may get. All ayes, motion passed
4. Treasurer's Report, Motion to approve 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Ms. LoAlbo all ayes, approved
5. Police Chief's Report – Motion to approve 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Mr. McCarthy, (question Dave Matlin on car thefts, Chief answered) all ayes, motion passed
6. Fire Chief Report- Motion to approve, 1st Ms. LoAlbo, 2nd Mr. McCarthy, all ayes, motion passed
7. EMS Report – Motion to approve, 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Mr. Forbeck all ayes, motion passed
8. Budget- Jerry went over the budget via power point. Motion to approve to advertise budget, 1st Mr. Suchevidh, 2nd Dr. Carpenter, all ayes, motion passed.

b. Mayor's Report

1. Military flags for Veterans- would like to hang flags up for the Veterans (30 poles) – fist come first serve- double sided- \$125 a flag for a year and if you want to renew \$25 a year. Flags will go up 3 times a year. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day. Jerry suggested we find a way to have someone take the information. People will call the Borough building to give their names and their information.

c. Council President's Report:: Pat McCarthy

1. Shirley Davis needs help on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to unload the truck for the food bank.to meet at the church to help.
2. Issues public comments-starting January 1<sup>st</sup> people need to let Marsha know that they want to be put on the agenda by 4:00PM the Friday before agenda goes out.
3. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

c. **Council Committee Reports**

Engineer: Mr. Matt Pitsch-N/A-went over his Agenda.

We did complete Sanitary Lining at Ridge Avenue. Smell should be going away.

1. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

Bids were opened, Insituform Technologies was low bidder at \$74,961.00. Revised local share of \$11,244.15 and grant of \$63,716.85  
Project awarded to Insituform Technologies, pre cleaning and CCTV work completed 10/20/20.

2. First Street Reconstruction Grant

Multimodal Transportation Grant was selected \$68,050/\$390,000 total project \$458,050.  
Final paperwork approved, bid documents and final drafting being finalized and project to bid.

3. CDBG 2019(Year 45)

Demos on 4<sup>th</sup> St. of 866 and 870 \$6,000/\$24,000 total \$30,000

County completed asbestos surveys, County just approved demos to be advertised, bid documents should be advertised next week.

4. DCED Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)

Cribbs Field Grant was awarded for \$200,000 (\$30,000 match), project awarded to Pampena Landscaping & Construction, we are also getting a quote for him to install a field drain.

Base Bid and all 4 Add Items awarded for total contract of \$201,750

Contracts have been executed and contractor is lining up color samples. Rec Board is working to have suggestions on color choices. Demo work planned to begin week of 11/16

5. CDBG 2020 (Year 46)

Sanitary lining along First Street due to road reconstruction project.

Bids opened, Jet Jack, Inc. was low bidder \$63,265. Project awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. (\$41,122.25 grant/ \$22,142.75 match)

6. PA Small Water and Sewer

Applied for a comprehensive CCTV and Condition Rating of the Borough's storm sewer system. High level defects will also be prioritized and repaired as needed.

Project was funded and contracts with the CFA have been executed. Verona received the full amount requested of \$125,638 and will have a \$33,294 match.

7. Center Avenue Storm Sewer Extension

I had a meeting with Oakmont Water and Peoples Gas to locate their pipes on 8/6/20.

Scope of work is finalized, and I have submitted project as CDBG47 project.

8. CDBG 2021 (Year 47)

Pre-applications submitted to AVNCOG on 9/4

Projects applied for include, Wildwood Culvert Repair, Center Avenue Storm Sewer Extension, Alleys Reconstruction (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and North/Parker), and Demolitions of 473 Union, 558 Church and 856 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Final applications under review by COG and will be submitted by 11/13/20

Penn Dot approved timing change for the signal at Center and ARB. Will coordinate with the Chief.

LED program are starting to accept application in December and not due until June. We need to see how many lights are left.

b. Solicitor: Mr. Craig Alexander

1. Ordinances for advertisement. Animal Control ordinances-thanks Dave Matlin for help.

2. Resolution VOPP -Craig read the heading of the resolution VOPP. Motion to approve VOPP Resolution 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Forbeck, all ayes, motion passed

3. We met the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday as always of each month.

c. Public Works/Refuse/Sewers: Dave Matlin

1. Test lines (paint) on North. Jerry, AJ and the guys will get up there to try the different paint.

d. Ordinances: Dr. Nancy Carpenter-

Fee resolution to be updated, once Craig gets it he will update.

1. Motions to advertise for 4 ordinances:

**-Animal Control-** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VERONA COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IDENTIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERSONS OWNING AND/OR KEEPING ANIMALS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES CONCERNING ANIMALS; PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED FEEDING; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES AND EXPRESSLY REPEALING ORDINANCE 5 OF 2001 AND ORDINANCE 3 OF 2008. ordinance Craig read title-Motion to advertise this ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Sucheovich, all ayes, motion passed

**-Stop signs-additional stop signs-**ordinance AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 8

of 1987 AS CODIFIED IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF VERONA AT § 244-10, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF VERONA  
Craig read title-Motion to advertise this ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Suchevich (question, do we need the STOP signs at the following streets, 2<sup>nd</sup> St going up North Ave, High St at Seldon, High St at Union, Walnut at Athletic) Craig said that there was an engineering review saying the signs were warranted. Matt and Dave worked on reviewing the STOP signs. Motion on the floor, all ayes, motion passed.

**-False alarms**-AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VERONA, RELATING TO ALARM SYSTEMS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS; FOR THE REVOCATION OF SAID PERMITS; REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION BY OWNERS OF SAID ALARM SYSTEMS WITH VERONA BOROUGH FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAID ALARM SYSTEMS, AND PROVIDING FOR FINES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE. Craig read title related to alarm systems Motion to advertise, 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> President McCarthy, (Mr. Suchevich question /concerns on the ordinance can we reword the ordinance) After 1 false alarm is free but the 2<sup>nd</sup> you get a fine. Motion on floor all ayes, motion passed.

**-STR**-AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR AND REGULATING THE USE OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS, ESTABLISHING RULES AND STANDARDS PERTAINING TO SUCH USES, PROVIDING DEFINED TERMS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATIONS- Motion to advertise, 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Suchevich, all ayes, motion passed.

2. Planning Commission-positions have been advertised- two are interested, Motion to accept Dan Showalter to the commission, 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Provenza, (President McCarthy -no) No roll call/ayes, Motion passed. Motion to accept Bill "Red" Craig as the second member of the commission, 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Provenza, all ayes, motion passed.

3. Miscellaneous-question Jerry are we finishing off the salt at the garage. We will be piggyback off Oakmont's and we will make arrangements for future. Potential opening for the Shade Tree Commission

e. Police/Fire: Mike Forbeck

1. Police Interview-part-time officer-Zackary Denaco from Monroeville, Mayor and committee approved- Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Forbeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> President McCarthy all ayes, Motion passed.
2. VOPP Resolution-engineering study for the 1<sup>st</sup> part application for the grant.
3. Miscellaneous-COMP Plan meeting-moving forward-looking for other grants.

f. Finance/Budget/Grants: Ray Suchevich

1. No items.

g. Parks/Recreation: Janet LoAlbo

1. Memorials-Parks & Rec have been working on this. There will price list etc. Next meeting December 1<sup>st</sup>, ZOOM meeting.(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month)
2. Thank you Borough Council, Craig & Jerry for the help for the community dinner.

h. Communication- Sylvia Provenza

1. Newsletter-ads and article for winter issue, January, February, March. Deadline November 30<sup>th</sup> Monday. [veronanewsroom@gmail.com](mailto:veronanewsroom@gmail.com) to send by email.
2. Thank you to Stefani for her work on the Farmers Market.
3. Historical Society-meetings cancelled until further notice.
4. Chamber of Commerce not meeting next month December 15th.
5. Community dinner – Shirley thanks you. Thank you, Janet, for all you did

President McCarthy- Council can we use the work crew to unload the truck up at the Methodist Church for Shirley Davis.

Allegheny County of Municipality-ALOM-notification-general membership meeting and holiday gathering on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, South Hills Country Club. If attending, please bring a toy.

County of Governments-COG-nothing

Project we can apply for, PA small business grant

**VI. Comments from the Public**

Council will hear comments on public-related items at this time. Please approach the podium and clearly state your name and address, limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**

1. Sue Davis, Ridge Avenue -nothing was sent to the residents about the lining and the smell on Ridge Ave.
2. Dan Showalter, 440 North Avenue, thank you for voting me on the commission, thank you for volunteering at the fire hall on election day.
3. Rhoda Worf, 636 3<sup>rd</sup> St, question as to why the 800 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Dave Matlin, looking into it) Speeding 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street can something done. Mayor is looking into it. Garbage trucks have ruined my property. Mike, Dave we need proof that it's not another type of truck.
4. Vince Flota-323 Penn St-collecting toys for Christmas-there will be a box at the Municipal Building.
5. Laura Jacko- North Avenue-questions on 443 North Avenue-will there be a public hearing? Craig, have not heard anything on this. Jerry, once Mark approves it (permit) you have 30 days to fight it he will contact the original email list and let them know the decision. Ms Jacko has concerns that the zoning code needs updated? Jerry, 1,2,3 units are allowed in R1,R2,R3 areas. Craig, you cannot have exclusionary zoning.
6. Kat Hogue-443 North Avenue-can the owner live on the property as a landlord? Can this be a new ordinance.

**Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Provenza, 2nd Mr. Suhevich, all ayes, motion passed.

**XI. Upcoming Public Meetings**

<i>Day and Time</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday/month @ 7:00PM	Parks & Rec Board Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Public Session
Quarterly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 6:30 (Beginning 1-12-16)	Shade Tree Commission
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Chamber Meeting
Final Tuesday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Council Work Session
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday/month @ 4:00-6:00 P.M. Methodist Church, Center Ave.	Community Dinner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday/month @ 7:00 P.M.	Verona Historical Society Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00 Harmarville	COG
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30 PM	Lower Valley Athletic Foundation Meeting