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Solicitor
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Regular Meeting Agenda
Verona Borough Council
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

ZOOM -- COVID 19

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

Dr. Carpenter, President
Mr. Matlin, V-President
Mr. Forbeck
Ms. LoAlbo
Ms. Hredzak-Showalter
Ms. Provenza
Mayor Ricupero
Mr. Suchevich
Mr. Pitsch
Mr. Alexander

IV. **Registered Comments from the Public**

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V. **Any additional agenda items:**

VI. **Comments from the Public.** Please approach the podium and clearly state your name & address and limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**.

VII. **Reports and Correspondence.**

- a. President-Dr. Nancy Carpenter
 1. Meeting Minutes from 3/30/2021
 2. Report of Exec sessions
 3. Motion to approve temp employee.
- b. Mayor's Report: David Ricupero
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- c. Police Chief's Report
- d. Fire Chief Report
- e. EMS Report -Lower Valley Ambulance Service

f. Solicitor: Mr. Craig Alexander

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g. ENGINEER'S REPORT: Matt Pitsch

1. PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

All work completed, final reimbursement request submitted to CFA.

2. First Street Reconstruction Grant

Multimodal Transportation Grant bids opened on 2/18/21. Mele & Mele & Sons low bidder at \$317,842.50. (Grant \$222,489.75, Match \$95,352.75) Project awarded to Mele & Mele & Sons, contracts executed and I am scheduling preconstruction meeting to review work schedule and road closures.

3. CDBG 2019(Year 45)

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

Bids opened with COG on 1/11/21. Eveready Contracting was low bidder at \$13,400. Contract awarded to Eveready Contracting.

Letter requesting the addition of 423 North Avenue submitted to COG/County. Awaiting response from County.

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

Concreted poured and block being installed.

Field drain installed.

First pay request submitted to CFA.

Awaiting sketch/rendering of marquee to submit for variance.

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), awaiting contracts from County. Update from COG was contractor was missing some paperwork.

Paperwork is being corrected and work will be scheduled.

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.

Project specs and bid documents are being create so project can be advertised and bid.

7. Center Avenue Storm Sewer Extension

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

Project was not selected for as CDBG47 project. Project was budgeted for and will be bid in Spring.

8. CDBG 2021 (Year 47)

Projects applied for include, Wildwood Culvert Repair and Demolitions of 473 Union, 558 Church and 856 2nd.

This year is the Borough guaranteed year to receive a grant and I was informed the Borough will receive the grant for the Wildwood Culvert Repair.

9. Tree Trimming/Pruning

Beaver Jack Tree Service was the low quoter out of three at \$11,520.

There have been some issues with the trimming of the trees. The Borough is reviewing what action to take.

Portion of work for decorative trees is \$1,920, remainder of invoice should be paid except this amount.

10. CITF 2021

Projects applied for were Park Improvements and Alley Reconstruction.

I received notification from the COG that the projects were not selected for funding.

11. 2021 Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)

DCED/CFA are currently accepting applications for grants related to parks and recreation facilities. Grants are a maximum of \$250,000 with a 15% required match. Applications are due May 31, 2021

12. 2021 DCNR Small Community Program Grant

DCNR is currently accepting applications for grants related to park and recreation facilities. The minimum grant request is \$50,000 with a \$20,000 match for a \$70,000 project. The max grant is \$70,000 with a \$40,000 match for a \$110,000 project. Applications are due April 14, 2021.

VIII. Council Committee Reports

a. Public Works/Refuse/Sewers (DPW): Mike Forbeck

1. Endorsement to Rep Lamb for Approval of AVR purchase by Aspinwall River Park
2. Dumpster Contractor for DPW
3. Stop Signs Installation
4. Resnick landscaping
5. Beaver Jack tree pruning

b. Budget/Finance/Pension/Grants: Dave Matlin

1. March Monthly Financial Reports
2. Public Meeting on April 17 to Review 2021 Budget and Expenditure Reductions.

c. Ordinances: Tris Hredzak-Showalter

1. Act 152 grant to include 423 North Avenue and 1-2 others.
2. Ordinances update
3. Submission of AARP Community Challenge grant to secure additional grant funding for
Welcome Sign / 4. Wayfinding Project with Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club.
5. Interviews complete for four firms who submitted proposals for joint UCC board with
Oakmont. Will discuss bid tab.

d. Fire/Police: Ray Suhevich

1. Misc.

e. Parks/Recreation: Janet LoAlbo

1. Park Permit
2. Parks and Rec Board update

f. Communications: Sylvia Provenza

1. Newsletter-ads and articles-Articles due June 1st Donald Worf at veronanewsroom@gmail.com Sylvia can be reached at 412-828-7726.
2. Chamber of Commerce-

3. Historical Society- all meetings cancelled until further notice.
4. Twin Boro Ministry-dinner (Wednesday 28th -2021) grab and go 4:30-6:30PM.
5. Misc.

IX. Reports of Special Committees

1. Allegheny League of Municipalities: (ALOM)-Sylvia
2. Council of Governments: (COG)

X. 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**

XI. Adjourn.

XII. Upcoming Public Meetings

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