

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. Sucheovich
Mr. Pitsch
Mr. Alexander

IV. Registered Comments from the Public

- 1. Shea Zebert-spoke of her organization Travelers Aid-having a celebration at Railroad Park, August 21, 2021. Planning food trucks-alcohol -liability insurance covered via Inner Groove.
- 2. Jessica Varone-722 Brunot St-updated the 150th celebration starting May 8th.-Railroad Park-noon

V. Any additional agenda items:

- 1. Mayor Ricupero-Food drive and bushes by the park.

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

- 1. Laura Jacko- 437 North Avenue- bring someone in regarding the tree issues.
- 2.

VII. Reports and Correspondence.

- a. President-Dr. Nancy Carpenter
 - 1. Meeting Minutes from 3/30/2021-Motion to approve-1st Sylvia Provenza, 2nd Dave Matlin all ayes motion passed.
 - 2. Report exec sessions-Decided on a raise for Marsha-Marsha will be leaving the Borough. Discussed replacing Marsha-we had a recommendation to hire Harry Dilmore-
 - 3. Motion to approve temp employee (Harry Dilmore) for at least 2weeks-compensation not to exceed \$600 a week, Motion 1st Dave Matlin, 2nd Dr. Carpenter, Mayor has concern-after exec session no one is talking. Mike thought there would be a counteroffer. What will happen after two weeks? Dave Matlin, we will reevaluate. Hours that Mr. Dilmore will work, hours will be no less than 8 hours per week maybe more. Mr. Dilmore will be able to take any Borough Manager work that will come up -very part time. Someone needs to be in the Borough building-keep the wheels turning-per Dave Matlin. Susan is a financial consultant and Harry will be overseeing the work at the Borough. Trish- I respect Mr. Dilmore, but we should have more applications and post this job. Sylvia would Marsha be willing to extend leaving. Mike spoke to Marsha and she will not be coming back. Ray, I believe we are talking to much money. Dr.

Carpenter, compromise and looking into the job after two weeks. Sylvia-is Mr. Dilmore willing to negotiate a less amount for two weeks. Dave Matlin, I thought we were unified last week. Mike we had a discussion on this and leaning towards hiring on someone that can do it all. I thought we would have more application for a fulltime replacement. The next in this process is to have an open budget meeting and try to figure out what to cut and then hire someone permanent. Dave M., concern that we may not have the money to hire a full time Borough Manager. Stefany-if we can have a plan, we need Marsha was leaving it did not just happen. Something needs to be done.

Jennifer-shifts may work. It is too much per hour. Where are we with the Borough Manager hiring. What is Susan doing for us. I thought she was coming in to help hire a manager.

Dr. Carpenter-we do and did have a plan. We will hire Mr. Dilmore part time, while we figure our finances.

Dave Matlin-we talked at exec session to fill the void now that Marsha is leaving, therefore we would like to hire Mr. Dilmore.

Laura-I agree with Stefany.

Motion of floor-we hire Mr. Dilmore for two weeks not to exceed \$600 a week.

Roll call---

Mr. Suhevich-no

Mrs. Hredzak-Showalter-no

Dave Matlin-yes

Dr. Carpenter-yes

Janet LoAlbo-yes

Sylvia Provenza-no

Mike Forbeck-no

Sylvia-talk to Mr. Dilmore and see if he will lower price, and then vote again.

Motion to recess to exec session-1st Sylvia Provenza, 2nd Trish Hredzak-Showalter all ayes, motion passed.

Motion to come back from exec session-1st Dave Matlin, 2nd Janet LoAlbo, all ayes, motion passed.

Motion to approve-Travelers Aid celebration 4/21/21 at Riverview Park, 1st Mr. Suhevich, 2nd Janet LoAlbo all ayes, motion passed.

New motion—new agreement no more than \$450 a week to hire Harry Dilmore for 2 weeks at least-1st Mr. Suhevich, 2nd Ms. LoALbo all ayes, motion passed.

Saturday, April 17th at 9:30AM public budget meeting. (Link will be circulated).

b. Mayor's Report: David Ricupero

1. Food Drive-Riverside Church successful-will try again April 21st.

c. Police Chief's Report

1. Mayor read police chief's report. Motion to approve 1st Mr. Suhevich, 2nd Mr. Forbeck all ayes motion passed.

d. Fire Chief Report -Mr. Suhevich-Motion to approve 1st Mr. Forbeck, 2nd Ms. LoAlbo all ayes motion passed.

e. EMS Report -Lower Valley Ambulance Service

1. Dave Matlin, read EMS report. -Motion to approve 1st Mr. Suhevich, 2nd Mr. Matlin, all ayes motion passed.

f. Solicitor: Mr. Craig Alexander

1. BIU possibly becoming UCC inspectors for Borough.

2. Meeting on Saturday at 9:30AM- has been advertised.

3. Finished 2020 Audit-I forwarded an opinion letter to Nancy & Dave.
4. Emergency Declaration-passed a new resolution-extended indefinitely -Motion to accept, 1st Mr. Suhevich, 2nd Mr. Forbeck all ayes motion passed.

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.

13. ACT 152 demolition grant 423 North, 473 Union, 499 4th Street ext.\$40,250 cost estimate.

Resolution need Motion to approve demolition-1st Mike Forbeck, 2nd Trish Hrzedak-Showalter all ayes, motion passed.

Resolution requesting ACT 152 funds-\$40, 250, Motion to approve 1st Ray Sucheovich, 2nd Trish Hrzedak- Showalter all ayes, motion passed.

14. Discussion on Beaver Jack tree pruning.

Do they have an arborist and was the arborist on sight when trimming the trees? Matt will check on this and will stop pay on the contract.

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-asking the Borough to support them for the purchase. Motion to ratify the vote 1st Mr. Forbeck, 2nd Mr. Sucheovich all ayes motion passed.

Water Trail Management Plan-Motion to support their grant request and send letter-1st Mr. Forbeck, 2nd Ms. Hredzak-Showalter, all ayes, motion passed.

2. Dumpster Contractor for DPW-Riverfront area there is no dumpster -we want a contract longer term. It was agreed to temporary basis with no contract. AJ will handle a 3-year contract and will come back to the Council. Motion to have a dumpster from WM 1st Mike Forbeck, 2nd Ray Sucheovich all ayes motion passed.

3. Stop Signs Installation-STOP signs will be installed and order more if needed. Motion to purchase STOP signs in accordance with the ordinance 1st Mike Forbeck, 2nd Ray Sucheovich . Amended motion to order blinking lights, 1st Mike Forbeck, 2nd Ray Sucheovich all ay motion passed.

4. Resnick landscaping-\$7475 price of landscaping. Hold to vote Saturday.

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

- statements.
ayes motion passed.
1. March Monthly Financial Reports-book-minders is working on coding etc. We have bank Motion to approve balances 1st Ray Suhevich, 2nd Trish Hredzak-Showalter all
 2. List of bills for March 1st to April 13th - Motion to accept paying bills 1st Mike Forbeck, 2nd Ray Suhevich all ayes motion passed.
 3. Susan Hockenberry updated report
 3. Public Meeting on April 17 to Review 2021 Budget and Expenditure Reductions. -

- Wellcome Sign /
Oakmont.
administration burden off
terminate
- c. Ordinances: Tris Hredzak-Showalter
1. Act 152 grant to include 423 North Avenue and 1-2 others.
 2. Ordinance's update-pause in creating new ordinances.
 3. Submission of AARP Community Challenge grant to secure additional grant funding for
 4. Wayfinding Project with Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club.
 5. Interviews complete for four firms who submitted proposals for joint UCC board with Discuss bid tab—BIU looks to be the best, hourly and break down. Will take the the municipality. \$65.00 per hour- Motion to move forward with BIU for \$65.00 per hour (code enforcement) for 3 years –(we can when we want) 1st Trish Hredzak Showalter 2nd Sylvia Provenza all ayes motion passed. Trish thanked Marsha for her years at the Borough.

- d. Fire/Police: Ray Suhevich
1. Misc.

- pass 1st Janet
Stefani
Avenue and two other
- e. Parks/Recreation: Janet LoAlbo
1. Park Permit-Mr. Alexander drafted the alcohol permit for special events, Motion to LoAlbo, 2nd Mike Forbeck all ayes motion passed.
 2. Parks and Rec Board update- Doug Palermo interested alternate. Trees planted at Cribbs. Garabay, and Chris Wilson sponsoring 4 dog way stations- South & 2nd, Railroad Avenue and two other locations to be determined. Wrestling event August 21 -Cribbs Saturday, April24th Spring Nature Hike Fall Run Glenshaw off Route 8.

- f. Communications: Sylvia Provenza
1. Newsletter-ads and articles-Articles due Tuesday, June 1st Donald Worf at veronanewsroom@gmail.com Sylvia can be reached at 412-828-7726.
 2. Chamber of Commerce- Military Flags 2 left, all dues have been sent out, Riverview High School on Charles McKinley fund Tuesday, April 20th meeting.
 3. Historical Society- all meetings cancelled until further notice.
 4. Farmers to tables, across from Millers Antiques, 11:00-1:00 April 21st.
 4. Twin Boro Ministry-dinner (Wednesday 28th-2021) grab and go 4:30-6:30PM. St Joseph Women of Domain and the Verona Methodist Church. Thank you, Shirley, and ladies.
 5. Thank you for Lisa Inzinga, County tax Senior discounts. Applications are in the Municipal Building. (Proof of income and age)

IX. Reports of Special Committees

1. Allegheny League of Municipalities: (ALOM)-Working on Educational Conference 6/17 to 20th - Sylvia Provenza
2. Council of Governments: (COG)-Dave Matlin no updates.

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**

1. Dan Showalter-440 North Avenue, thank Mayor Dave, Ray and Nancy for the Easter Parade this year.

2. Laura Jacko, North Avenue, are we withholding payment? Will we be bringing an arborist in to check the trees? Discussed with Dave Matlin regarding the arborist. Laura upset about the trees.
3. Kathy Mattocks-earth day clean up 4/22 and 4/25. Thank you, Dr. Carpenter.

XI. Adjourn. Motion 1st Sylvia Provenza 2nd Ray Sucheovich all ayes motion passed.

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