

**OLYPHANT BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2020**

**Roll Call:** Frushon, Harrington Tully, Krukovitz, Abda, and Baldan were present.

**Light Department Meeting:** Baldan Continued the meeting.

**Temporary Adjournment:** Baldan temporarily adjourned meeting for Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing:** Mustacchio said the purpose of the Public Hearing, which was duly advertised, and was to hear a request for the approval of a LERTA Application of Eastern PA Land Investment Holding, LLC; the company will continue to pay the current real estate rate tax that is currently assessed; the Planning Commission had passed a resolution, recommending approval of the LERTA agreement, which was signed by the Planning Commission Chairman and Secretary; William Jones representing Eastern PA Land Investment Holding, LLC, said the request for the LERTA, a ten year request is only for the improvements made to the property; he explained the positive impact of the project, stating employment of 345 people; Thomas Shepstone who prepared the Blight Study for the property, explained the deteriorating conditions of the facility and property; the design of the current building is inadequate for the purpose of the proposed manufacturing site; he feels it meets all the LERTA standards; Mustacchio said the developer is aggressively pursuing the project, what is the next step? Jones said they are waiting the Land Development approval, but also looking for a partnership with the community; Frushon asked the time frame for the project, and was told, about a year; Krukovitz asked what type of building material is proposed for the facility; he was told stone and steel; Frushon said it looks like the average wage is about \$18/ hour; Jones said it is a competitive rate; Assistant Fire Chief, Robert Powell asked what kind of chemicals are going to stored there; Jones said that would be addressed in the building phase; the hearing was concluded.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Frushon to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; all members assented.

**Bills for Approval: Light Committee:** Best Inc. \$1,366.52, Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply \$658.44, Economy Tree \$1,320.00, Glen Summit Springs Water \$174.35, PA One Call \$81.90, Urban Electric Contractors \$10,822.53, **Total \$14,423.74; Borough Bills:** A&A Auto Stores \$416.96, Accurate Locksmith \$125.00, AJ Gilgallon \$100.00, Animal Arrest \$390.00, Auto Zone \$83.96, Blakely Borough \$5,106.23, Bosak's Meats \$150.00, Building Inspection Underwriters of PA \$3,375.25, Cintas \$ 44.68, Commonwealth of PA \$500.00, DASH Medical Gloves 198.96, DELUXE \$2,907.38, English's Hardware \$5.38, Fireman Brian Doughton \$50.00, Fireman David Tully \$100, Robert Powell \$50, Gall's Inc. \$394.59, Hose Co # 1 \$1,000, Hose Co #2 \$1,000, Hose Co# 4 \$1,000, Hose Co.# 6 \$1,000, Hose Co. #8 \$1,000, Jalvo Inc. \$951.00, Kustom Signals \$14,943.00, Louis LaFratte \$11,570.00, Mid Valley Auto Body Repair \$2,558.30, Mid Valley Printing \$472.95, Newday Technologies \$75.00, Northeast Hydraulics Co. \$8.20, Northeast Inspection Consultants \$1,353.02, Olyphant Ambulance \$450.00, One Beat \$484.00, Pena Plas \$169.20, Pitney Bowes \$37.70, Richardson Transmission \$80.00, Rossi Rooter \$2,730.00, Scranton Times \$720.70, Service Tire Truck Center \$108.70, SherFreightliner \$4,848.20, Stadium International \$4,174.50, Tom O'Boyle Auto Service \$577.68, We Pay \$585.10, Witmer Public Safety Group \$1,825.38, Zeller Armory \$398.00. **Total \$68,119.02.** A motion was made by Abda and seconded by Krukovitz, to pay the bills and Light Committee bills when funds are available, all members assented.

**Reports:** Reading of Reports was waived.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Abda, to adopt an Ordinance approving the LERTA Application of Eastern PA Land Investment Holding, LLC declaring certain property as described in the Ordinance as “Deteriorated Property” within the meaning of that term as set forth in Local Economic Revitalization Tax Ordinance, all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Harrington to confirm the acceptance of the Bid of Bob Miller Construction for the construction of Municipal Parking Facility at the former Sweeney Funeral Home Property in the amount of \$183,272; on the question Abda asked if the vendor had the necessary bond and insurance, and LaFratte confirmed they did: all members assented.

A motion was made by Harrington and seconded by Frushon to approve the purchase of the Parking Kiosk, associated equipment and maintenance plan in the amount of \$13,675.00 plus \$684.00 per year maintenance; all members assented.

A motion was made by Harrington and seconded by Abda to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Borough to apply for funding under the CARES Act in the total amount of \$63,799.00 to assist with the delinquent Electric Bills; on the question Frushon asked what is the process; Mustacchio said we would have to show the collection process and the current delinquency caused by the COVID; all members assented.

A motion was made by Harrington and seconded by Krukovitz to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Borough to apply for funding under the PA Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$350,000, this to replace the H2O grant; all members assented.

A motion was made by Abda and seconded by Tully to approve the hiring of Thomas Sakosky as a Part-Time Police Officer of the Borough of Olyphant at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, limited to 32 hours per week or less, no benefits, insurance, vacation, sick days or other items s allowed under the CBA for Regular Full-Time or Regular Part-Time Police Officers; all members assented

A motion was made Tully and seconded by Frushon to confirm the utilization of an Olyphant Borough Police Officer to provide security at the Demolition/Construction Site at the former WEA Manufacturing Plant at the rate of \$20.00 per hour to be reimbursed to the Borough by the Developer/Owner; on the question Harrington asked if the Borough Police Staff is short can we pull the officer of the site; Mustacchio said we would be held liable if we took the officer off site in the event of an incident occurring; all members assented.

A motion was made by Abda and seconded by Tully to approve funding to Olyphant Hose Co. # 2 in an amount **not to exceed \$20,00.00**, to provide assistance in the relocation efforts of Hose Co. # 2 to its new site on the Burke By Pass, and to authorize Mustacchio to confirm with the Bank; all members assented with the exception of Krukovitz who did not vote..

**Public Comment:** Jacob Guzzi, is interested in buying a lot at Parkridge Development, and wanted to know, if the owner is authorized to sell lots; Mustacchio said the developer is able to sell lots, but development plans for the sub division are not complete.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Abda and seconded by Krukovitz to adjourn.

Secretary

John Tomcho

