

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
November 24, 2020**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order by Gene Gabel. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Gabel were Keith Endy, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance was Patricia Loder, Borough Manager.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Christman, and approved.

Mr. Gabel called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

25 South Reading Avenue/16 West Philadelphia Avenue – The plan was approved by Borough Council on September 8th. Solicitor Hartman is preparing the required access easement agreement.

In accordance with a review letter from PennDOT concerning relocation of the driveway, the ordinance to restrict parking on the west side of South Reading Avenue to provide the required sight distance has been advertised for adoption by Council on December 7th. The restricted parking will require the removal of four parking meters.

SDE, Inc. has addressed comments provided by PennDOT on the HOP Application and have resubmitted the application to PennDOT. The ordinance restricting parking on S Reading Avenue will also have to be provided to PennDOT prior to their issuance of the HOP.

DCSWA Rolling Hills Landfill Expansion Application – The Authority Solicitor has provided an agreement for consideration by Council on December 7th.

New Business

Schedule of Meetings 2021 – The Committee reviewed a draft Schedule of Meetings for 2021. Discussion was held concerning a change in the meeting night for the Public Works, Public Utilities, and House Committee from two Wednesday's before Council Meeting to two Tuesday's before Council Meeting. The change in meeting night is necessitated to accommodate a scheduling conflict which Mr. Newhard, SSM group, has on our current meeting night. The change creates a conflict with the Park and Recreation Board meeting night. The committee requested Mrs. Loder advise the Park and Recreation Board that their meeting night in 2021 will be changed from the third Tuesday to the third Wednesday of the month.

Appointments Boards, Commissions and Authority – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the Committee a list of appointments and reappointments which will be made at the January meeting of Borough Council.

No Nonsense Neutering – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee a contract with No Nonsense Neutering for calendar year 2021. Terms and conditions remain unchanged from previous contracts. Residents may take feral/community cats to No Nonsense Neutering to be spayed or neutered and returned to the community. Residents are required to provide proof of residency; No Nonsense Neutering will invoice the Borough \$35.00 per cat for the service. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the December 7th meeting of Council.

Public Comment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary