

## **South Waverly Borough December 11, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by President Roxanne Testen at 5:27 p.m. Members also present were Robert Myers, Chris Wood, Cindy Parrish, and Dr. Burdett Porter came in at 5:45 p.m. Secretary Julie Lewis and Atty. Jonathon Foster, Sr. were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Citizens in attendance were John Welliver, Ed Rogers, Joe Dantini, Janet Bubniak, Liz Cocco, Scott Sample from Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA), Nicole Lamberti from The Morning Times, Mike Bronson, Cindy and Joe Yanuzzi and Jennifer Viselli. John Welliver stated he is a renter in S. Waverly borough and he votes by mail so he missed the poll that had taken place on election day. He stated that he uses NTSWA and this past year it has cost him \$70.00 and now it is going up to \$212.00. His neighbor downstairs and another friend of his don't pay anything either because they take their other places. Ed Rogers stated he is currently recycling and takes his to the dump on 17C. Is the recycling included in all of this? Cindy Parrish stated that we have been paying \$40,000 for recycling for the last 4 years and we are still putting that amount towards this garbage and recycling bill. Joe Dantini stated he is a landlord in the borough and that there has never been garbage pickup in the borough before. People are on fixed incomes and he doesn't like the fact that this is being forced on them. Cindy stated that when we asked for a quote from the companies, it was for the whole borough. It is an all or nothing deal. Chris Wood stated that if we stopped the recycling service that because we have paid for recycling, those that are paying for their garbage to be picked up, their bills would go up, because they would now have to pay for recycling to be picked up as well. Liz Cocco asked how many households this affects. She stated that years ago and probably still now, that the borough receives money from the gas companies and wants to know where that money goes to. Chris Wood stated that the Act 13 money goes towards hall repairs, roads and other borough items. Chris stated while we understand that there are a few people in the borough that are against this, there are more in the borough that are in favor of this. There was a remark made by one of the citizens that they did not know of any meetings that were held about this. Chris stated that there was an advertised meeting that was well attended and 2 other regular borough meetings that were advertised. Jennifer Viselli stated that when she showed up to vote she was told she did not need to mark anything down and it wasn't explained well to her. Robert Myers stated that he was sorry and that he was speaking to several people at a time and apologized if he did not give her the attention and information regarding this. There were several papers on the table that explained what the borough was looking to do. Ed Rogers stated that he wished that the reason that this was happening was on the letter, he feels that would be a good explanation. Jennifer Viselli stated she saw where they had to rent the cans. There was nowhere that stated that the cans had to be rented. Scott Sample from NTSWA asked if it has already been awarded to Dependable. Chris stated no, that they will be reading the quotes tonight and awarding tonight. Robert Myers stated that at this time, he does not pay for garbage removal and that he too will now have to adjust his income to pay for garbage removal, but feels this is better for the whole community. Roxanne Testen ended public comment at 5:54.

Roxanne went on to talk to Chris Wood about the approval for 2 payment applications for Dry Brook Creek. Chris stated that Dry Brook Creek is now completed and that he has pictures on his computer if anyone is interested in looking at them. The first application bid came in at \$547,000 and the application amount came in at \$535,363.00 that is under budget of the original bid. For the first payment application of \$535,363.00 there was a motion to pay by Cindy Parrish seconded by Dr. Burdett Porter, the vote was unanimous. For the second payment application of \$29,336.00 there was motion to pay by Dr. Burdett

Porter seconded by Cindy Parrish, the vote was unanimous. Chris Wood went on to say that this was paid for by a grant from DCED to replace the 50-year-old culvert. Ed Rogers asked if this restoration is complete. Chris stated that it is completed and that we have a 1-year warranty. Roxanne Testen thanked Chris Wood for all of his time on this project.

Council went into executive session at 5:57 for legal matters and returned at 6:28.

Roxanne Testen went to the Planning Commission Meeting that was being held at 6:00. Dr. Burdett Porter took over the meeting at that time. He asked for a motion to approve the Residential Waste Ordinance. There was a motion made by Robert Myers seconded by Chris Wood. The vote was carried. Chris stated there were 3 proposals for waste and recycling collection. Dependable, NTSWA and Casella. Chris read the bid amounts per year as follows.

Carrier	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Dependable	\$128,650	\$135,080	\$141,830
NTSWA	\$136,200	\$140,286	\$145,896
Casella	\$187,008	\$194,484.16	\$202,263.52

Chris made a motion for a 3-year contract to be awarded to Dependable as they are the lowest bid. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The vote was carried. There will be a new release Atty. Foster will review and will be mailed out. NTSWA stickers will be turned in through December 16<sup>th</sup> and reimbursed to the homeowners. We will then get reimbursement from NTSWA for them. There was a question if the borough was going to raise the price. Chris Wood stated that they took an average of the 3 years and is locked in for 3 years.

Chris Wood stated that the council wants to pay the full time employees a performance bonus. Craig Lohmann will receive a one-time total of \$3,500.00 with \$2,800.00 of that being paid for him being off on Workman's Comp. Julie Lewis will receive \$500.00. There was a motion by Robert Myers to pay the performance bonuses and the payment to Craig Lohmann for the extra pay for him seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote carried.

There was a motion at 7:05 pm to adjourn by Robert Myers seconded by Cindy Parrish. Next meeting is December 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Lewis  
Secretary/Treasurer