

**On Tuesday November 2, 2020 the Milford Borough Council met via zoom for a special council meeting. In attendance were Council President Frank Tarquinio, Vice President Adriane Wendell, Council members Joe Dooley, Peter Cooney and Susan Lyddon, Mayor Sean Strub, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, and Borough Secretary Laurie DiGesio. Rob Ciervo, Luke Turano and Greg Myer were not present.**

**The meeting was advertised and open to the public.**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Frank Tarquinio followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Joe Dooley asked if we could add discussion of office computers to the agenda.
- **Motion to approve agenda with additional item by Lyddon/Dooley**

**Public Comment:** Bill Kiger mentioned that there seems to be some undone process leading to a hearing on the Act 537 plan. Doesn't seem to be a signed intermunicipal agreement.

FT said that we do have one. Had one from the very beginning. Kiger- how does the township and boroughs vision mesh? FT- The meeting is not a hearing; it is a public comment session. A 30-day public comment period to be set.

Erica Burnett- Will you have an in-person hearing? FT- There is no hearing. There will be a resolution and we will vote on it with public comment.

Fred Weber- so this is being done by a resolution and not an ordinance? FT- yes. Magnotta-to be clear, the special meeting for tonight is to vote on whether council accepts the changes to be submitted to the 537 plan. Fred Weber- when will there be a public meeting? FT- we will advertise a date for possibly the beginning of December. Dooley-Comment period will be Mid November through mid-December. Weber- Disappointed that the council will be doing public comment by zoom. Dooley- first time hearing the public comment will not be in public. Cooney would like a public meeting also. FT- we can do it at St. Patrick's Church. Lyddon- a little concerned with an in-person meeting because the COVID-19 numbers are going up. AW- agrees with SL. Not sure what the difference is doing it in person or by zoom. Magnotta- a hybrid meeting would be a great option.

Dakota Hendricks asked if Mark Spatz of HRG will be available to answer questions. FT- No this is a public comment meeting. No discussion. Comments can be sent ahead of meeting. We will move forward with a hybrid meeting

FT- Planning Commission proposed changes to HRG- Section 8.1.19(HRG: if a property along the route wishes to connect with the sewer flow in excess of the projected flow for the property in the Act 537 Plan, they will need to submit a Planning Module for review and approval by the Borough. Existing capacity will need to be confirmed before the module can be approved)

**- Motion to accept proposed changes to the 537 plan by Wendell/Dooley. All in Favor.**

### Vote to Advertise for Public Comment Period on 537 Plan:

Erica Burnett questioned operation and maintenance of existing on lot disposal systems in the planning area- that's the whole town? I had heard that OLDS was not being considered? FT- The rest of the town not being hooked up to Central Sewer have OLDS and plan to keep them as that. Magnotta-the section you are reading indicates what the plan proposes and it proposes central sewage for certain areas of the borough and continued operation and maintenance of existing on lot systems. Fred Weber-In section 5.88.10 addresses OLDS again and does that alter this or what does it imply? FT- that section is a suggestion on how to make your OLDS system last longer, recommendations.

Magnotta- Need to make corrections to borough website and correct borough secretary email. Need to change to public comment meeting to present comments on the plan.

Erica Burnett would like a few comments back at the meeting. Not just a comment with no answers. Would like to see discussion on pricing, growth, lines etc.

FT- HRG will address engineering concerns when/if we vote to accept the plan. There will be a dialogue then. JD- there have been meetings since 2017 about this. There have been several opportunities for discussion.

Fred Weber asked why the Sewage Enforcement Officer was not part of the review team? FT- there was a sub committee to review this for the Borough Council to include the sewage engineers. The SEO is also the SEO for Milford Township and has been part of the discussion and meetings.

### Veterans Day

FT- Discussion about closing off E. High Street and Broad so attendees can socially distance at the Veteran's Day ceremony at Kiels park. Mayor Strub, Pete Cooney and Joe Dooley suggested this to the American Legion and VFW so they can safely distance. **Motion to allow street to be closed by Dooley/Cooney. All in favor.**

JD wanted to discuss the ongoing email issue in the Borough office. AW believes it is a problem with the domain from Go Daddy. Laurie spoke to Barry Bernathy and he believes it is a cache issue. JD and AW both sent new emails and they still have not gone through so it is not the cache. JD- Can we find someone to work on these issues? AW- the other alternative is to put it on a cloud server. Will do a little more research and look into a laptop for Laurie. FT- still does not solve support issue for Police Department.

Solicitor Magnotta left the meeting at 6:45pm

Tim Haar suggested Google Business \$5.00 a month per person, includes virtual drive and fully secure. AW will call Barry and talk to him about the issues.

FT- Discussion about grinder pumps since there have been a lot of questions: The ones discussed in the 537 plan are 20 years or more before a replacement. Repairs average \$600-900 over the 20 years. Runs about 200 gallons of water a day. The water authority will need to have spare grinders for it to work properly. These Grinder pumps should last about 13-18 years. Rebuilds of the whole pump unit common around 15-20 years at about \$800. Similar municipalities average around \$26 per year per pump.

**Public Comment:** Patricia Lutfy had a comment but left the meeting

Motion to adjourn by **Dooley/Wendell. All in Favor.**

**Adjourn 6:55pm**