

**FRACKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2013**

A special meeting of the Frackville Borough Council opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". President Jordan presided. Council members Gotshall, Domalakes, and Klevis, along with Mayor Phillips, Solicitor Semanchik, and Public Works Director Don Zimmerman were in attendance.

On motion by Gotshall, seconded by Klevis, all in favor 4-0, a motion to extend the Whippoorwill project until June 30, 2014 was approved.

Regarding improvements to Mahanoy Street/Alley, a motion was made by Domalakes, seconded by Gotshall, all in favor 4-0, to retain Entech Engineering to prepare specifications and bid documents and to advertise same for the base repair and paving from Arch Street to Spruce Street and just the paving from Chestnut Street to Arch Street.

Regarding the Grant Program for storm water drainage along Railroad Avenue and the High Point Manor building, a motion was made by Gotshall, seconded by Domalakes, all in favor 4-0, to retain Entech Engineering to prepare specifications, bid documents, and advertise for bids to do this work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

On motion by Gotshall, seconded by Domalakes, all in favor 4-0, Keith McCauley was appointed as a seasonal part-time street laborer at the applicable hourly rate and pending a physical examination.

On motion by Domalakes, seconded by Gotshall, all in favor 4-0, Kaitlyn Betchler was appointed as a concession stand worker, if needed, at the rate of \$7.50 per hour.

At the request of the Fireworks Committee, street closings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013, all streets north of Pine Street to High Street, were approved on motion by Gotshall, seconded by Domalakes, all in favor 4-0.

Related thereto, the Public Works Director's request to cut the grass behind the Little League/Softball Field Complex for the fireworks display was approved on motion by Domalakes, seconded by Klevis, based on a 3-1 vote with Gotshall voting no. Under the question, Gotshall explained the reason for voting no was that he did not believe it necessary to have the Public Works Director come before Council and seek approval to perform each of his duties. In response, Jordan explained that an exception would be made this time because some Council members have different priorities as to what work is being performed.

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Klevis questioned the status of street repairs and fixing potholes, and a lengthy discussion followed as to this work being dependent upon having sufficient laborers and funds. Similarly, Klevis questioned the cutting of grass on sidewalks along Lehigh Avenue and received the same response, as well as the difficulty connecting with the absent landlords.

The Mayor questioned the status of hiring in the police department, both on a full-time and part-time basis. Council members explained their belief in the need to build up a pool of part-time officers to reduce overtime. Council responded similarly with regard to developing a pool of street workers so that numerous projects can move forward.

Zimmerman requested approval to incur a maximum cost of \$1,680 to rent a skid loader and a milling machine from the COG. He explained that his budget still has \$1,500 available for equipment rental. Jordan, Domalakes, and Gotshall were in favor, and Klevis withheld his vote until he can observe the equipment in operation at West Mahanoy Township.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Semanchik". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mark Semanchik, Esquire  
Acting Secretary