Petersburg Borough

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Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

Public Hearing for Unimak & Vesta LIDs

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Lagoudakis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and

Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

Excused: 2 - Assembly Member Eric Castro and Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

2. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for the Proposed Creation of Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) for the Purpose of Street Paving on Unimak, Vesta and Pearl F Streets in the Severson Subdivision

Attachments: Ord 2017-01 Chapter 4.12 Local Improvement Districts.docx

Letter to Property Owners.PDF

Construction Plan.PDF

LID PSA.PDF

Affidavit of Mailing.PDF

Unimak Assessment Roll.PDF

Unimak Option #1.PDF

Unimak Option #2.PDF

Vesta Assessment Roll.PDF

Vesta Option #1.PDF

Vesta Option #2.PDF

K & D Marsh Letter of Opposition.PDF

Mayor Lagoudakis began by reading Chapter 4.12.040(A) of Borough Ordinance #2017-01, which addresses the purpose for the public hearing. Assistant Public Works Director Cotta followed with an explanation of the LID process, including its history, the steps involved in the process, and the estimated potential costs. Deputy Clerk Swihart read the letters in opposition which were submitted prior to the hearing. Members of the public presented testimony regarding their views on and asked questions about the LID. The Assembly members, Assistant Director Cotta, and Borough Manager Giesbrecht answered these questions and noted information that needed to be obtained prior to the next Assembly meeting. A list of the information requested is below:

- Q1: Does the condition of the street (i.e. improved) figure into future tax assessments? In other words, do homeowners get a double-hit by paying for the improvement and then paying a higher tax assessment as a result of the improved condition?
- Q2: Does full interest apply if a property owner pays off the LID debt early?
- Q3: Is it possible to calculate savings to the Borough in periodic road grading and lignisite application, to offset some of the costs of the LID debt?
- Q4: Will property tax bills include the LID debt or will that be a separate billing?
- Q5: If Pearl F Street isn't included in paving, what would be the savings to the LIDs? Is it possible for the Borough to absorb the cost of paving the road apron there?
- Q6: Is chip seal of the streets a reasonable alternative? Is SECON able to do that or does it require separate equipment?
- Q7: Is the 3% interest rate negotiable?
- Q8: If the property owner pays the debt in full at the outset, should the Borough pay the homeowner back over time?
- Q9: What is the impact, cost-wise, if one LID wants one paving option and the other LID wants a different

one? Do both LID's have to have the same treatment?

Q10: In some locales, the remaining debt transfers with the property at the time of sale rather than requiring a payoff. Might that be an option?

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.