

Community and Government Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022 6:00 PM

Present: Councilpersons Ben Bell, Amy Popkin, and Larry Browne. Also in attendance were Borough Manager John Davis and Borough Council President Jack O'Brien.

Approval of June 13, 2022 Minutes: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Hybrid Meetings in Council Chambers: John reviewed the new audio/visual equipment installed in the new Borough building. Streaming of meetings in Council Chambers is now a possibility. At this point, staff from the contracted audio/video company is monitoring the streaming as producer as there is no one on Borough staff at this point who is able to take over that job. Details still need to be worked out in order to incorporate Zoom with the streaming that includes views of plans, maps, etc., on the screens in Council Chambers.

Borough Arborist: The Committee discussed the existing Borough arborist, who was appointed by Council many years ago. Current appointees for other positions have a designated end to their term, at which point, it is decided if they choose to continue in their position or if the position needs to be advertised and filled with someone new. However, there is no term listed for the Borough arborist in the Borough Code of Ordinances. The current arborist is looked to as a professional advisor, but will be retiring from his position at some point, and there should be set definitions on what the position is going forward. John will generate a job description based on what the current arborist does for the Borough. John's suggestion is to add the arborist to the list of appointees as part of the reorganization process.

New/Old Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary