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Brentwood Borough moves forward with new municipal building

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Brentwood Borough municipal building photographed Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Brentwood Borough Council gave its municipal engineer approval at its Jan. 22 meeting to proceed with survey and design services for renovations at the Brentwood Civic Center and the new Public Safety Building at the former Snee Dairy site on Brownsville Road.

The work will involve determining where water lines will need to be, as well as whether there will be a need for retaining walls, said George Zboyovsky, borough manager.

The contract award marks another step forward for the borough and its plans to construct a new building for its police and EMS departments on the former dairy site. It will then move council chambers and its administrative offices to the renovated civic center.

“Council will meet with EMS [on Jan. 29] to determine if the space being provided for them is sufficient,” Zboyovsky said. “Once the EMS space is determined then the architect can proceed with design documents. The architect is (already) moving forward with the renovation design/bid contracts for the Civic Center renovations.

The projects are expected to cost \$6.4 million and are expected to be funded through a bond issue. EMS's lease in the municipal buildings runs until Dec. 31.

“Civic Center renovations could begin as early as this fall,” he said. “The new Public Safety Building, perhaps early 2019.”

Brentwood's current municipal building dates back to 1915, the year it became a borough. The building, a gift from Baldwin Borough, is not energy efficient and is in need of repair.

Council will meet with members of the Brentwood Borough School Board 7 p.m. Jan. 30 in the high school cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting, held twice a year, is to discuss joint issues and ventures affecting both the borough and district. The meeting is open to the public.

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