

East Stroudsburg Borough, February 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The following members were in attendance: Donald Cross, Edward Flory, Roger DeLarco, Maury Molin, William Reese, and Sonia Wolbert. Also attending were: Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Manager James S. Phillips; DPW Director Steven DeSalva; Codes Official Marvin Walton; and Samuel D'Alessandro, P.E., Engineering Representative from RKR Hess, a Division of UTRS.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – President DeLarco

Council President Roger DeLarco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by John Buchinski.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence and reflection was observed by all in attendance.

Minutes of February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Molin, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 regular meeting as submitted; the motion carried unanimously.

SARPD Report for January 2016

Lieutenant Paul Gasper of SARPD said the newly hired patrol officers have had an important impact on reducing overtime costs. The Department currently has two openings posted; for court liaison officer, and Chief of Police due to Chief Parrish's announced retirement.

Mr. Reese asked about the possibility of more security cameras on Crystal Street and elsewhere. Lt. Gasper said the Department's new IT person – Rodney Smith – has had a major impact already on helping increase the efficiency of the Department, and he is able to assist with camera recommendations/installations. Mr. Reese also asked whether the Department has jurisdiction for property along the flood levee and creek? Lt. Gasper said yes, if within the three municipalities.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

Public Comments – New Business

None.

Correspondence

Mr. Phillips reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:

- i. Monroe County Office of Emergency Management – Meeting on proposed 2016 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Monroe County – Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- ii. Disbursement Request No. 1 approved for PA DEP Recycling Grant, \$17,481.72

Reports

Mr. Walton said the Comp. Plan Task Force had its first meeting with the consultant on Feb. 11th. Mr. Molin asked if we could develop a “flyer” to post at public locations. Mrs. Wolbert said the consultant wants Council members to engage our residents, pass out the cards for the comp. plan website, etc.

Mr. D'Alessandro reviewed his written Engineer's Report previously submitted. Regarding a discussion on the swimming pool repairs, Mr. Molin stated he would serve on a Pool Committee along with Council members Flory and Wolbert. Mr. Cross asked about the need to replace the pool pump? Mr. Phillips said the pump needs serviced, not replaced.

Mr. Reese reported on the meeting held last week on pool management with SROSRC.

Mr. Flory noted that the problem with the floor tile continues at the Fire Station; the tile is coming up everywhere now.

Mayor Martinelli said the pedestrian crossing on N. Courtland Street near the High School does not have an ADA compliant ramp or curb cut on the Pizza Hut side of the street.

Mr. Molin reported on the new elected officials training held at Harrisburg by the PA Municipal League.

Mrs. Wolbert noted that the new Public Relations Committee, Mrs. Wolbert and Mr. Molin, needs to meet.

Mr. Phillips reported that the Mideastern Counties Association of Boroughs (MECAB) will meet next Wednesday evening at Catasaqua Borough and Mr. Molin had expressed interest in attending. Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to authorize payment of the annual MECAB dues; the motion carried unanimously.

Additionally, Mr. Phillips reported on the following:

- roof replacement work at the Municipal Building has been completed.
- Water shutoff has been authorized by the Collections Committee for a residence on Elm Tree Court due to non-payment.
- The agreement for the Ridgeway St. Bridge still has not been received back from PennDOT.

Mr. DeLarco reported the Audit Committee met with Carl Hogan, C.P.A. of BBD, Inc.; and they will be starting the 2015 audit soon.

Mrs. Wolbert asked about the refund to Days Inn listed on the Bills? Mr. Phillips said the Days Inn and its predecessor motels in Smithfield Township had been connected to the Borough sewer system via their own pump station for over 30 years. They frequently had maintenance issues with their pump station. Recently the Smithfield Sewer Authority has reached agreement with the motel owners to connect the motel to the Township system; the old pump station was abandoned. That occurred in October 2014, but the Borough had continued to bill Days Inn for sewer service and Days Inn had continued to pay the bills – thus the refund due.

List of Bills Payable – February 16, 2016

Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to ratify expenditures and payroll made through February 16, 2016 and approve the List of Bills Payable as submitted; the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to adjourn into executive session at 8:35 p.m.; the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m. Council members reassembled in the meeting room, and Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert, to reconvene the public meeting; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Prevoznik said the executive session was held to discuss a litigation matter and a personnel matter; and no decisions were made.

Approval of Repayment Agreements for Delinquent Water/Sewer and Garbage Accounts

Mr. Phillips requested ratification of approval of agreements with the following:

- Azubuika, Ifeanyi P. – Water/sewer and Garbage for 143 Centre Street

- Steimer, Roy & Cheryl – Water/sewer and Garbage for 214 East Broad Street
- Schreier, Ian – Garbage for 252 Harris Street Apartment 4

Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert, to ratify approval of these agreements as listed; the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; the motion carried unanimously.

James S. Phillips, Secretary