

## East Stroudsburg Borough, July 31, 2014

A regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Thursday, July 31, 2014. The following members were in attendance: Peter Begley (arrived late), Roger DeLarco, Edward Flory, Richard Smith, William Reese, and Sonia Wolbert. Also attending were: Manager James S. Phillips; Solicitor John C. Prevoznik; DPW Director Steven DeSalva; and Codes Official Marvin Walton.

### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – President DeLarco

President Roger DeLarco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Marcia Welsh.

### Minutes of June 26, 2014 and July 1, Regular Council Meetings

Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting as submitted; motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

### SARPD Report

Mr. DeLarco noted a late-afternoon email from SARPD Lt. Kevin Transue indicating he would not be able to attend tonight due to a family medical situation; the Police Report will be reviewed at the Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 1288 Amending the Code of the Borough of East Stroudsburg, Chapter 151 Thereof Entitled Vehicles, Parking; Restating and Revising Provisions Regarding Residential Parking Permits and Visitor Passes

Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to open a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance; motion carried unanimously. Marvin Walton, Codes Official for the Borough was sworn in to provide testimony on behalf of the Borough.

Mr. Walton stated the legal notice of the public hearing on the proposed ordinance was published in the Pocono Record on July 16 and July 23, 2014; the proof of publication was introduced as exhibit B-1. The sign-in sheet for the public hearing was designated as Exhibit B-2. Mr. Walton submitted a copy of his email transmitting an attested copy of the proposed ordinance to the Monroe County Law Library and to the Pocono Record, as Exhibit B-3. A complete copy of the Ordinance was introduced as exhibit B-4.

Mr. Walton said the proposed Ordinance further amends the permit parking provisions; specifically to reinstate the exemption for commercial vehicles, and to add provisions whereby Visitor Passes for residents on streets with no on-street parking may be used on listed adjoining streets. Mr. DeLarco noted that Council has revised the permit parking requirements after receiving public input, and asked if this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> change? Mr. Walton said this Ordinance is the third change. Mr. DeLarco asked for comments from Council members, and there was none.

Eugene Skornaski of 52 South Green Street asked why only South Green St. is designated for visitor parking from Analomink Street? Mr. Reese said Ransberry Avenue is already “parked full” due to the amount of rental properties. Mr. Skoranski said he is concerned that too many cars will be “pushed” to South Green St. Mr. Skoranski asked why Stemple St. was not included, for example, for parking from Analomink St.? Mr. DeLarco suggested that Council can obtain feedback from residents and evaluate the situation, if any further changes are needed in the future. Mr. Skoranski did say that the permit parking system has mostly addressed the situation of too many students parking on the street during the week.

Mr. Prevoznik asked that the exhibits be entered into the record for the hearing. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting; motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Comments - Agenda Items

None.

#### Proposed Ordinance No. 1288 Amending the Code of the Borough of East Stroudsburg, Chapter 151 Thereof Entitled Vehicles, Parking; Restating and Revising Provisions Regarding Residential Parking Permits and Visitor Passes

Mr. Reese suggested that Council may want to re-evaluate the permit parking provisions again in a few months, and made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1288 as advertised; the motion carried unanimously.

#### Request by Randy Dailey to attend Water Operators training at State College PA August 4-5, 2014

Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to approve the travel request as submitted with reimbursement of expenses in accordance with Borough policy, motion carried unanimously.

#### Request by James Phillips and Randy Dailey to attend Penn Prime Safety training at State College PA September 18-19, 2014

Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve the travel request for members of the Safety Committee as submitted, with reimbursement of expenses in accordance with Borough policy, motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Comments – New Business

Marcia Welsh, Ph.d., President of East Stroudsburg University, read a prepared statement and addressed Council concerning Town-Gown relations. Dr. Welch noted that ESU is in the process of implementing a new strategic plan, and the University has begun an on-line “community” newsletter. Dr. Welch encouraged Council members and the community to join with ESU in efforts foster improved university/community relations. Mrs. Wolbert noted that Dr. Welsh has been involved with the East Stroudsburg Revitalization efforts that are being administered by the Eastburg Community Alliance.

Maury Moulin of 9 Park Street noted the recent announcement that ESU has issued possible layoff notices to faculty, and commented that the economic effect of downsizing at ESU is not good for the overall community.

#### Correspondence:

- i. PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Water Filtration Plant selected to receive AWOP Award for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in row (Area Wide Optimization Program for turbidity performance) at State College PA August 5, 2014. Mr. Phillips said Randy Dailey, Water Plant Operator, was planning on attending to accept the award for the Borough.
- ii. PennDOT – Public Meeting August 21, 2014 on Exit 308 Interstate 80 Reconstruction Project – at Dansbury Depot from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- iii. Pennoni Associates, Inc. – Request for time extension by East Stroudsburg University/Dept. of General Services for Conditional Use and Land Development Applications/Subdivision Application – proposed Information Commons Building Project. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to grant the indefinite time extension as requested. The motion carried unanimously.
- iv. MEA, Inc. - Remedial Action Progress Report and Action Plan Addendum

- for former Smith's Gas Station site, No. Courtland St.
- v. William Miller – Resignation from Planning Commission due to impending relocation from the Borough. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to accept the resignation from the Planning Commission with regret; motion carried unanimously.
  - vi. Monroe County Control Center – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fees this year will not be waived.
  - vii. Monroe County Controller – Audit of RETC Alberta Tallada accounts for 2012 Year.

### Reports

Mrs. Wolbert said the public meeting on Revitalization efforts will be held at the Dansbury Depot on October 15, 2014.

Mr. Smith reported that the next Twin Boroughs Recycling Committee meeting will be held Wednesday September 3, 2014.

Mr. DeLarco noted that the ECA Board has policies in place for renting out the Dansbury Depot building.

Mr. Phillips reported that PennDOT has announced plans for road resurfacing work and bridge replacements over the next few years based on funding to be received from the increased state gas tax monies.

### List of Bills Payable – July 31, 2014

Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to approve the List of Bills Payable as submitted and to ratify payroll and bills paid to date; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Begley arrived at the meeting at this time.

### Executive Session

Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to adjourn into executive session at 8:30 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m. Council members reassembled in the meeting room, and Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to reconvene the public meeting; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Prevoznik noted that the executive session was held to discuss a personnel and a litigation matters, with no action taken.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. with the Committee meeting to follow; the motion carried unanimously.

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James S. Phillips, Secretary