

East Stroudsburg Borough, March 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The following members were in attendance: Peter Begley, Roger DeLarco; William Reese, Don Repsher, and Sonia Wolbert. Ed Flory was absent. Also attending were: Manager James S. Phillips; Solicitor John C. Prevoznik; and Engineering Representative Samuel D'Alessandro of R.K.R. Hess Associates, Inc.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – President DeLarco

President DeLarco called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Carol Crossley.

Minutes of February 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Repsher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held Tuesday, February 19, 2013 as submitted; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Working Woodlands Program – the Nature Conservancy

Mr. Phillips noted that Bud Cook of the Nature Conservancy had attended the last Council Committee meeting to gauge the Borough's interest in including the reservoir/watershed properties in the "Working Woodlands" program administered by the Nature Conservancy (N.C). Recently they have entered into agreements with the Bethlehem Water Authority and the City of Lock Haven to help manage those municipal woodland properties in return for the municipalities receiving carbon credits. Mr. Phillips said he and the Solicitor have looked into the program and see no reason for the Borough not to consider entering into an agreement with the N.C.

After discussion, Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to authorize continued negotiations with the Nature Conservancy for the possible inclusion of the Borough's reservoir/watershed properties in the Working Woodlands program administered by the N.C.; the motion carried unanimously.

Sale/Disposal of 1989 Grumman Fire Aerial Ladder Truck

Mr. Phillips said the FEMA grant agreement under which the Fire Company and Borough obtained the new aerial truck specifies that the old aerial truck cannot be sold for use as firefighting apparatus. Mr. Prevoznik noted that it will be difficult for the Borough to dispose of the truck, since if valued at over \$1,000 even for scrap, the Borough must still seek bids for sale of it. After discussion, Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to authorize sale/disposal of the old aerial truck pursuant to Borough Code requirements; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – New Business

Paul Conboy, President and several other members of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity at East Stroudsburg University were present to seek approval for a 5K Race they want to hold on April 13, 2013 to raise funds for the Be Positive Foundation. The proposed race route is mostly on the ESU campus but would also cross Smith St. and come down Normal St., which are Borough roads. Mr. Phillips said Council may want to consider waiving the Parade Permit fee. Mr. DeLarco noted they will have to provide a Certificate of Insurance for the event, and they should also coordinate arrangements for the race with

the Regional Police Department. Mr. Conboy said they will try to have everything in place for the March 19th Council meeting.

Correspondence

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

- i. Remedial Action Progress Report for the former Smith Gas Station site on North Courtland St., from MEA, Inc.
- ii. Registration information from the PA Municipal League on the Northeast District Meeting to be held at Wilkes-Barre on April 24, 2013.

Reports

Mr. D'Alessandro reviewed his written engineers report previously submitted to Council.

Mr. Begley asked if the Borough can donate the old aerial truck to someone? Mr. Prevoznik said the Borough must take bids for disposing of the apparatus.

Mr. DeLarco again asked about the status of: proposed ordinance restricting parking in front yards; proposed Sidewalk Code revisions; proposed ordinance implementing new Sewer Rates; proposed Rental Housing Licensing/Inspection Ordinance; and cleanup of the Veterans Memorial property at Brown and Washington Sts.

Mrs. Wolbert said Council should review the proposed licensing fee based on the change in frequency of inspections that the Borough is considering. Mrs. Wolbert also commented that she believes that implementation of inspection criteria should be phased in over time.

List of Bills Payable – March 5, 2013

Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to approve the List of Bills Payable and to ratify expenditures and payroll made through March 5, 2013 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session for Discussion of Litigation Matters

None

Adjournment

With no further business, Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

James S. Phillips, Secretary