

East Stroudsburg Borough, October 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The following members were in attendance: Peter Begley, Roger DeLarco, Edward Flory, William Reese, Richard Smith, and Sonia Wolbert. Also attending were: Mayor Armand Martinelli; Manager James S. Phillips; Solicitor John C. Prevoznik; Codes Official Marvin Walton; and Engineering Representative Samuel D'Alessandro of R.K.R. Hess Associates, Inc.

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 Mac Tostano.

Minutes of October 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

SARPD Report

Lieutenant Kevin Transue was present to review the Monthly Report for September 2014, and also to give a slide presentation on the focus of the SARPD Operations Task Force. During presentation, Lt. Transue noted that one of the goals put out from the Task Force is to maintain a department staffing level of 49 full-time officers.

Maury Molin of 9 Park Street asked how the salaries for our Regional Police Department compare with other regional departments, also the number of officers? Lt. Kevin Transue said SARPD at the current level of 46 officers is still one of the largest regional departments in the State, in comparison Pocono Mountain Regional P.D. has about 35 full-time officers. Mr. DeLarco noted that salaries vary depending on the area – rural vs. urban.

David Bousquet of 75 Smith Street asked if the historical 5%+ increase in East Stroudsburg's Budget can continue? Mr. Phillips said it is unlikely that an annual increase at that level is sustainable. Mr. Reese asked if the Department has incurred costs for the Frein manhunt? Lt. Transue said, other than for the first week, SARPD has not incurred significant costs – the State Police have brought in troopers from all over the Commonwealth and also federal resources to staff the manhunt for the alleged trooper-killer. Mr. Reese asked about the recent arrests for persons dealing drugs? Lt. Transue said a concerted investigative effort resulted in several arrests of persons dealing drugs in the Crystal St. area.

Public Comments - Agenda Items

None.

Report and Possible Action on Bids Received 10/21/14 for Replacement of Bathhouse Roof at Dansbury Park Swim Pool

Mr. Phillips noted that last month Council had rejected bids for this project, and after making changes to the specifications and re-advertising, four (4) bids were received for replacing the roof on the Swim Pool Bathhouse:

Bidder	Deposit	Base Bid	Alternate	Total Bid
Nauman, Inc.	10%	\$33,980.00	\$5,870.00	\$39,850.00
Penn Morris Corp.	10%	\$28,420.00	\$3,840.00	\$32,260.00
Richard Pierce, Builder	100%	\$59,468.76	\$7,640.00	\$67,108.76

Whelan Roofing Services	10%	\$42,000.00	\$3,920.00	\$45,920.00
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Mr. Phillips said he was not familiar with the apparent low bidder and did not have a chance to review the bids with Schoonover and Vanderhoof Architects, the project professionals on the project; therefore he would recommend tabling the bids pending further review. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to table action on the bids; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Modification Agreement for Final Amortization of Debt Obligation – PennVEST Loan No. 1279 for Waterline Project

Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to approve the Modification Agreement with PennVEST based on the revised final loan amount as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Contract with Sewer Specialty Services Co., Inc. for Sewerline Televising & Cleaning – Approval of Change Order No. 1

Mr. Phillips said Mr. D’Alessandro had suggested that the Borough have the sewer I & I contractor “take a look” at the main sewerline under Interstate 80, since PennDOT is planning on widening this section of -I80. We have obtained an estimate of \$3,200 from the contractor for this additional work. Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert, to approve proposed Change Order No. 1 under this contract as recommended; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – New Business

None.

Correspondence:

- Mr. Phillips reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:
- i. PennDOT – Meeting October 30, 2014 for Public Officials on Plans for Reconstructing Interstate 80 Between Exits 303 and 307 – 5:00 p.m. at Stroudsburg High School Cafeteria preceding Open House Plans Display at 6:00 p.m.
 - ii. PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) , Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands – DEP no longer providing conduit inspections at Flood protection projects after FY 2014-15.

Reports

Mr. D’Alessandro reviewed his written Engineer’s Report previously submitted to Council. Mr. D’Alessandro said his firm had recommended approval of final payments to the Ridgeway St. water/sewer project contractor, subject to submittal of final closeout documents. Mr. Phillips said those payments were on the previous List of Bills. Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to ratify approval of the final payments with the contingencies noted; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. D’Alessandro gave an update on the levee certification process – FEMA has agreed to process review of certification for the main portion of the levee, pending initiation of the flood map revision process needed for the portion of the levee along the Little Sambo Creek which was found to not have sufficient freeboard.

Mr. Reese reported on his attendance at the PSAB Fall Conference at Gettysburg this past weekend; and noted to Mr. Phillips that the lights at Dansbury Park need reset to go off earlier.

Mayor Martinelli said he was contacted again by a resident concerning the status of East Fifth St. takeover and improvements by the Borough? Mr. Prevoznik told the Mayor that the resident can contact him for an update on the matter.

Mr. Begley asked about the panhandlers on Lincoln Avenue? Lt. Transue said police officers have been citing these individuals under Borough ordinances; none have yet been appealed to the District Justice Office yet.

Mr. DeLarco reported he attended a meeting with Mr. D'Alessandro concerning the I-80 Reconstruction Project, and the schedule for replacement of the Ridgeway St. Bridge was also discussed. Mr. DeLarco noted that the Council Committee looking at delinquent water/sewer/garbage met again; and asked Mr. Walton about the next meeting of the Zoning Committee. Mr. Walton said that Committee will meet Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Phillips noted that he had placed the notice for new garbage bids and prepared the specifications with the change Council had wanted regarding requesting bids for disposal costs based on actual quantities disposed. However, the Housing Authority of Monroe County had expressed interest in again "piggybacking" on the Borough bid for service to their units; but this will not be possible with the Borough requesting bids on actual quantities for the Borough disposal costs alone. Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begley, to ratify approval of the change in the garbage contract specifications which will mean the Housing Authority will not be able to "piggyback" on the Borough bids. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips reported that the East Stroudsburg Reservoir was down 48" as of this morning; it had been down to 51" last week prior to the rain received, came back up to about 44" before receding again, but we are supposed to receive more rain this week.

List of Bills Payable – October 21, 2014

Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to approve the List of Bills Payable and to ratify expenditures and payroll made through 10/21/14 as submitted; the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adjourn into executive session at 8:49 p.m.; the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:26 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. Prevonzik said the executive session was held to discuss potential litigation– no decisions were made.

Ridgeway Street Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an agreement between the Borough, Monroe County, PA NE Rail Authority, and PennDOT, to formalize the understanding of the responsibilities of each party for the proposed replacement of the bridge by PennDOT; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Begley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flory, to authorize Council's commitment under that agreement to pay \$66,667 towards the engineering design costs for the new bridge, over the next one-year period; and for the agreement to be submitted to the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) for adoption by the PUC as determining the permanent obligations of each party for the new bridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Flory made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; the motion carried unanimously.

James S. Phillips, Secretary