

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, May 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Roger DeLarco, Ed Flory, Don Cross, Maury Molin, Manager Brian Bond, Sonia Wolbert and Mayor Armand Martinelli

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Borough Engineer Nate Oiler, and Codes Officer Marv Walton

ABSENT: Bill Reese, Finance Officer Ken Konz and DPW Director Steve DeSalva

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Laverdure.

**May 1, 2018 Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Cross, to table the May 1, 2018, Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Chapter 150, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Parking Regulations.**

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The amended ordinance would allow the following parking violations to be enforced: 150-23.2 Parked Against the Flow of Traffic; 150-23.3 Double Parking; 150-23.4 Parking on a Sidewalk; 150-23.5 Blocking a Driveway; 150-23.6 Fire Hydrant; and 150-23.7 Private Parking. There were no questions or comments during the open public hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve the amended Ordinance, Chapter 150, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Parking Regulations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Dr. Anthony M. Stevens-Arroyo from the Federation of Latinos for Education About Cultures of Hispanic America (FLECHA) spoke to council on behalf of the organization. FLECHA would like to have a Latino neighborhood within the borough for shopping and celebrating. Mr. DeLarco appointed Mr. Molin to chair a committee to review the request and have discussion with members of the community and FLECHA. Also, the committee and Dr. Stevens-Arroyo were urged to work with the Comp Plan Task Force.

**SROSRC**

The April SROSRC report was distributed. Ms. Wolbert announced June 4<sup>th</sup> is the 15-year anniversary for SROSRC from 5:30 – 7:30 and encourages everyone to come out to celebrate! The event is being held at Mullally's Clubhouse Café.

**Police Report**

Lt. Schmit presented the April SARPD report.

**Public Comment for Police Issues**

Sharon Laverdure asked what SARPD does when the power goes out and affects traffic lights. Mr. Martinelli stated the vehicle code requires drivers to stop at intersections with malfunctioning traffic lights and take turns. Mr. Cross noted there's activity at Zachy's Pond lately. Lt. Schmit advised that area is one of the highly patrolled routes and urged residents to call 911 when they see something so SARPD can respond.

**East Stroudsburg Community Alliance:**

Mr. Bond reported the banners have been installed throughout the Borough. Also, ECA will be having Evening Business Social Meetings this quarter.

Troy Nauman, board member of ECA, strongly encourages the borough to seek options of obtaining a new full-time downtown manager with all areas of experience, i.e. zoning, real estate, law, etc. and suggested a few ways to be able to fund the salary. Mr. DeLarco suggested that ECA works with the Comp Plan Task Force to start the conversation and report back to council.

### **Engineer's Report:**

The Engineer's Report was distributed.

### **Elizabeth Street Waterline Replacement**

Mr. Oiler requested approval of Change Order No. 1 to address all Contractor Claims for extra work beyond the scope of the Contract; a \$12,720.34 increase to the contract amount.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve Change Order No. 1 to address all Contractor Claims for extra work beyond the scope of the Contract; a \$12,720.34 increase to the contract amount. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oiler requested approval of Change Order No. 2 to account for all the water service laterals and curb stops that were forced to be deficient and needed to be replaced in accordance with the unit prices as bid; a \$11,550.00 increase to the contract amount.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve Change Order No. 2 to account for all the water service laterals and curb stops that were found to be deficient and needed to be replaced in accordance with the unit prices as bid; a \$11,550.00 increase to the contract amount. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oiler requested approval of Change Order No. 3 to reconcile quantities bid vs. quantities installed for various bid items; a \$1,093.00 decrease to the contract amount.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve Change Order No. 3 to reconcile quantities installed for various bid items; a \$1,093.00 decrease in the contract amount. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Demolition of building at 42-48 Lackawanna Avenue**

Mr. Oiler requested the approval of the engineering budget for construction and observation during the demolition of the building at 42-48 Lackawanna Avenue, not to exceed \$7,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the engineering budget for construction and observation during the demolition of the building at 42-48 Lackawanna Avenue, not to exceed \$7,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments – New Business:**

Jay Armitage of 36 Spangenburg Avenue expressed his concerns about the ordinance regarding brush drop-off at the recycling center. Mr. Bond stated he will be working with our solicitor to come up with a temporary solution, and the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) will be reviewing the current ordinance. Sharon Laverdure also had concerns regarding the same ordinance. Mr. Prevoznik stated her two homes within the borough are considered commercial use and he needs to get an answer to clarify her concerns.

### **Reports**

#### **Steve DeSalva:**

The DPW Report, Monthly Man Hour Report and Street Opening Report were all distributed.

#### **Marv Walton:**

The Permits Report, Violations Report and Parking Enforcement Report were all distributed.

Mr. Walton reported the sidewalk maintenance and installation topic is an ongoing discussion and continues to be on ZORC agendas.

Mr. Walton also reported that he has been working with our solicitor regarding 111 Analomink Street and received permission from our magistrate to proceed with appropriate action.

Mr. Flory asked if Mr. Walton could have the Parking Enforcement Officers patrol the fire lanes more frequently. Mr. Martinelli suggested posting the fines to discourage people from parking in fire lanes.

Lastly, Mr. Walton reported the ZORC meeting is rescheduled for Thursday at 8am and will send out a reminder email.

**Ken Konz:**

The March 2018 Financial Statements were distributed.

**Mayor Armand Martinelli:**

Mr. Martinelli requested a tree to be planted in Dansbury Park in memory of Mr. Charles Lasher.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve the planting of a tree in Dansbury Park in memory of Mr. Charles Lasher. The motion carried unanimously.

**Sonia Wolbert:**

No Report.

**Don Cross:**

No Report.

**Maury Molin:**

Mr. Molin reported there is a lot of garbage on the levee and requested it be removed.

**Bill Reese:**

Absent.

**Ed Flory:**

No Report.

**Solicitor John Prevoznik, Esq:**

Mr. Prevoznik has items for executive session.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Bond requested consideration of a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to Firstenergy Corporation by the Borough and the release of permeant utility easements from Firstenergy Corporation to the Borough. (Barren Road location)

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to approve a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to Firstenergy Corporation by the Borough and the release of permeant utility easements from Firstenergy Corporation to the Borough. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond requested consideration of a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to the Borough of East Stroudsburg by Jei Gong and Leona J. Hughes. (Willow Street Project)

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to approve a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to the Borough of East Stroudsburg by Jei Gong and Leona J. Hughes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond requested consideration of a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to the Borough of East Stroudsburg by Cathleen A. Heckman. (Brookside Ave location)

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to approve a resolution accepting and approving the recording of permeant utility easements granted to the Borough of East Stroudsburg by Cathleen A. Heckman. The motion carried unanimously.

The manager received a request from International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art (ICCCIA) to hold an exhibition and furnace demonstration at the Dansbury Depot on Tuesday, May 29 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The permit fees were collected and certificate of insurance has been submitted.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve a request from International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art (ICCCIA) to hold an exhibition and furnace demonstration at the Dansbury Depot on Tuesday, May 29 from 12 to 5 pm., contingent upon payment of all applicable fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond received a request from Barbara Linuci for a permit to have a Walk to Oppose the Hospice Closing on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The route of the walk will be Prospect Street and Brown Street in front of the Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital. All appropriate forms and fees have been provided.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve a request from Barbara Linuci for a permit to have a Walk to Oppose the Hospice Closing on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The route of the walk will be Prospect Street and Brown Street in front of the Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital. The motion carried unanimously.

**Roger DeLarco:**

None.

**Bills Payable**

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to ratify bills payable through May 15, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Flory to go into Executive Session at 8:23 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Wolbert to reconvene the meeting at 9:04 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prevoznik reported that real estate acquisitions, personnel and litigation matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 5, 2018; 7:00 pm.