

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Sonia Wolbert, Manager Brian Bond, Don Cross, Maury Molin, Roger DeLarco, Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Ed Flory, Borough Engineer Nate Oiler, Finance Officer Ken Konz, Codes Officer Marv Walton and DPW Director Steve DeSalva

ABSENT: Bill Reese, and Mayor Martinelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Gasper.

**January 8, 2019 Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross, to approve the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Laura Kessler of 126 Analomink Street asked if Mr. Prevoznik has had a chance to review the plastic bag and straw ban ordinance information. Mr. Prevoznik advised he has reviewed the information and his opinion was given to Mr. Bond.

**Police Report**

The December SARP report was distributed via email. Captain Gasper was present to comment on the report and answer any questions. He advised December was a rough month for the Borough of East Stroudsburg. There was a shooting near the intersection of Hill and Normal Streets, and arrests have been made. There was another shooting near WalMart; that investigation is ongoing and arrests are forthcoming. Mr. Molin asked if the suspects of either shooting are local. Mr. Gasper reported some live in the area, but others do not.

**East Stroudsburg Community Alliance**

No Report.

**Veteran's Park Update**

Mr. Bond reported he received five responses from nurseries regarding the cost of flowers and shrubs to be ordered.

**Engineer's Report**

The Engineer's Report was distributed.

Mr. Oiler reported on the 2019 Joint Municipal Landfill Monitoring. RKR Hess recommends the conditional approval and execution of the contract for laboratory testing services with Analytical Laboratory Services, Inc. in the amount of \$8,205.00, to be shared with Stroud Township, Stroudsburg Borough and East Stroudsburg Borough, contingent upon a favorable review of the bid documents and verification of the appropriate lab accreditation.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the recommendation from RKR Hess for a conditional approval and execution of the contract for laboratory testing services with Analytical Laboratory Services, Inc. in the amount of \$8,205.00, to be shared with Stroud Township, Stroudsburg Borough and East Stroudsburg Borough, contingent upon a favorable review of the bid documents and verification of the appropriate lab accreditation. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments – New Business**

Laura Suits, the Coordinator of Wellness Education and Prevention from East Stroudsburg University Coalition announced they are seeking community members to join their program. They provide education, awareness, and prevention services regarding responsible student decision-making towards health, wellness and safety, and hold monthly meetings. Anyone who is interested in attending meetings or joining the coalition can contact Ms. Suits at [lsuits@esu.edu](mailto:lsuits@esu.edu) or 570-422-3298. The website is [esu.edu/atod](http://esu.edu/atod).

Ms. Kessler asked if there are any volunteer opportunities available for a 13-year old. Mr. Bond advised they can pick trash within the borough; we would supply the pickers, bags and vests. Anyone under the age of 16 needs a parent to accompany them and can contact Mr. Bond to make arrangements.

## **Reports**

### **Steve DeSalva:**

The DPW Report was distributed via email. Mr. DeSalva took the opportunity to praise the work of the street crew and water department employees during the recent water main break. Ms. Wolbert stated that Council agrees that the employees did a good job with the door to door notices and other notifications.

Ms. Kessler asked how long the water should run inside the house once a boil water advisory has been lifted. Mr. Prevoznik advised she should open all her spigots and let water run for about three to four minutes, or until clear.

### **Marv Walton:**

Permits, Violations, Inspections, and Parking Enforcement Reports were distributed via email.

### **Ken Konz:**

Mr. Konz reported there is an Audit Committee meeting scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to begin discussions about the 2018 Financial Audit.

### **Chief Dale Fetterly:**

The Acme Hose Company No. 1 Chief's Report was distributed via email.

### **Mayor Armand Martinelli:**

The Mayor was absent. It was reported that Mr. Martinelli requested the Borough Manager to write a letter to Senator Mario Scavello and Representative Maureen Madden about the condition of SR2012 (Brown and Courtland Streets through Eagle Valley) and request that it needs to be addressed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve the request from Mr. Martinelli to have the Borough Manager to write a letter to Senator Mario Scavello and Representative Maureen Madden about the condition of SR2012 (Brown and Courtland Streets through Eagle Valley) and request that it needs to be addressed. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Roger DeLarco:**

No Report.

### **Sonia Wolbert:**

No Report.

### **Don Cross:**

No Report.

### **Maury Molin:**

No Report.

### **Bill Reese:**

No Report.

### **Ed Flory:**

Absent.

### **Solicitor John Prevoznik, Esq:**

Mr. Prevoznik has items for executive session.

### **Manager's Report:**

Mr. Bond requested the approval of the 2019 Salary and Wage Schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve the 2019 Salary and Wage Schedule as presented retroactive to January 7, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported on the Plastic Bag and Straw Ordinance update. He advised he and Mr. Prevoznik reviewed the ordinance for Pennsylvania and there are so many exemptions it would be hard to enforce here. Mr. Bond is currently looking into other ways to enforce recycling. A

motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to authorize Mr. Bond to send a letter to the Pennsylvania State Legislature supporting a Plastic Bag and Straw law. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills Payable**

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to ratify bills payable through January 15, 2019. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. DeLarco asked if a report on energy efficiency could be produced to show the energy savings since the electrical panel was installed about ten years ago. At the time of the initial presentation by the company, there was a guarantee to see satisfaction. Mr. Bond will speak with Mr. Konz regarding this matter and will report back to council.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Fory to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to reconvene the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prevoznik reported that personnel and potential litigation matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory instructing Mr. Bond to write a letter to Kimco for the costs incurred during the water main break near Lincoln Avenue on January 10, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Moiln to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 5, 2019; 7:00 p.m.