

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bill Reese, Manager Brian Bond, Don Cross, Roger DeLarco, Sonia Wolbert, Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Maury Molin, Ed Flory

ABSENT: Mayor Martinelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Informational Discussion of the Proposed Solid Waste Ordinance**

Mr. Bond led a discussion on the proposed solid waste ordinance. The new program will provide an incentive to recycle, and reduce fees. The PA Department of Environmental Protection commends the Borough on establishing the new garbage program. Additionally, Monroe County Waste Authority reviewed the proposed ordinance and agrees with the changes the Borough is planning. The user fees will be based on the size of the can the resident chooses, and how many cans they request. There will be a limit of one bulk item per week, included in the user fee. Bags for additional trash, and tags for extra bulk items will be available for purchase at the Municipal Building Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The Borough will begin offering two clean up days

throughout the year. We will no longer provide dumpsters for housing developments. Mr. Bond opened the discussion for any questions from the public.

Mr. Spang from the recycling center suggested curbside recycling collection be scheduled weekly due to increased participation of the recycling program. Mr. Reese mentioned it would take more manpower, but worth looking into. Mr. DeLarco reminded residents that the recycling drop off is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 3 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am – 11:30 am. Mr. Spang said they only have about 300 buckets left. Mr. Bond plans to order more next year after we receive a grant. Residents can use any type of container for recycling, even their old garbage cans. Recycling Education for our residents was suggested, also.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items**

None.

**Public Comments – New Business**

Marie Summa asked about the proposal of an ordinance for chairs and tables in the walkways. Mr. Prevoznik stated the current outdoor dining is in compliance with ADA regulations. There is currently no ordinance for outdoor dining and the issue has been referred to the ECA. Ms. Summa also objected to the plans to improve the breezeway between Crystal Street and Dansbury Terrace, stating that it will bring loiterers. Additionally, she is worried about the three gas meters along her building, stating it is a potential hazard if someone flicks a lit cigarette towards them. Ms. Summa also mentioned the noise of the neighboring bar has increased. Mr. Reese advised her to contact the Liquor Control Board with any complaints. Mr. Molin stated having people in the borough adds value to our community and with less buildings that are vacant, less problems with illegal activity. Mr. Flory mentioned the borough has no control over the gas meters, the gas company and state regulates them. He said a cigarette can be right next to a gas meter and not catch fire, unless there is a leak. Mr. Reese stated when the gas meters were

installed, council disagreed with the gas company. Mr. DeLarco commended Mr. Bond for installing the cigarette containers, stating it was a proactive move. Mr. Bond said there are more to install. Ms. Summa said there is a parking lot behind Crystal Street, between Dansbury Terrace and South Courtland Street, that provides parking for patrons, and wants to be sure any tables placed along the breezeway will not block foot traffic. Ms. Summa's concerns were addressed in a letter that was addressed to the Manager, Mayor, and Council members. A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Cross to attach the letter to the minutes, per the request of Ms. Summa. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

### **Mayor Martinelli:**

Absent.

### **Sonia Wolbert:**

No Report.

### **Mr. Cross:**

No Report.

### **Mr. Molin:**

No Report.

### **Roger DeLarco:**

Mr. DeLarco reminded the manager that the ECA does not have garbage collection. A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to authorize the ECA to work with the Borough Manager to come up with a solution for garbage collection at ECA. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ed Flory:**

Mr. Flory stated he has received six complaints about cars parked within the South Courtland Street parking lot with permits on their cars, but no signs are posted for long term leasing. Mr. Bond advised a resolution was passed in June to approve long term lease parking in that lot and signs will be installed tomorrow. Mr. Flory confirmed the cars should be parking on the other side of the lot, not in front of the physical therapy business. Mr. DeLarco reminded Mr. Bond it was previously suggested that our engineers draw up a parking map so people understand the changes and the lots available, and asked if we can post it on our website. Mr. Bond said he is working with Mr. Oiler to complete the map, and to make the map's size more manageable and readable.

Mr. Flory reported that mattresses and piles of cardboard have been laying in Dansbury Terrace for over two weeks. Mr. Bond will have the enforcement officer cite these violations.

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

No Report.

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

Mr. Bond requested authorization to approve Hartman Electrical Contractors to replace the electrical service on the Municipal Building at a cost not to exceed \$7,625.00, due to the circuit transforming failing on the current electrical service.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve Hartman Electrical Contractors to replace the electrical service on the Municipal Building at a cost not to exceed \$7,625.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported receipt of a request from Stroudsburg High School to use 11 golf carts on Friday, October 18, 2019 for the Homecoming Parade. The carts will be picked up on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. and returned by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to approve a request from Stroudsburg High School to use 11 golf carts on Friday, October 18, 2019 for the Homecoming Parade, contingent upon Terra Green's Superintendent's approval. The carts will be picked up on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. and returned by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The motion carried 5 -1 (Yea: Ms. Wolbert, Mr. Cross, Mr. Reese, Mr. Molin, Mr. DeLarco; Nay: Mr. Flory).

Mr. Bond reported receipt of a request from the Pocono Chamber of Commerce for free parking on Crystal Street and all parking lots on October 5, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Pickle Me Poconos event on Crystal Street.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the request from the Pocono Chamber of Commerce for free parking on Crystal Street and all parking lots on October 5, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Pickle Me Poconos event on Crystal Street, contingent upon an approved trash removal plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported the request from the Sesquicentennial Committee for a budget of \$10,000.00 for the Sesquicentennial Events in 2020. Mr. Molin, Chairman of the Committee, stated there was a meeting on July 18 and another scheduled for August 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. They determined May 23, 2020 will be the kick off date to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More stakeholders need to be involved to make this event successful. Ms. Wolbert suggested Mr. Molin attend the Economic Vitality meeting to make the business owners aware of the upcoming event. Mr. Reese recommended someone from the Borough should manage the requested \$10,000.00, and Mr. DeLarco stated he would like to see the budget before we approve and spend the money.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. DeLarco to authorize Mr. Molin to reach out to stakeholders within the Borough and invite them to become part of the Sesquicentennial Committee, and table the request for a budget of \$10,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported the request from the Pocono Irish American Club to hold the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., contingent upon all of the appropriate forms and fees being provided, and borough employees to close all intersections within the borough for the parade.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to approve a request from the Pocono Irish American Club to hold the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., contingent upon all of the appropriate forms and fees being provided, and borough employees to close all intersections within the borough for the parade. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported the request from the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos to hold the 2019 Walk for Life on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The route will utilize sidewalks with crossing guards being provided by the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos contingent upon all required forms, fees and notification of the SARPD.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve a request from the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos to hold the 2019 Walk for Life on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The route will utilize sidewalks with crossing guards being provided by the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos contingent upon all required forms, fees and notification of the SARPD. The motion carried unanimously.

**Bill Reese:**

No Report.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to go into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to reconvene the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, August 20, 2019; 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting for Public Hearing: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.