

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bill Reese, Manager Brian Bond, Don Cross, Roger DeLarco, Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Maury Molin, Ed Flory, Borough Engineer Nate Oiler, and Codes Officer Marv Walton

ABSENT: Sonia Wolbert, and Mayor Martinelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Hearing – Green Valley Apartments

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

Mr. Prevoznik led the discussion along with Mr. Walton. Mr. Walton reported that the applicants submitted expansion plans in January of 2019, and the sketch plans were reviewed by the engineer and planning commission. On June 25, 2019, an application for conditional use was submitted. This is required since it is a request for land development of over one acre. The public hearing continued with discussion between the borough and representatives from Green Valley Apartments.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to continue the public hearing at a time and date certain, being 7:00p.m., September 17, 2019 at the East Stroudsburg Borough municipal building. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- Ordinance No. 1353, amending Chapter 134 – Solid Waste

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to recess the regular meeting and convene a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1353. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walton stated the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee has been working on Ordinance 1353, amending Chapter 134, and recommends passing to council for approval.

Mr. Bond reported the borough will be changing from unlimited trash for weekly collection to a “pay as you throw” program. Residents will choose the size and quantity of the refuse cart, and the cost is determined by the size used. Additional bags will be available for purchase and can be placed out for collection. The new ordinance will limit bulky items to one item per week. The borough will begin offering two annual clean up days. The borough hosted two informational meetings for the public to obtain information and ask questions. The borough will be mailing out the ordinance, once approved, with a letter regarding can sizes, photos, and pertinent information, and we will be hand delivering the same.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to enter exhibits 1 through 5 into evidence. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve Ordinance No. 1353 amending Chapter 134 – Solid Waste, of the East Stroudsburg Code of Ordinances, as advertised. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

Public Comments – New Business

None.

Engineer’s Report

The Engineer’s Report was distributed.

Willow Street Utility, Drainage and Road Improvements Project

Mr. Oiler reported that the contractor has formally requested a contract time extension of three weeks for substantial completion (from August 25, 2019 to September 15, 2019) and final completion (from September 24, 2019 to October 15, 2019) for reasons of difficult soil conditions, interference caused by unmarked gas lines and weather delays. RKR Hess has reviewed this request and recommends approval of a change order for a time extension of two weeks for each of these contract timeframes. The basis of this recommendation is outlined in a letter from RKR Hess, dated August 9, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve a contract time extension of two weeks for substantial completion (from August 25, 2019 to September 15, 2019) and final completion (from September 24, 2019 to October 15, 2019). The motion carried unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement

Mr. Oiler requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Effluent Flow Control Valve System Design and Installation at the Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to authorize advertising for bids for the Effluent Flow Control Valve System Design and Installation at the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Marv Walton:

No Report.

Mayor Martinelli:

Absent.

Sonia Wolbert:

Absent.

Mr. Cross:

Mr. Cross asked Mr. Walton about the status of 578 North Courtland Street, regarding the condition of the house, bushes and cars. Mr. Walton stated he will make a note of it and have any violations enforced.

Mr. Molin:

Mr. Molin reported on the 150th Anniversary committee meeting. The ECA approved to reserve the Dansbury Depot at no cost for the events held during the anniversary celebration. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15 at 1:00 p.m., at which time the stakeholders will attend. The committee is seeking to fill the position of financial chairperson.

Roger DeLarco:

Mr. DeLarco inquired to Mr. Walton about fire spacing between two properties. Mr. Walton advised for registered rental properties, fire spacing is a requirement. The property owner could submit an appeal to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board if they so desire.

Ed Flory:

Mr. Flory advised Mr. Walton of the vines growing out into the sidewalk at 450 North Courtland Street.

Solicitor John Prevoznik, Esq.:

Items for Executive Session.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Bond requested approval for he and Mr. DeLarco to attend the NEPA Annual Dinner on Thursday, September 26, 2019 in Wilkes Barre, PA. Mr. DeLarco will be the Borough delegate and Mr. Bond to be the alternate delegate.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to approve Mr. DeLarco and Mr. Bond to attend the NEPA Annual Dinner on Thursday, September 26, 2019 in Wilkes Barre, PA. Mr. DeLarco will be the Borough delegate and Mr. Bond will be the alternate delegate. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported that the Water Plant received an award for outstanding water plant. Mr. DeLarco suggested we post a picture of the award on our website.

Bill Reese:

Mr. Reese commented that the downtown planters look great and there is one vacant planter that needs to be adopted.

Mr. Reese appointed Mr. DeLarco to the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, stating Mr. Flory resigned from the committee. Mr. DeLarco accepted the appointment.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to go into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Flory to reconvene the meeting at 9:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prevoznik reported contract negotiations regarding a potential pump station, and personnel matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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