

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bill Reese, Manager Brian Bond, Sonia Wolbert, Don Cross, Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Ed Flory, Maury Molin, Mayor Martinelli, Codes Officer Marv Walton, and Borough Engineer Russ Scott

ABSENT: Roger DeLarco

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marc Jackett.

August 20, 2019 Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Cross, to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes. The motion carried (Yea: Mr. Cross, Mr. Reese, Mr. Flory, Ms. Wolbert; Abstain: Mr. Molin, absent from August 20, 2019 meeting).

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

Stroud Regional Open Space and Recreation Commission

Ms. Wolbert reported the “Save the Date” announcement will be distributed shortly.

SARPD Police Report

The SARPD report will be given at the September 17, 2019 meeting.

Engineer’s Report

The Engineer’s Report was distributed.

Middle Dam and New Water Supply Intake Line, Proposed Eagle Valley Pump Station Interconnection with Brodhead Creek Regional Authority

Mr. Scott requested authorization to advertise and set a Public Hearing to amend the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to advertise and set a Public Hearing to amend the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott requested authorization to advertise and set a Public Hearing to approve an ordinance for a payment agreement for the 7th amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority for 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to advertise and set a Public Hearing to approve an ordinance for a payment agreement for the 7th amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority for 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott requested authorization for RKR Hess to prepare the applications for a Subsidiary Water Allocation Permit from PADEP and a Delaware River Basin Commission Docket to purchase bulk water from Brodhead Creek Regional Authority. The estimated engineering costs are \$19,000.00 (plus reimbursable expenses).

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to authorize RKR Hess to prepare the applications for a Subsidiary Water Allocation Permit from PADEP and a Delaware River Basin Commission Docket to purchase bulk water from Brodhead Creek Regional Authority. The estimated engineering costs are \$19,000.00 (plus reimbursable expenses). The motion carried unanimously.

Willow Street Utility, Drainage and Road Improvements

RKR Hess recommends a motion for the Borough to approve a limited extension of time for placement of the remaining sections wearing/top course of pavement until September 17, 2019. This extension does not affect the deadlines for other facets of substantial completion as defined in the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Flory and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the recommendation of RKR Hess for the Borough to approve a limited extension of time for placement of the remaining sections wearing/top course of pavement until September 17, 2019. This extension does not affect the deadlines for other facets of substantial completion as defined in the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – New Business

Ms. Summa resents the way she was treated. Mr. Molin stated she was here to settle a dispute.

Reports:

Public Works

No Report.

Marv Walton

No Report.

Ken Konz

Approval of EDU Repayment Agreement

Mr. Konz requested approval to enter into one repayment agreement for EDU water/sewer additional tapping fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to ratify entering into a repayment agreement for EDU/EBU additional tapping fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Armand Martinelli

Mr. Martinelli reported he received a letter from Representative Courtright congratulating us as Tree City USA.

Sonia Wolbert

Ms. Wolbert requested the Manager send a letter to our representatives regarding paving South Courtland Street, and to address the one-way signage at the Washington Street/South Courtland intersection, as the lack of signage poses dangerous conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to authorize the Borough Manager to send a letter to our representatives regarding paving South Courtland Street, and to address the one-way signage at the Washington Street/South Courtland intersection, as the lack of signage poses dangerous conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

Don Cross

Mr. Cross reported blight houses along North Courtland and surrounding streets in his area.

Maury Molin

Mr. Molin reported the 150th anniversary committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, and on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the ECA building.

Roger DeLarco

Absent.

Ed Flory

No Report.

Solicitor John Prevoznik

Items for executive session.

Manager's Report

Mr. Bond reported the request from the Shawnee Fire Company, the West End Park and Open Space Commission, the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary and the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund for a donation of a round of golf for two with a cart at Terra Greens Golf Course for fundraising events.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the request from the Shawnee Fire Company, the West End Park and Open Space Commission, the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary and the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund for a donation of a round of golf for two with a cart at Terra Greens Golf Course for fundraising events. The motion carried 4-1 (Yea: Ms. Wolbert, Mr. Reese, Mr. Molin, Mr. Cross; Nay: Mr. Flory).

Mr. Bond reported the request from the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging Senior Center to hold the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday, October 3, 2019. The walk will take place on the sidewalk and no borough staff involvement is requested; all fees have been paid.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve the request from the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging Senior Center to hold the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday, October 3, 2019, contingent upon all appropriate forms and proof of insurance being provided. The motion carried unanimously.

The Manager reported the request from Dansbury Properties, LLC. For an amendment to the Borough of East Stroudsburg Zoning Ordinance to establish the height of buildings in the C-1 Zoning District.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to direct the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee to review this request and report back to Borough Council with a recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported that Pick Up The Poconos is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-up is available online at Poconomountains.com.

Mr. Bond requested authorization to accept the letter of conflict from John Prevoznik in regards to the BCRA/Borough Pump Station.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to accept the letter of conflict from John Prevoznik in regards to the BCRA/Borough Pump Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond requested authorization to accept the letter of conflict from Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP. In regards to the BCRA/Borough Pump Station.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Flory to accept the letter of conflict from Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP. In regards to the BCRA/Borough Pump Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond requested authorization to accept the letter of conflict from RKR Hess in regards to the BCRA/Borough Pump Station.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to accept the letter of conflict from RKR Hess in regards to the BRCA/Borough Pump Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Reese
No Report.

Bills Payable

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Flory to ratify bills payable through September 3, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to go into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Flory to reconvene the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prevoznik reported property acquisition matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin at 8:37 p.m. to continue the meeting at a date and time certain of Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building. A notice will be posted in the Municipal Building as well as our website.

CONTINUATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.