

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2020 -7:15 p.m.

To meet the requirements established by the Office of Open records for virtual meetings, this meeting was recorded with audio and video via Publicinput.com/Webex from the initial announcement of the meeting till its end with the exception of executive session, if any, which shall not be recorded.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT : Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Roger DeLarco, Carrie Panepinto, Bill Reese, Mayor Martinelli, Manager Brian Bond, Sonia Wolbert, Don Cross, Maury Molin, Finance Director Ken Konz, Public Works Director Brian Ace, and Zoning Officer Marv Walton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held prior to the start of the regular meeting. Plan easement acquisition regarding the Eagle Valley Project, two personnel matters regarding the recycling center were discussed and no decisions were made.

Mr. Reese acknowledged three worthy events within the Borough that occurred within the last few days. There was an organized vigil/march, which remained peaceful throughout the entire event. Patrons gathered to support our small businesses while they are open with restrictions. And the mural at Veterans Park was completed, which is now another proud addition to our community.

Solicitor's Report on Executive Session

Mr. Prevoznik reported labor matters with the participation of our labor attorney, staffing at the Recycling Center and Golf Course personnel matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

May 19, 2020 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross, to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Extension of the Proclamation of State of Emergency/Declaration of Disaster Emergency

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to extend the amended Proclamation of State of Emergency, and Declaration of Disaster Emergency to 11:59 p.m., July 7, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Chapter 126, Sewers

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to recess the regular meeting and convene a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1364. The motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 1364, amending the Code of the Borough of East Stroudsburg, Chapter 126, entitled Sewers of the Borough of East Stroudsburg code of ordinances, to provide for an administrative extension of wastewater discharge permits issued pursuant to Ordinance 966. With no questions or comments from council or the public, a motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to enter exhibits into one and two into

evidence (Exhibit 1 – advertisement, Exhibit 2 – Copy of the Ordinance). The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to approve Ordinance No. 1364 amending the Code of the Borough of East Stroudsburg, Chapter 126, entitled Sewers of the Borough of East Stroudsburg code of ordinances, as presented and advertised. The motion carried unanimously.

June 16th Borough Council Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to hold the June 16, 2020 Borough Council meeting as a half virtual in-person meeting to accommodate the public hearing on Zoning matters with Mr. DeLarco, Ms. Wolbert, Mr. Molin, Mr. Reese, Mr. Prevoznik, Mr. Oiler, and Mr. Walton being present for the Borough, thus allowing room for 17 members of the public to attend. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

SROSRC

Update on Parks and Pool

Ms. Wolbert reported that based on the Governor's orders, our parks are open and we anticipate the pool to open. The crews are prepping the pool in hopes of opening for July 4th. Ms. Wolbert advised park patrol will implement the procedures in place and if there are any issues, they are advised to contact SARPD and not engage, and the employees will receive additional training.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to allow the Borough parks to be open at the discretion of the SROSRC including the Dansbury Public Pool, establishing residency requirements and capacity limits, all conditioned upon SROSRC following the Governors Orders and health Officials Protocols for public gatherings. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wolbert reported that Stroudsburg Borough is not opening their pool this season. There will be no season passes sold for Dansbury this year.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLarco and seconded by Ms. Panepinto for the Borough Manager to draft letter for signature by the Borough President requesting Stroudsburg Borough and the Townships of Smithfield and Stroud to contribute additional funds to be used to operate the pool to allow their residents to pay resident fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on Summer Camp

Ms. Wolbert announced that summer camp at the Dansbury location is currently accepting registration, with a 25 person limit, based on the current Governor's orders, and will increase when the county is in the green.

Reallocation of funds to offset Part Stewardship expenses

Ms. Wolbert requested approval for second quarter municipal funds to offset Park Stewardship expenses. Mr. Prevoznik added that the Borough approved the budget for SROSRC, and they

are asking permission to reallocate/change the use of the money. No additional monies are being requested from the Borough.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve SROSRC request to reallocate the second quarter municipal funds to offset Park Stewardship expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Park Update

Mr. Reese reported the mural is complete, and the committee may schedule a dedication on July 4, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. DeLarco to pay the three artists \$885.00 each for work and painting the murals on the fence panels in Veterans Park to be paid exclusively from donated funds raised by the Veterans Park Committee which fund is currently in the amount of \$2,656.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Report

The May SARP report will be presented at the June 16th Council meeting.

150 +1 Update

Mr. Molin announced the next committee meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

East Stroudsburg Community Alliance

Ms. Wolbert reported ECA Monthly meeting will resume shortly.

Crystal Street Outdoor Dining Task Force

Ms. Wolbert reported that restaurant owners, the task force members, Mr. Bond and Mr. Prevoznik met and Mr. Bond is composing a comprehensive policy. Mr. Bond stated the recovery plan must meet the Governor's guidelines. Options include temporarily closing Crystal Street during designated hours/days, or making one way, in order to utilize parking spaces to expand restaurant seating. If an establishment has their own parking lot, they could utilize it. Crystal Street does not have to be the only location for this plan. Retail businesses as well as restaurants can participate. Applications will be available. The plan only gives owners the permission to utilize borough property and businesses are responsible for following their own licensing and any landlord restrictions. Ms. Tolino asked if we can leave parking spaces for customers of establishments who only have take out business. Mr. Bond said it will be taken into consideration. Ms. McClanahan stated it would be better for Crystal Street to be one way, to allow other businesses to still generate customers.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to send the proposed temporary changes to Crystal Street to the Borough's Traffic engineer for review and comment. If in order the recommendations maybe instituted by order of the Borough Manager, pursuant to the Proclamation of Emergency and Declaration of Disaster Emergency as amended April 7, 2020 and as extended to July 7, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin to authorize the Borough Manager to temporarily close all or part of Crystal Street to accommodate outdoor dining and retail merchant sales with days to be determined, but for any time after 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer's Report was distributed. No action items.

Public Comments – New Business

None.

Reports:

Brian Ace:

No Report.

Fire Chiefs Report:

No Report.

Marv Walton:

No Report.

Ken Konz:

No Report.

Mayor Armand Martinelli:

Mayor Martinelli thanked the Fire Department while they were on alert and stationed at the fire house in case of any issues during recent events in the Borough.

Sonia Wolbert:

Ms. Wolbert commended SARPD's leadership during these difficult times, and they continue to do the right thing.

Don Cross:

Mr. Cross reported garbage and other code related items on Chestnut Street. Mr. Walton advised the department has been short staffed and he is the only employee on duty, and he will get out as soon as he is able.

Maury Molin:

Mr. Molin reported complaints of ATVs in the Borough, and at the Boiler Works.

Roger DeLarco:

Mr. DeLarco requested the name of the "Collections Committee" be changed to "Finance Committee", to better encompass the committee's responsibilities.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLarco and seconded by Mr. Molin to change the name of the Collections Committee to "Finance Committee". The motion carried unanimously.

Carrie Panepinto:

Ms. Panepinto reported garbage, mattresses, televisions in her area that have been there a while. Mr. Bond asked her to send us the address so we can investigate.

Manager's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to advertise and set a public hearing for proposed Ordinance 1364 Amending Chapter 154, Water, for Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to approve the amended COVID-19 Personnel Use Policy, extending the sunset date and time to 11:59 p.m., July 7, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to approve Resolution 6-2020, establishing a Fee Schedule and list of nonacceptable materials for the 2020 June and October Borough Clean Up as attached thereto. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Panepitno to ratify an order from the Borough Manager amending the resale inspections within the Borough as issued May 26, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to approve advertising for a part-time Recycling Worker position with an hourly rate of \$15.00 an hour at a maximum of 32 hours per week, no benefits to be provided as per the employee manual. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve advertising for a seasonal Golf Course Maintenance Worker position with an hourly rate of \$9.00 an hour at a maximum of 32 hour. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to authorize Mike Stetter to begin working as the temporary recycling Supervisor with an increase of \$0.50 per hour while working in this capacity, as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Reese
No Report.

Bills Payable

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to ratify bills payable through June 2, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Mr. Molin at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. in person at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building and via virtual/telephonic means.