MINUTES FOR MONTHLY WORK SESSION EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Sonia Wolbert; Erika Huber; William Reese; Carrie Panepinto; Maury Molin; Mayor Victor Brozusky; and Solicitor John Prevoznik.

JOINED VIRTUALLY: Borough Manager Brian Bond; and Edmund Freeborn.

The Pledge of Alliance was recited.

A motion was made by Mr. Reese and seconded by Mr. Molin to go into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Reese to reconvene the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Solicitor reported that an Executive Session was held at 7:08 p.m. All members of Council were present as was Mayor Brozusky. Mr. Bond attended virtually. Contractual negotiations regarding the Middle Dam were discussed. At 7:21, Mr. Freeborn attended via telephone, at which time one personnel matter regarding four employees was discussed. Mr. Bond left at 7:56 p.m., at which time a personnel matter was discussed. Executive Session ended at 8:13 p.m. No decisions were made.

Reports:

Operations Committee:

No report.

Utility and Capital Improvements Committee:

Ms. Wolbert requested to merge the Utility and Capital Improvement Committee with the Operation Committee and would like to appoint Ms. Panepinto and Mr. Reese to co-chair the committee, alternating meetings as the chairperson. Mr. Bond will schedule regular meetings with department heads, in lieu of department heads attending the committee meetings.

Community Relations Committee:

The fee for hanging banners will be set at the December 6, 2022 Council meeting. Once the fee is set, the Elks can move forward with the Hometown Heroes Banners project. The goal is to have the banners hung for Memorial Day 2023.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

The ordinance regarding event centers is being reviewed. A representative from Traffic Planning and Design (TPD) is scheduled to be at the November 29, 2022 ZORC Professionals meeting to discuss the scoping meeting at Dunkin, the criteria for an ordinance regarding shared parking. Work on the Ridgeway/Prospect Overlay ordinance is progressing.

Public Comment:

None.

New Business:

Ms. Wolbert noticed the parking meters along Prospect Street have been removed. Mr. Bond explained that is part of the PennDOT project and he was asked by PennDOT to remove them. Mr. Bond will reach out to PennDOT for a complete timeline of the Exit 308 project. Ratification of the removal of parking meters on Prospect Street will be added to the agenda for the December 6, 2022 Council meeting.

Mr. Brozusky received a complaint about a parking ticket that was issued. Mr. Bond will look into the ticket to determine if it was issued correctly.

Ms. Huber stated there are alternate side of the street parking signs on Warren Street adjacent to J.M. Hill Elementary School, however the curb is painted yellow, indicating parking is prohibited. Mr. Bond will look into the parking signs along that section of Warren Street.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Panepinto to adjourn the Work Session at 8:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:15 p.m.