Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
January 16, 2007

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:                          Absent:
  Michael Kovach                          MaryJo Szada
  Stephen Shaver                          
  Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
  Jeffery Wright
  Michael Albert
  Dennis Heefner
  Thomas Acri, Mayor

  Michael G. Musser, II, Secretary
  David A. Wion, Solicitor
  Kathleen D. Handley, Assistant Secretary
  Jennifer Brown-Sweeney, Administrative Assistant

SWARING IN

  Mayor Acri stated that David McCain was a 2003 graduate of Steelton-Highspire High School and graduated from the Academy in December. He stated that Mr. McCain was previously sworn in and has already began patrolling.

  Mayor Acri then swore in Officer McCain.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

  Mr. Musser stated that there was nothing to report other than what was stated in the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AS PRESENTED:

  On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, to approve the Minutes from the December 4, 2006 meeting, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES OF BILLS, REQUISITIONS AND CHANGE ORDERS AS PRESENTED:

  On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the schedules of bills, requisitions, and change orders as presented.
APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Reports for Community Development, Main Street, Finance, Fire and Ambulance, Personnel, Police, Public Works, and Code Enforcement, were presented for Council’s approval.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the Department Reports, as presented.

Mayor Acri stated that Dr. Mateer asked him to remind everyone that Thursday at 5:30 PM, there will be a meeting to discuss putting Act 1 on the ballot for May.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments on agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Roy F. Long, Jr. – Certificates of Emergency Management Training from FEMA.
  
  Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, to place the certificates into Mr. Long’s personnel file. Motion approved unanimously.

- Myia Smith – Letter requesting permission to host a “Safety Day” for the children of Steelton along the Steelton Fire Department in the 11” Bar Mill Parking Lot on Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 1 PM to 4 PM.
  
  After much discussion, Council asked Mr. Musser to have Ms. Smith get with Chief Vance to pick a better location, because of liability issues.

- Dauphin-Lebanon County Boroughs Association – Invitation to the next meeting hosted by Millersburg Borough on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Williams Catering Corner.
  
  Mr. Shaver asked Mr. Musser to sign up himself and the Mayor.

- Daniel Savage, Sr., 598 Bessemer Street, Steelton, PA – Letter requesting permission to place a removable storage shed in an abandoned portion of Aberdeen Alley that abuts his property.
  
  Mr. Kovach stated that he’d like to refer this matter to Mr. Conjar, Ms. Stoner, and Mr. Wion for review.

Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, to place the certificates into Mr. Wible’s personnel file. Motion approved unanimously.

Laurie A. Rux, Dauphin County Board of Assessment – Letter informing the Borough that the 11” Bar Mill Parking Lot’s Tax Exemption was approved, effective January 1, 2007.

Mr. Wion suggested that Council should consider naming the parking lot, and start referring to it as something other than the 11” Bar Mill Lot.

Mr. Kovach referred the matter over to the Community Development Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:


Mr. Shaver motioned to approve Resolution 2007-R-01, as presented, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with Special Purpose Parking Applications from: Lewis Wright of 152 Conestoga Street, Steelton, PA, Tina Jefferson of 18 Adams Street, Steelton, PA, Paul E. Wintergrass, Jr. of 531 South Front Street, Steelton, PA, and Donald Prather, Jr. of 203 Lincoln Street, Steelton, PA.

Mr. Shaver stated that Mr. Wintergrass and Mr. Wright do not have copies of their registrations attached to the application. He stated that Council will need them before the Resolution can be passed.

Thomas L. Zimerman, Conrad M. Siegel Actuaries – Providing the Borough with a Proposal for Investment Services for the Steelton Police Pension Plan.

Mr. Musser stated that he will set up a meeting with the Finance Committee to look over and discuss whether the Borough should open up the investment part of the pension plan. He stated that this information is for Council’s information only, and if it is decided that we will open it up, other proposals will be entertained.
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Mr. Musser – Approval of the Boat Launch Bids.

Mr. Musser stated that he did receive the bids in, and the project was bid out for the third time. He stated that the project cost is approximately $450,000. He said that the funds come from a $150,000 DCNR grant, $150,000 from the CDBG match, and $150,000 from the Fish and Boat Commission match. He stated that the original bid from Rogele, Inc. is $369,963.00, with add-ons the amount will be $450,000. He stated that Mr. Davidson, Mr. Wion, and Kairos Design have reviewed the bids and all recommend accepting the bid of $369,963.00 by Rogele, Inc., with a cap of $450,000. Mr. Wright stated that this matter did come before the Community Development Committee;

Mr. Wright motioned, seconded by Mr. Albert, to award the bid to Rogele, Inc. for the amount of $369,963.00, with a cap of $450,000. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Musser – Discussion in regards to the Trash Contract.

Mr. Musser stated that the matter should be assigned to a committee. He said that the committee will discuss possible ideas and changes for the contract. He stated that he and Mr. Wion will then put those changes into the contract, and the project should be bid by the end of February.

Mr. Kovach decided that Mr. Heefner, Mr. Kovach, and Mr. Wright will sit on the Committee.

Mayor Acri requested that Council approve one bulk item, when the time comes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2007-R-02 – Resolution authorizing the sale of certain real estate tax claims and liens and associated rights and remedies relating to the 2006 real estate tax claims.

Motioned by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, to approve Resolution 2007-R-02, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Musser – Discussing Hometown Streets Program.

Mr. Musser stated that he emailed Council a copy of the updated scope and schedule for the Hometown Streets Program. He asked Council to review it, and if there are any questions, to contact him.

Mr. Musser – Regarding the Three Mile Island Drill.
Mr. Musser stated that Emergency Management Coordinator Lehman asked him to tell Council that there will be a TMI drill on February 13, 2007 at 6:00 PM. He stated that the graded exercise will take place on either April 18, 2007 or April 19, 2007.

**Mr. Kovach – Discussing the Annual Fire Department Report.**

Mr. Kovach stated that the 2006 Annual Fire Department report, claimed a total of $44,500.00 in total damages for the year. He stated that that is pretty good, and that the guys are doing a good job.

**Mr. Musser – Requesting Permission for an Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

There were no comments.

**COUNCIL’S CONCERNS:**

  **Mr. Heefner** – stated that he is presently working on having someone appointed as the Assistant Tax Collector. He stated that the CD School District is having hard time with the loss of their tax collector, because all of their money is tied up in escrow. He said that he would like to avoid that happening by appointing an assistant.

  **Mr. Shaver** – questioned whether the Black History Month essay was sent out to all schools in the Borough. Mr. Wright stated that all schools and churches were notified.

  Mr. Shaver stated that the calendar on the website is not functioning properly. He then questioned the status of Veteran’s Park. Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar stated that she and the Mayor are working on it.

  **Mrs Wiedeman-Krosnar** – commended Rogele, Inc. for their progress on Front Street. She also commended Chief Lenker and the Codes Department for their thorough annual reports.

  **Mr. Wright**- requested that the executive session also address land acquisition and legal matters.

  **Mayor Acri**- stated that tomorrow at 4:30 PM, he will be meeting with Kairos Design to do a sketch of Veteran’s Park. He said that after the sketch is complete and approved by the Community Development Committee, that he’ll go to the clubs in town and solicit donations. He said that he’d like to have pavers that you can buy and put names on them. The park will fly the flags of the armed forces, and will make for a nicer
setting for Veteran’s Day and the Memorial Day celebration. He said that this would be funded through donations and grants.

**Mr. Kovach** thanked Council and Staff for an excellent last year. He said that we are moving forward and would like everyone to continue what they are doing.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting recessed into executive session to discuss land acquisitions, at 7:06 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 PM

Motioned by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Shaver, to direct Solicitor Wion and Chief Lenker to write a letter of reprimand for Sergeant Crawford. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary