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The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Kovach
Michael Albert
Jeffery Wright
Dennis Heefner
Stephen Shaver
Thomas Acri, Mayor

Absent:

Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
MaryJo Szada

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments on agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Shaver – Requesting Permission to Attend the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities Conference From June 20-22, 2007 in Scranton, PA.

Mr. Wright motioned to grant permission to anyone who wishes to attend the Conference, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Musser asked that anyone else wishing to attend, contact him.

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs – Invitation to Attend the 96th Annual PSAB Conference June 24-27, 2007, at the Radisson Valley Forge & Convention Center.

Mr. Musser asked that anyone wishing to attend, contact him.

Catherine B. Zales, Reading Specialist, Steelton-Highspire School District – Requesting Council Petition State and County Officials to do a Needs Assessment in Regards to Determining if a County Library is Warranted in Steelton.

Mr. Kovach stated that this was for Council's information.

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Bobbie & Doug Malinak, Co-Chairs, Ryan Lee Mohn Walk – Requesting Permission to Hold the 4th Annual Ryan Lee Mohn Walk on Saturday, August 11, 2007 in the Borough of Steelton.

Motioned by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Wright, to grant permission for the Ryan Lee Mohn Walk to be held on Saturday, August 11, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

Dwayne Davis, 342 Bessemer Street, Steelton, PA – Requesting Permission to Reserve Municipal Park from June 9 until August 5, 2007 in the Borough of Steelton.

Mr. Albert stated that Mr. Davis volunteers in the community. He stated that Mr. Davis held this program last year, and did a good job.

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to grant permission to reserve Municipal Park from June 9 to August 5, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

The Family of Mayor James G. Baker & Anne K. Baker & The Borough of Highspire – Letter Announcing the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Mayor James G. Baker & Anne K. Baker and that they be Showered with Anniversary Cards.

Mr. Kovach stated that this was for Council's information.

Ausha Green, Youth Department Captain, Steelton Steppers – Letter Requesting Support of the Steelton Based Drill Team, the Steelton Steppers.

Mr. Kovach stated that this was for Council's information.

Mr. Shaver – Requesting a Letter of Thanks for the TMI Drill Evaluation to Ms. Paula Sviben be Placed in Her Personnel File.

Motioned by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Shaver, to place the letter of thanks into Ms. Sviben's personnel file. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Paula Sviben – Providing Council with an Update on the Summer Parks Program and the Hiring Process.

Ms. Sviben stated that Prince of Peace declined to host the afternoon portion of the Summer Parks Program, due to a change in the Child Abuse Laws.

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Mr. Shaver stated that he talked to Mr. Albert about changing the program into a morning-only program. He stated that it may be too late in the season to do anything else.

Mr. Wright stated that the personnel issue must also be addressed.

Mr. Shaver stated that, as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, he grants permission for Ms. Sviben to grant first option of hire to the returning employees, before moving on to recent hires. He stated that he is okay with the budget, as long as the program budget breaks even.

Mr. Wright stated that it was also okay with him.

Motioned by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner to change the Summer Parks Program into a half-day program. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with a Proposal from HRG, Inc. for Construction Phase Services for the Steelton Front Street Enhancement Projects.

Mr. Musser stated the bids will be due in June. He stated that he will need to discuss this with Mr. Wion and report back to Council on May 21, 2007. Mr. Musser stated that their fee was not a budgeted item.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Heefner – Requested an Update on when PennDOT was going to start work on Front Street.

Mr. Musser stated that PennDOT will be starting on Route 230 by the end of the month.

Mr. Kovach – Commending Chief Lenker, Joseph Conjar, and Mike Musser on the outstanding work they are doing with PennDOT.

Mr. Albert motioned, seconded by Mr. Shaver, to put a letter in Chief Lenker, Joseph Conjar, and Mike Mussers's personnel file concerning the great work they are doing with the PennDOT project. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Heefner, Chairman of the Planning Commission – Discussing the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt the recommendations of the Borough Engineer, HRG, on the Act 537 Requirements.

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Mr. Heefner stated that the Planning Commission recommends adopting the recommendations of HRG for the Act 537 Requirements. He then stated that the Planning Commission is recommending that new pipes be put in across the street before the new road is put in.

Mr. Kovach stated that he and the Mayor attended the previous Planning Commission Meeting. He stated that there were many people there and that the Chairman acted very professionally. He stated that everyone did a very good job in answering questions.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no audience participation.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Shaver – commended Council, Mr. Lehman, Ms. Sviben, and volunteers for the great job they did on the TMI Drill. He stated that nobody missed a beat.

Mr. Heefner – stated that Mittal Steel at Front and Swatara Streets looks nice.

Mayor Acri- stated that the 3rd Annual Hot & Spicy Festival will take place on May 20, 2007 on Front Street in Steelton. He said that the Borough is partnering with Keystone Residence again this year. He asked all interested people to contact Paula with the number of tickets they need.

Mayor Acri said that May 13 – 20 is Hot & Spicy Week in the Borough.

Mr. Kovach- stated that he attended the TMI Drill. He stated that he was impressed with how well the emergency drill went and how qualified Mr. Lehman is for the job.

Mr. Kovach stated that the last couple of months the committees have been working well together on all of the Borough projects. He said that everything is running fairly well, and everyone is doing a good job.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council meeting recessed into executive session to discuss AFSCME contract issues and personnel issues, at 7:40 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:58 PM

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary