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The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:**

MaryJo Szada  
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar

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

**PRESENTATION ON SHUR-FINE GROCERY STORE:**

Mr. Mohammad (Mickey) Rizk presented the new proposed concept for the Proposed Shur-Fine Grocery Store. Gordon Halterman, Manager of Real Estate Development, and Matt Nebrowski, Civil Engineer, both of AWI, also presented information. Mr. Rizk stated that he would like to make the building approximately 25,000 sq. ft. He also proposed Council vacate Trewick Street to make room for the new store. He stated that he would still need the alley vacated. Council stated that there are many problems with this proposal. Council said that vacating a street, a \$250,000 grant, parking lot issues, are just a few. Council asked Mr. Rizk to put together a more thorough proposal, but also expressed their desire to help in any way necessary to make this project a reality.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

There were no minutes presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Christopher Knarr, Rettew Associates, Inc. – Providing the Borough with a Copy of the Highspire Comprehensive Plan on Disk for the Borough to Review and Provide Comments.**

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Mr. Kovach stated that Mr. Musser has copies of the plan on disk for everyone to review and comment on.

**David W. Dombrowsky – Letter of Special Thanks to Chief Lenker for Helping Coordinate the Details for the Turnpike Day and a Thanks to Sgt. King for Attending the Event.**

Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mr. Albert, to have a copy of these letters placed in the respective individuals personnel files. Motion approved unanimously.

**James D. Hale, Principal, Steelton-Highspire Elementary School – Letter of Thanks to Chief Lenker and the Police Department for Their Help in Making Lids on Kids Project Run so Smoothly on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. Wright motioned, seconded by Mr. Albert, to have a copy of these letters placed in the respective individuals personnel files. Motion approved unanimously,

**Paula Sviben – Asking Council to approve the hiring of Jordan Krovic, Nick Pogasic, and Tory Pogasic for the Summer Program.**

Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mr. Albert, to hire Jordan Krovic, Nick Pogasic, and Tory Pogasic as Part-Time Temporary Summer Employees at the rate of \$7.25/hour from June 12, 2007 through August 24, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

**Edward Ellinger, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic – Providing Council With a Quote on Meters for the Stormwater System.**

Mr. Musser stated that the estimated cost that was previously presented to Council was approximately \$36,000. He said that the quote received was for \$22,000. Mr. Musser requested permission to bid out the project.

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize staff to prepare the specs and bid the Meters for the Stormwater System at the lesser costs, should they be affordable staff is directed to go forward with the project. Motion approved unanimously.

**Mr. Musser – Requesting Council Ratify the Execution of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$505,000 Over a Two Year Period for Adams Street.**

Mr. Kovach stated that this matter was discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Musser said that the contract was executed on May 8, 2007.

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Motioned by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Wright, to ratify the execution of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$505,000 over a two-year period for Adams Street. Motion approved unanimously.

**Mr. Musser – Requesting Council Rescind Their Motion to Award the Bids on the Canal Restoration Project and Make a Motion to Reject all Bids and Re-Bid the Project with a Reduced Scope of Work.**

Mr. Musser stated that when he and the engineer reviewed the bid items, there were some deductions that needed to be made. Although the bid was already awarded, an award letter never went out.

Mr. Shaver motioned to rescind the motion to award the bid to Land Studies, and to reject all bids for the Steelton Canal Project, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Shaver motioned to authorize staff to rebid the project, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

**Mr. Musser – Recommending Council Award the Hometown Streets bid to Rogele, Inc. in the Amount of \$738,010.**

Mr. Musser stated that the original bids were rejected because they came in too high. The project was then rebid. Borough Engineers and Mr. Wion have reviewed these bids and recommend that Council award the bid to the lowest bidder, Rogele, Inc. Mr. Musser said the project is approximately \$200,000 of the grant amount.

Motioned by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, to award the bid for the Hometown Streets Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Rogele, Inc., in the amount of \$738,010. Motion approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Musser – Informing Council that he has Received a Special Purpose Parking Request from John P. Lagyak, Jr. of 524 Spruce Street.**

Mr. Musser stated that this was for Council's information only.

**Ordinance No. 2007-4 – An Ordinance of Steelton Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Code of the Borough of Steelton, Pennsylvania, Section 102, "Taxation", Article III, "Realty Transfer Tax", Section 102-16, Establishing the Methodology for the Imposition of Interest When the Tax is Not Paid When Due and Section 102-21-3, Authorizing the Department of Revenue of**

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**the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Determine, Collect and Enforce the Tax Interest and Penalties if the correct Amount of the Tax is Not Paid by the Last Date for Timely Payment.**

It was the consensus of Council to table until the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Musser – Providing Council With an Explanation From Mr. Wion in Regards to Laws Pertaining to Cats.**

Mr. Musser stated that he received a phone complaint in regards to this matter. He asked Council to review and direct all questions to Mr. Wion.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

There were no comments.

**COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:**

**Mr. Shaver** – stated he's glad Mr. Wright is back.

**Mr. Heefner** – stated that last year he asked Mr. Conjar to set up a schedule for cleaning the storm drains. He said that the Second Street Catch Basins are full and it is causing flooding on Second Street. Mr. Kovach stated that he spoke to Mr. Conjar about this, and Mr. Conjar said that they were running behind schedule because of all the construction projects. Mr. Conjar said that when the summer employees come on board, they will be able to get caught up.

**Mayor Acri** – stated that he kicked off the Veteran's Park Project today. It will be on Channel 8 at 6:00 PM. He said that he will give a more in-depth update at the Community Development Meeting.

**Mr. Kovach** – stated that he is happy Council kept an open-mind on the grocery store project. He said that it will not be easy to make this project happen, but it's great that everyone is working together.

Mr. Kovach stated that he received a letter about the new trash rules. He questioned the meaning of the one bulk item. He said that it would be nice to have a clarification letter go out, explaining what bulk items are acceptable.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael G. Musser, II  
Borough Secretary