

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President, Jeffery L. Wright, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Dennis Heefner
Michael Albert
Jeffery Wright
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
Michael Kovach
MaryJo Szada

Absent:

Stephen shaver

Mayor Thomas Acri
David A. Wion, Solicitor
John DeSanto, Jr., Secretary Treasurer
Kathleen D. Handley, Assistant Secretary
Dennise Hill, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes presented for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS: (Secretary Handley):

Mr. DeSanto said he had nothing to report at this time.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the schedules, as presented.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Community Development
Fire and Ambulance
Personnel
Police
Code Enforcement

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Kovach, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the April Department Reports as presented.

Public Works: Mr. Heefner stated that the Public Works department is in full swing of cutting grass for the summer. He is still waiting for a list of items to be completed from HRG. He received quotes regarding repairing the Municipal Building

roof. He also met with residents in East End who are having sewer problems. They said that their laterals are backed up. Mr. Conjar told the resident that it is her lateral. A resident said she spent \$5,000 and is still having the same problem. Mr. Heefner said that Mr. Conjar should not tell residents what the problem is. Mr. Heefner said he will be holding a town hall meeting and asked the Borough's engineer to attend. Mr. Heefner would also like to hold a sensitivity training class for Department Heads to attend.

Mr. Wright stated that each Council Member is the chair of a department. If anyone feels that the department heads need training, Council Members are free to coordinate that.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to approve the Public Works Department Report, as presented.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Acri noted that the TMI drill that was held on April 14th and Representatives from PEMA were there. He said that the Borough's Emergency Management Department scored very highly on the drill. Mayor Acri asked that a thank you letter be sent to Chief Vance and Tim Lehman for their hard work on the Emergency Drill.

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present unanimously voted to have a letter sent to Chief Vance and Tim Lehman.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATION:

Patsy Taylor-Moore – Letter of resignation from Steelton Zoning Board effective 05/04/2009 to attention of Sylvie Zell.

Mr. Heefner said that Ms. Taylor-Moore would like to serve on the Planning Commission

On a motion made by Mr. Kovach, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Ms. Taylor-Moore from the Steelton Zoning Board.

Mr. Wright asked that a thank you letter be sent to her.

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Taylor-Moore to the Steelton Borough Planning Commission.

Susan O’Keefe – Letter informing Council that she has resigned from the Steelton Borough Zoning Hearing Board effective 05/05/2009.

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Ms. O’Keefe from the Steelton Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Wright asked that a thank you letter be sent to her.

Joi Cleveland/Deidra Bowman – Letter requesting the Borough allow residents of Saint Mary’s Drive to hold a block party between Highland and Washington Streets on July 4th, 2009 from 8am-8pm.

Acting Chief Spangler stated that he is okay with this request. He also asked that the letter that will be sent to Ms. Cleveland and Ms. Bowman clearly indicate that they are responsible for getting the barricades to block the street. Chief Spangler suggested that proof be shown a week prior to the event.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to approve the request to hold a block party as requested with the stipulation that the residents get the barricades as requested by Acting Chief Spangler.

Tina Simpson, President; St. Lawrence Jr. Tamburitzans – Letter to Borough requesting closure of the alley directly behind the Saint Lawrence Lodge at 13 Highland Street between 7am and 1pm to hold a car wash in a safe area.

Acting Chief Spangler said that he is okay with this request, as well. He reiterated that the letter that will be sent to Ms. Simpson clearly indicate that she is responsible for getting the barricades to block the street. Acting Chief Spangler suggested that proof be shown a week prior to the event.

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to approve the request to hold a car wash on River Alley as requested with the stipulation that Ms. Simpson get the barricades as requested by Acting Chief Spangler.

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study – Notification of the June meetings: Friday, June 12, 2009 at 9AM – Technical Committee Friday, June 26, 2009 at 9AM – Coordinating Committee

This was provided for Council's information.

PSAB Training Update – Borough Officials Training and Update.

This was provided for Council's information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dennise Hill – Update on the Hot & Spicy Festival location, and the Veterans/Elks Parade.

Ms. Hill reminded everyone of the upcoming events. She asked that if anyone has questions they should contact her.

Patrolman Shaub – Traffic Study in area of N. Front Street and Locust Streets RE: (2) 15 minute parking spots in front of Steelton Pharmacy.

It was the consensus of Council Members present to authorize Mr. Wion to prepare a Resolution based on Officer Shaub's Traffic Study.

Dennis Heefner – Discussion of grass cutting.

Mr. Heefner suggested that the grass cutting be outsourced for the summer. The Borough can save up to \$5,000. It has become more of a hassle to oversee the young summer help that are hired for the summer. Mr. Wright asked that this issue be tabled until more figures are presented.

Dennis Heefner – Discussion of the Street Sweeper.

Mr. Heefner stated that the Borough would receive \$25,000 for a trade in of the current street sweeper. That would lower the price of a new to \$157,000 and the Borough would not be obligated to make a payment in 2009. Mr. Wion stated that the first \$35,000 will have to be paid up front.

Mike Tancraitor from Golden Equipment Co. introduced himself. Mr. Tancraitor stated that he has been working on this for three months and his company has been very fair to the Borough, by catering to the Borough's needs. The company has held interest rates and the value of the truck, which they are being generous with. There has been a \$6,000 increase on the chassis since this process started. Golden Equipment Company has not added that on. Mr. Tancraitor suggested that the Borough enter into a six year lease. The Borough would receive the truck in August and will not have to make a payment until

next August. If the Borough should choose to sign a different lease, approximately \$5000 per year will be added to the payments.

Mr. Wion agreed that Golden Equipment Company has been fair. However, the bank is unwilling to change the language in their lease. Mr. Wion stated that it is his position for Council not to sign this document. Mr. Wright asked how much it would cost to buy a new street sweeper outright. Mr. Tancraitor answered \$157,920. Mr. Wright thanked Mr. Tancraitor for attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Craig Bachik and Renee Regal; KAIROS DESIGN GROUP, LLC – Presentation of request for authorization to write a grant on the Borough’s behalf at no cost to Borough for a \$500,000 Main Street grant for the Mellon Bank building at Front and Locust Street or a \$250,000 Elm Street grant for the 101 Locust Street.

Ms. Regal stated that she met with Mr. Wright and Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar and discussed the possibility of writing grants for the Elm Street and Main Street Programs. Since that time, Ms. Regal spoke with Lou Colon with DCED. Mr. Colon informed her that 70% of the funding for those two programs has been cut. Ms. Regal also stated that an alternative option is to apply for an Improved Anchor Building grant. Mr. Wright asked Mr. DeSanto to work with Mr. Musser to determine the Borough’s status.

Dennis Heefner – Discussion of Roof Repairs

Mr. Heefner gave the following quotes:

-IQC:	\$5,700.00 (repair)
	\$40,000.00 (new roof)
-General Services:	\$9,760.00 (repair)
	\$40,390.00 (new roof)
-Houck:	\$11,555.00 (repair)

Mr. Heefner stated that the membrane and rubber is in excellent shape. However the seams are not good. Mr. Wright asked Mrs. Handley if the Borough can afford to get a new roof. He also asked if this cost can be split three ways since the Municipal Building is used by all departments. Mrs. Handley said she cannot give a definitive answer right now, on whether or not the Borough can pay for a new roof. Mr. Kovach said that the cost should be split three ways. It should not only come out of the General Fund.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to hire Houck’s to repair the roof of the Municipal Building.

Sylvie Zell, BCO – Request to place John Trish’s certificate of passing results of the International Code Council Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification within his personnel file.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present unanimously voted to have the certificate placed in Mr. Trish’s personnel file.

Sylvie Zell, BCO – Request to place a copy of Sylvie Zell’s passing results of the re-certification of the International Code Council Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification within her personnel file.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to have the certificate placed in Mrs. Zell’s personnel file.

Susan Kline – Request to permit SEBOS vans (2) to park in Pine Street Borough parking slots.

Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar stated that this request comes because some services offered at another location will be moved to the Steelton facility. Ms. Kline is requesting that the two vans be able to park on Pine Street.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present unanimously voted to permit the SEBOS vans to park in two parking spaces in the Borough Pine Street lot.

Daniel P. Scheitrum – Request to place a copy of certificate of completion for Continuing Education Credits for Valve Workshop #165 Water Wastewater be placed within his personnel file.

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present unanimously voted to have the certificate placed in Mr. Scheitrum’s personnel file.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. DeSanto – Informing Council that an Executive Session is needed to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation.

There were no comments.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Douglass, 433 Bessemer Street – Information on Parade and Zoning Board.

Mrs. Douglass asked when the Memorial Day Parade begins and if River Alley will be closed so she can notify her congregation for Sunday service. She was told that the parade begins at 2pm and River Alley will be open for traffic.

Mrs. Douglass also asked if Zoning Board openings have to be advertised to give others a chance to be appointed. Mr. Wion stated that there is no legal requirement to advertise these openings. Mr. Wright stated that if anyone is interested in other openings that are available, to let Mr. Heefner know.

Emuel Powell, 321 Lebanon Street – Cutting grass in the Borough.

Mr. Powell stated that some places around the Borough look very bad. He asked why the Borough will not hire kids for the summer to cut it. This will make the town look better and will give them something constructive to do. He also suggested that property owners who do not cut their own grass should be made to pay a fine as soon as the summer help cuts their grass. If they fail to pay the fine, they should be arrested. Mr. Wion stated that the law does not allow that.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Dr. Szada: had no comment.

Mr. Kovach: commended the Dura Bond pipe mill for the repairs they are making on their buildings.

Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar: concurred with Mr. Kovach's statement.

Mr. Heefner: stated that when Mr. Frank Brown passed away, Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar took a Borough lapel pin to the funeral home to be buried with him. Mr. Heefner would like to make this a practice for when all former elected officials pass away.

Mr. Albert: had no comment.

Mayor Acri: had no comment.

Mr. Wright: reminded everyone about the Hot & Spicy Festival on May 30th and the Memorial Day Parade on May 31st. He also reminded everyone about the ceremony to be held at Midland Cemetery on May 23rd at 1pm.

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the Council meeting recessed into executive session at 7:53 p.m., to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition and potential litigation.

The Council meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Wion discussed a letter he received from James a. Miller, Esq., representing Sterling Financial who foreclosed on 41-43 North Front Street, requesting Borough Council to forgive the outstanding sewer charges for this property in the amount of \$3,507.00.

After discussion, on motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members present voted unanimously to deny the request.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Dr. Szada, the Council meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Desanto, Jr.
Borough Secretary

Dennise Hill
Executive Administrative Assistant