

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

In Attendance:

Jeffery Wright
Stephen Shaver
Dennis Heefner
Maria Marcinko
Raymond Spencer

Absent:

Michael Albert
MaryJo Szada

Mayor Thomas Acri
David A. Wion, Solicitor
John M. DeSanto, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy I. Sosnowski, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Spencer, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes from 11-15-10, with corrections to page 3 – Planning *Commission*; not committee and *board member*; not committee person. Also, correction of page 4, paragraph 4 – HRG *prepared the basic ordinance* for adoption and the budget *needs to be placed before the public* 20 days before adoption.

The minutes of the 11-29-10 meeting were tabled until further information is included.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

None.

COMMUNICATION:

Mr. DeSanto - shared a memo from Senator Jeffrey Piccola, 15th District regarding ACT 90 of 2010 (Senate Bill 900), the Neighborhood Blight & Reclamation Act along with enclosures, bill summary and a weblink to a 48 page document. Mr. DeSanto has one copy of the weblink if anyone would like to see it. Ms. Marcinko added that this issue can be very complicated and wondered if Sylvie Zell could go through some training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

David A. Wion, Solicitor – presented Ordinance No. 2010-8 to amend the Borough Code of Steelton, Pa by deleting and repealing Chapter 93 “Stormwater Management” and replacing it with a New Updated Chapter 93 entitled “Stormwater Management”. HRG has reviewed and revised the ordinance and it has been advertised. Mr. Wion noted that the West Shore COG has changed its name to the Capital Area COG.

Motion to approve: Mr. Heefner Second: Ms. Marcinko Approved by All

David A. Wion, Solicitor – presented Resolution 2010-R-28 to review the fee schedule for various items under Ordinance No. 2010-8.

Motion to approve: Mr. Heefner Second: Mr. Shaver Approved by All

John M. DeSanto, Jr. – presented PENNPRIME/AIA 2011 Annual Workers’ Comp Trust renewal proposal. The cancellation of Heart/Lung resulted in only a 2% increase for the same benefits as last year. Mr. Wright indicated that Mr. Wion already reviewed this proposal and approved it for signature.

Motion to authorize Mr. Wright to sign the proposal as presented (Heart/Lung coverage stricken): Mr. Shaver Second: Ms. Marcinko Approved by All

John M. DeSanto, Jr. – presented a letter of request from Ms. Patricia Hindemyer, 2667 S. 2nd Street, Steelton, PA to Council and the Mayor for a refund of her March, 2009 and March, 2010 Borough Occupational Taxes with documentation supporting her request. Ms. Hindemyer was not gainfully employed those 2 years; taxes paid were \$107.80 per year for a total of \$215.60.

Motion to approve the refund: Mr. Heefner Second: Mr. Spencer
Approved by All

The Mayor noticed that the residents’ personal identification numbers were on one page of the documentation and asked that the page be given to Mr. DeSanto to be destroyed.

John M. DeSanto, Jr./Mr. Wion – presented a letter from the Steelton-Highspire School District requesting exoneration from Borough Real Estate Taxes for 2010 for the elementary school building. Mr. Wion stated that when they received the exoneration for 2009, they thought the building would be sold in a timely manner.

Motion to approve exoneration: Mr. Heefner Second: Mr. Shaver
Approved by All

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. DeSanto – Informed Council that an Executive Session is needed to discuss Personnel Matters, Pending Litigation and Land Acquisition Matters.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Reverend Sparks invited everyone to the tree lighting service tomorrow, December 7, 2010. After the service, the Women of the Moose are serving hot chocolate and cookies to those present.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Heefner – He passed out copies of the newly formulated tickets for the codes department, but mistakenly thought there were two separate tickets. One side of the page had a warning notice while the other side had the actual ticket. Mr. Heefner also asked Mr. Wion if non-removal of snow could be added. He stated that the price is \$778 for 1,000 two-copy tickets; approximately \$1,000 for 2,500 tickets in a quote from TDR. Several council members expressed concerns with the cost and asked that the Borough check with local printers on pricing – Huggins, Armstrong, etc. They asked that Sylvie provide more information at the NEDC meeting on December 13, 2010. Mr. Wion added that any ordinance relating to this ticket system wouldn't happen until next year.

Ms. Marcinko – She thanked the audience for coming out to the meeting on such a brisk evening.

Mr. Shaver – He thanked Reverend Sparks for coming and for his participation in the tree lighting ceremony/refreshments. He also reminded those who plan to attend the outdoor ceremony to dress warmly, as it is still supposed to be windy and very cold.

Mr. Spencer – None.

Mr. Acri – Informed Council that the Inter-Governmental Meeting (Boroughs of Highspire, Steelton and the Steel-High School Board) was recently held in Highspire, but that nobody was there to represent the Borough. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2011 in Steelton's Council Chambers and hoped someone would make sure to attend.

The Mayor also informed Council that the police department has tabled discussions of any promotions or part-time hiring for now; the chief is working with the Teamsters to review their contract.

Mr. Wright – Reminded everyone of the Final Budget Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2010. Requested that Mr. DeSanto make sure the list of 2011

meeting dates is ready to advertise soon. The Mayor requested that a note be sent to him and council members via e-mail with the dates listed. Mr. Wright also stated that for 2011, Council meetings would still begin at 6:30p.m.; Water Authority meetings would still begin at 5:00p.m., but that ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET AT 6:00P.M. IN 2011.

On motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the Council meeting recessed into executive session at 7:08p.m.to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition and potential litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Marcinko, seconded by Mr. Shaver, the council meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. DeSanto, Jr.
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy I. Sosnowski
Executive Administrative Assistant