

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

In Attendance:

Jeffery Wright
Stephen Shaver
Michael Albert
Dennis Heefner
MaryJo Szada
Maria Marcinko
Raymond Spencer

Absent:

David A. Wion, Solicitor
Paul Lundeen, Bond Counsel
John M. DeSanto, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy I. Sosnowski, Executive Assistant
Mike Musser, Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AS PRESENTED:

On a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Shaver the minutes of 12-20-10 and 12-27-10 were approved by all members. Mr. Shaver noted two corrections to page 6. In paragraph 2, Borough code should be changed to Borough Authority Rules and Regulations. In paragraph 6, the last sentence should read: Narrow banding is required by the FCC; no funding is available.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

None.

COMMUNICATION:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – presented a detailed packet of information regarding the 2011 General Obligation Note being voted on tonight.

Paul Lundeen, Bond Counsel – presented Ordinance #2011-1 for General Obligation Note, Series 2011 in the amt. of \$450,000 to provide funds for and toward refunding of part of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003 and part of Series 2006.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Shaver Second: Mr. Albert Approved by All

A roll-call vote was taken; all members voted “yes” to approve the Ordinance #2011-1. Mr. Lundeen indicated that a signature is needed tonight on the “Instructions to Proceed” with Mid Penn Bank. Other documents can be signed tomorrow.

Ms. Lena Jefferson, 258 Lincoln St. Steelton – presented documentation on the formation of **S.H.I.R.T.** (Steelton and Highspire Initiative Roll Together). She then introduced **Ms. Natasha Woods**, 181 S. Front St., Steelton who reviewed the packets given to council. She invited them to meetings which will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at various locations to be announced. She added that one of their goals is to enhance after-school programs and tutoring. Ms. Marcinko asked if some tutors are volunteers; they indicated that anyone who can help is appreciated – community members, seniors, etc. Mr. Wright asked if all students are involved – elementary, junior high and senior high. Randie Yeager-Marker, Dauphin County Human Services reminded audience members that the School District received a 21st Century Grant for their after school program, which is Monday through Thursday after school and on Saturdays from 9-2:00. Usually outings/field trips are scheduled for Saturdays.

Mr. Wright suggested that this program has been presented to any local churches, such as Monumental AME, New Hope Primitive Baptist or Mt. Zion. Mr. Spencer stated that the program seems pretty successful and asked if they are pleased with the progress. They indicated they are pleased, but hope to get more people involved in the future. Mr. Shaver asked if the press was contacted about informing the public; the Press & Journal introduced them in 2009. Ms. Yeager-Marker stated that S.H.I.R.T. helped the Boy Scouts with their trash pickup in May. Mr. Wright also mentioned that Mark Hawthorne is hoping to bring the Boys and Girls Club back to Steelton.

Mr. Wion – presented Resolution 2011-R-1 confirming membership and terms of Boro Authority Board and reappointment of Matthew O’Keefe for another 5-year term.

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-1: Mr. Albert Second: Ms. Marcinko
Approved by All

Jeffery Wright – presented for discussion and nominations of the open chairperson seat for the Board of Vacancy. Mr. Wright indicated that Mike Rozman has a conflict and his seat needs to be filled by someone else. Ms. Marcinko tried to contact two residents; one didn’t return her call, the other needs to contact their employer to see if there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Wion suggested that we table the nominations until the next Council

meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Shaver to table the issue, seconded by Mr. Heefner. Mr. DeSanto added that there are two vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Wright stated that he would like both issues addressed at the January 18, 2010 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

John M. DeSanto, Jr. – Informed Council that an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition and potential litigation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Emuel Powell, 321 Lebanon St., Steelton – Asked if trash pickup dates had changed in Dauphin County. Council informed him that this change was for Harrisburg, not Steelton. He was also concerned about the oil spill over the weekend. The Mayor assured him that there was no danger to Steelton’s drinking supply; the spill occurred past the water intake. The spill was located behind where the Hilmar Lounge used to be; it was possibly dumped on purpose, but it is still being checked.

COUNCIL’S CONCERNS:

Mr. Heefner – None.

Ms. Marcinko – 1) the new Humane Society contract is in effect; therefore stray dogs will be brought in by the police department. To save time and money the Steelton Borough Community Cats (SBCC) is buying the department a microchip reader to help in locating the dog owners, thus saving money and trips to the Humane Society. 2) informed Council that Betty Lou Zupanovic passed away today; she was very involved in the Borough and the community throughout the years.

Mr. Shaver – None.

Mr. Albert – None.

Mr. Spencer – None.

Dr. Szada – None.

Mr. Wright – informed Council that the Lincoln Street fire situation has been resolved between the two tenants, the codes department and the fire department. Also, the Felton Lofts project has begun; it should be completed within the next 16-22 months.

On motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the Council meeting recessed into executive session at 7:07p.m.to discuss personnel matters. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:57p.m. with a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. DeSanto, Jr.
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy I. Sosnowski
Executive Assistant