

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar

Michael G. Musser, II, Secretary
David A. Wion, Solicitor
Kathleen D. Handley, Assistant Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Mr. Musser stated that there was an executive session earlier this evening from 5:00 PM to 6:07 PM to discuss land acquisition matters. Mr. Wright, Mr. Kovach, Mr. Shaver, Mr. Heefner, Mr. Acri, Mr. Musser, Mr. Gehrlein, Mr. Tom Powers, Mr. Peter Tartline, Mr. Craig Bachik, and Mrs. Renee Regal were all in attendance.

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

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the schedules of bills, requisitions, and change orders as presented.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Reports for Community Development, Main Street, Finance, Fire and Ambulance, Personnel, Police, Public Works, and Code Enforcement, were presented for Council's approval.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments on agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Steelton Resident – Letter in regards to parking issues, potential drug activity, and codes issues.

Mr. Kovach stated that a copy of the letter has been given to the Police and Codes Department.

Dauphin-Lebanon County Boroughs Association – Invitation to the Dauphin-Lebanon County Boroughs Association meeting January 31, 2006 at the Soda Jerk in Hummelstown at 6:30 PM

Mr. Musser requested that anyone wishing to attend should contact him.

Pennsylvania Rural Water Association – Informing Council that Paul Wintergrass has successfully completed a class in “Simplified Water Analysis” PA DEP #1518.

Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mr. Wright, to place the certificate in Mr. Wintergrass’ file. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Wion – Providing Council with an update on the Civil Service Rules Update.

Mr. Wion stated that Mr. Stewart did not get his recommendation to him yet. He asked Council to leave the item on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update on the Hometown Streets Phase 2 Presentation.

Mr. Musser stated that he completed the presentation for Phase 2 last Monday. He said that the project is still ranked fourth out of nineteen projects and that the total amount of funding available is \$2 million. Mr. Musser stated that the second submission is now due.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update in regards to the Senior Center Project.

Mr. Weidner from IEQ handed out reports and gave an update to Council. After much discussion, Council decided to send the matter back to committee pending Wendy Penica’s input. Mr. Kovach then asked that the matter be brought before Council for a final decision.

Fire Chief Vance – Providing Council with pictures of the new tower truck.

Mr. Vance explained that this was for Council's information only.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update on the Canal Restoration Grant.

Mr. Musser stated that the Borough applied for a Steelton Canal Restoration Grant. He said that he sent a letter to Mittal Steel to see if they would be onboard for the project. Mittal Steel is onboard with the project. Mr. Musser therefore recommends Council approve the execution of the grant.

Motioned by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, to allow Mr. Musser to execute the grant documents for the Steelton Canal Restoration Grant. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Sylvie Stoner – Requesting Council approve the Final/Preliminary Subdivision for Cibort Park.

Ms. Stoner stated that the plans were approved by the Steelton and Swatara Planning Commissions, as well as the Swatara Board of Commissioners. She said that there were no waivers requested and the Plan meets all of our guidelines. Ms. Stoner stated that all of the Dauphin County Planning Commission's comments were addressed in the new plan.

Mr. Shaver motioned to approve the Final Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Cibort Park, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Heefner – Requesting Reallocation of \$5,000.00 of Community Block Grant Funds to Housing Rehabilitation.

Mr. Heefner stated that the SHIP program would help low-income and elderly residents rehabilitate their homes. He stated that it would consist of a partnership between the Borough of Steelton and Rebuilding Together. Mr. Heefner stated that the program would initially be run out of the Codes Office and that he would try to add to the \$5,000 in seed money by soliciting donations and looking for grant money.

Mr. Musser stated that the \$5,000 would be reallocated from the Adams Street Project.

Mr. Albert motioned to approve the reallocation of funds. Hearing no second, the motion did not carry.

Mr. Shaver requested more information on the matter.

Mr. Shaver – Requesting a letter be drafted to Chairwoman Patton of the Susquehanna Township Commissioners thanking Chief Martin for his service to Steelton and to Steelton Police Sergeant John King for their help with the Police Oral Interviews.

Mr. Shaver motioned to place a copy of the letter in Sergeant King's personnel file, seconded by Dr. Szada. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update on the potential Steelton Authority Waterline Project and a possible timeline.

Mr. Musser stated that the project should cost a maximum of \$3.7 million. He stated that a Special Meeting will be held on February 13, 2006 to look into a bond issue for the waterline project.

West Shore Council of Governments – Requesting the Borough to designate its delegates for 2006.

Mr. Shaver motioned to appoint Mr. Heefner as delegate with Ms. Stoner serving as alternate, seconded by Mr. Wright. Motion approved unanimously.

Chief Lenker – Providing Council and the Mayor with a copy of the Middle District of PA's Fugitive Task Force 2005 Fourth Quarter Report.

Chief Lenker stated that this was for Council's information.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-01 – A resolution authorizing the elimination of the Special Purpose Parking Zone for Helen Case of 344 Locust Street.

Mr. Shaver motioned to approve Resolution 2006-R-01, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-02 – A resolution authorizing the elimination of the Special Purpose Parking Zone for Bruce Coder of 43 South Fourth Street.

Mr. Shaver motioned to approve Resolution 2006-R-02, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wright. Motion approved unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dorian Fry of 217 'D' Avenue – stated that there is a problem with parking on 'C' Street.

She stated that she would like to put a parking place in behind her property. She said that when she parked there previously, the neighbors complained and called the police. Chief Lenker stated that it is an unused alley. Mayor Acri stated that during summer, Council approved a Handicapped Parking space but the neighbor complained, so they had to move the spot around the corner. He said that the police have been involved with this neighbor dispute. Mr. Kovach stated that the Borough will need to research the matter.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Albert- commended Mr. Heefner for all of his hard work in putting the SHIP Program together.

Mr. Kovach- stated that he has been receiving a lot of complaints about RT. 230. He said that there are a lot of trees hanging over and on the utility lines. He asked Ms. Stoner to see what she can do and to also contact the State to see if they can do anything to correct the problem.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting recessed into executive session to discuss land acquisitions, at 7:45 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary