

Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
March 6, 2006

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m., by the President, Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by an invocation by Mayor Acri.

In Attendance

Michael Kovach
Jeffrey Wright
Michael Albert
Stephen Shaver
MaryJo Szada
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
Dennis Heefner

Absent:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AS PRESENTED:

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2006 Council Meeting as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Mr. Musser said he had nothing to report other than what is in the minutes.

POWERS & ASSOCIATES TEAM REQUESTING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members voted unanimously to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition issues.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

John R. Zonarich Esquire, Skarlatos & Zonarich LP – Letter in regards to a Sewage Backup issue at 570 Pine Street, Steelton, which is his mother Julia M. Zonarich’s property.

Mr. Zonarich addressed Council, reviewing some of the points in his letter and asking Council to please consider some compensation for the costs incurred by the sewage backup into his mother’s property. He noted that his mother’s homeowner’s insurance did not cover the damages.

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Brian Proctor, Steelton Basketball Tour – Request to reserve Municipal Park for a Steelton Basketball Tour: July 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th and August 5th & 6th.

Ms. Sviben said that an associate of Mr. Dwayne Davis contacted her office to inquire how to reserve the basketball court. Ms. Sviben told her to contact Mr. Derrick Lewis. Ms. Sviben said she was unaware that Mr. Musser had received a letter from Mr. Proctor for a similar request. Ms. Sviben said the Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Proctor if he could work together with Mr. Davis, but Mr. Davis had not responded to that suggestion. Ms. Sviben recommended, since they did not hear from Mr. Davis and Mr. Proctor was present for the meeting, but had to leave during the executive session, that Council consider Mr. Proctor’s request and if Mr. Davis did not want to work with Mr. Proctor, he could possibly use the Bailey Street Basketball Courts.

On a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members voted unanimously to give Mr. Proctor permission to reserve Municipal Park as requested.

Paul Wintergrass, Superintendent of Water Filtration & Lab – Providing Council with a Certificate from the Pa Rural Water Association stating that Mr. Wintergrass has successfully completed the “EPA vulnerability & Emergency Response” Pa DEP #1751 Training Class.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to place the Certificates in Mr. Wintergrass’ personnel file.

David S. Gash, Staff Representative, AFSCME – Letter requesting the Non-Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement be updated to accurately reflect the current employees covered in the Agreement.

Mr. Musser asked Council’s permission to work with Mr. Gash on the request and to also address how their birthdays are used. Mr. Musser said that there has been a question on the intended use and he is recommending that they be treated like personal days and not listed under the Holiday category.

It was the consensus of Council Members to allow Mr. Musser to work on these matters with Mr. Gash.

Pennsylvania State Association of boroughs Invitation to PSAB's Annual Meeting June 11-14, 2006 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

Mr. Kovach asked anyone who wishes to attend to please contact Mr. Musser.

Valerie Duhig, 11 South 3rd Street, Steelton, Pa – Letter of appreciation to Officer Crawford for his assistance in regards to a broken water pipe.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members voted unanimously to have the letter placed in Officer Crawford's file.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Wion – Providing Council with a copy of the Proposed Civil Service Rules Update.

Mr. Wion informed Council that on February 24, 2006, the Steelton Civil Service Commission adopted the amended Civil Services Rules and Regulations, which he presented to Council in the form of **RESOLUTION 2006-R-9, AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (POLICE) OF STEELTON BOROUGH, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, for Council's consideration.**

On a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2006-R-9, as presented. Mr. Shaver abstained, since he serves on the Civil Service Commission.

Ms. Sviben and Mr. Musser – Requesting permission to advertise the Summer Recreation positions and Summer Laborer Positions.

Ms. Sviben said that there is the potential for five of the Summer Recreation Program staff to return to the program this year, which will leave openings for three new employees. She noted that everyone would still have to complete the employment application. Mr. Musser said that he recommends hiring four laborers this year. He said we would offer the positions to those who worked last summer and advertise for any openings.

It was the consensus of the Council Members to authorize Mr. Musser and Ms. Sviben to advertise for the summer positions as needed.

Mr. Musser – Requesting Council to hire two (2) full-time police officers from the Steelton Borough Civil Service Certified List.

Mr. Musser opened the envelope he received from the Civil Service Commission containing the Certified List of candidates.

Mr. Musser presented the following names: Anthony Minium – number one with veteran’s preference; Andrew Crone – number two; Arthur Etnoyer – number three with veteran’s preference, which moves him into second place.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to hire Anthony Minium.

Mayor Acri recommended hiring Mr. Minium as a two-year patrolman, since he was employed as a part-time police officer with the Borough, with a starting date of March 7, 2006.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Albert amended their motion and second to include the Mayor’s recommendations, and was unanimously approved by Council Members.

Mr. Musser presented the following names: Andrew Crone - number one; Anthony Etnoyer –
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number two, with Veteran’s Preference; Mary Lee Butler – number three.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to hire Anthony Etnoyer, with a starting date to be determined by Chief Lenker.

Mayor Acri said that he and Chief Lenker also recommend appointing Nicholas Zarra as a part-time patrolman.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to appoint Nicholas Zarra as a part-time patrolman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grace C. Butts, 305 South Second Street, Steelton – Submission of a Special Purpose Parking Space.

Mr. Musser said that is for Council’s information.

Ms. Sviben – Providing Council with a copy of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Grant Submission to Dauphin County.

Ms. Sviben informed Council that since the Summer Recreation Program was being extended, Jump Street would be providing classes in the afternoon, which will be held at the New Hope Church. She said they are going to have art, music, dance and computer classes and noted that the schedule was included in Council's packets. Ms. Sviben said that to help to fund this extended program, she is applying for a \$12,500 Intergovernmental Cooperation Grant along with the Borough of Highspire and the Steelton-Highspire School District. Ms. Sviben noted that there is no monetary commitment from Highspire or Steel-High.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-R-11, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND ALLOCATING MUNICIPAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,250 TO SAID PROGRAM.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – said that the Fire Department has found the financing for the Tower Truck and the Borough has, in the past, pledged to pay one-half of the financing less the grant amount. Mr. Musser asked Council Members to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Steelton Fire Department stating that the Borough will budget half of the debt payments each year, per Section 147, Budgeting Debt for Payment for Fire Apparatus.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to authorize the execution of the Agreement as presented.

Mr. Kovach commended Chief Vance and his staff who were involved in this project.
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Mr. Kovach – asked Council Members if they would like to participate in the Rebuilding Together of Greater Harrisburg and the SHIP Programs.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members voted unanimously to transfer \$5,000 from the Borough's CDBG Funds for the SHIP Program and to participate in the Rebuilding Together Programs for one (1) year and then review them to determine future participation.

Mr. Heefner thanked Council Members for approving the funds and the programs. Mr. Kovach thanked Mr. Heefner for bringing these programs to Council.

Mr. Wion – asked Council Members to ratify the February 23, 2006 payment of \$8,603, for the purchase of one (1) tent from Celine Tents.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to ratify the payment of \$8,603, for one (1) tent from Celine Tents as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Sviben - informed Council that she had some major difficulties with her computer and was unable to work on the web site. Ms. Sviben said that it is now fixed and she made some major changes to the web site today and asked the Council Members and staff to let her know if they have any corrections, changes or additions they would like her to make.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Wright again thanked Mr. Heefner for working on the SHIP and Rebuilding Together programs.

Mr. Albert invited everyone to the Midget Basketball playoffs to be held at the Elementary Gym on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Shaver – said the State is considering a new law, which would require each Emergency Vehicle to have a defibrillator. Mr. Shaver said while he agrees this is needed it could be very costly for local governments, so the Borough should keep an eye on the legislation.

Mr. Heefner – said that he has seen some entries on Penn Live complaining about slum landlords and saying the Borough isn't doing anything for the town, and suggested Council put some of the positive things that are happening in the Borough on the web site.

Mayor Acri – said that he and Mr. Musser attend the State of the County event and noted that no matter where he goes with Mr. Musser he meets someone new. The Mayor said the Mr. Musser visited every table and no matter where Mr. Musser goes, he is always selling the Borough of Steelton. Mayor Acri said he would like to publicly thank him for that.

Mr. Musser – noted that Council approved his staff to look for new computer software
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Mr. Musser also noted that he recently informed Council that a selection had been made and the contract/agreement has been given to Mr. Wion for review. Mr. Musser said he hopes to bring it to Council for approval within the month.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Borough Secretary