

Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
August 7, 2006

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, by the Vice-President, Stephen Shaver, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance
Stephen Shaver
MaryJo Szada
Jeffery Wright
Dennis Heefner
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar

Absent:
Michael Kovach
Michael Albert
Mayor Thomas Acri

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. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, the minutes of the July 17, 2006 Council Meeting were approved as presented. Mr. Musser informed Council that his Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Sweeney did the minutes as well as the newsletter and added that she is doing a good job.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items only.

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Vanatta Family – Letter of thanks for the Borough’s kind expression of sympathy during the passing of Mr. Kenneth Vanatta.

There were no comments.

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, PSAB – Invitation to the Fall Leadership Conference at the Lancaster Host October 20-22, 2006.

Mr. Shaver asked that anyone who wishes to attend should contact Mr. Musser.

Mr. Musser – Informing Council and Department Heads that the 2007 Budget Requests are due Thursday, August 31, 2006, by 3:00 P.M.

There were no comments.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Sandra L. Good, 32 South Fourth Street, Steelton, PA – Letter of complaint in regards to Mr. John Trish.

Mr. Shaver noted that this will be discussed in executive session, since it is a personnel matter.

Charles D. Gassert, Executive Director, Dauphin County Housing Authority – Providing the Borough with a copy of the Annual Report of the Housing & Redevelopment Authorities of the County of Dauphin for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005.

This is for Council's information.

Chief Lenker – Letter outlining an incident involving a missing child on July 25, 2006, and thanking all of the Agencies that were involved in searching for this child, which resulted in a safe return of the Child to his parents.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to place a copy of this letter in Sgt. Crawford's and Officer Shaub's personnel file.

Rev. Iris J. Andrews, Executive Director, Grace Temple Community Development, Inc., - Letter of request to block off Mulberry Alley from Penn Street to North Fourth Street for a Community Day on Saturday, August 12, 2006, from 11:00 A.M., to 4:00 P.M.

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the request, contingent upon Mayor Acri and Chief Lenker's approval.

David E. Black, President & CEO, Harrisburg Regional Chamber – Invitation to this year's "Meet Your Elected Official" Reception on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., in Liberty Forge, 3804 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Shaver said that anyone who wishes to attend should contact Mr. Musser. Mr. Heefner, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar informed Mr. Musser that they will be attending.

Craig E. Powers – Letter of Resignation as a Part-Time Officer with the Steelton Police Department, effective July 20, 2006.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to accept Officer Power's resignation, as presented.

Richard T. Wiley, Police Chief, Lower Swatara Township Police Department – Letter of Thanks to the Steelton Police Department for their assistance with the capturing of robbery suspects on June 30, 2006.

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On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to have a copy of this letter placed in Officer Zarra, Bankert, Fry, Minium, and Conjar's Personnel Files.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Officer William J. Shaub – Providing Council with a copy of the Traffic Study conducted on North Harrisburg Street from Walnut Street to Sweetbriar Road.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution based on the traffic study recommendations, by Officer Shaub.

Mr. Shaver – Requesting Council to Name River Alley, South and North respectively by using Locust Street as the dividing line between South and North.

Mr. Shaver informed Council that there were two recent incidents in River Alley and there was a problem for emergency responders because there is no North or South. He requested Council to designate River Alley as North and South, with Locust Street as the dividing line.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Wion to prepare the proper Resolution.

Mr. Wion said that Mr. Musser requested that he prepare a Resolution for Council's consideration, in anticipation of Council's approval tonight.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-32, RE-DESIGNATING RIVER ALLEY AS NORTH RIVER ALLEY AND SOUTH RIVER ALLEY, was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve RESOLUTION R-32, as presented.

Daniel Scheitrum, Superintendent of Water, Filtration & Lab – Letter requesting the posting of a Chief Operators Position within the Water Filtration Plant.

Mr. Shaver said this was discussed in the Personnel Committee following the last interviews for the Filter Plant Superintendent. Mr. Musser said the position would be posted but the wage amount was not discussed. Mr. Shaver said he would table the matter until it could be discussed in executive session.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-31 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 152 ADAMS STREET, BOROUGH OF STEELTON, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AS A PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE ADAMS STREET REDEVELOPMENT AREA, was presented for Council’s consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2006-R-31, as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser - Requesting Council provide him with Projects to be done as part of the Comcast Cares Day Project.

Mr. Musser informed Council that Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar did submit some ideas from the Community Development the project, but Comcast said they can’t do them because they are on private property. Mr. Musser said that they are receiving project requests from other areas so there is no guarantee that our projects would be selected, so we have to submit a good project to them. There was some discussion on possible projects and Mr. Musser asked Council Members to think about it and submit the ideas to Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar by Wednesday. Mr. Shaver asked Mr. Musser to contact Mayor Acri, Mr. Kovach and Mr. Albert.

Mr. Conjar – Providing Council with a Storm Water Catch Basin Cleaning Schedule.

Mr. Shaver asked Council to contact Mr. Conjar or Mr. Albert if they have any questions relating to the schedule.

ADDITIONS:

Mr. Shaver – said that Ms. Sviben has requested Council to hire another person for the summer program, since two of the staff will be leaving to begin football practice. Mr. Shaver said the Ms. Sviben is recommending Chapree Cox-Smith, as a Summer Part-

Time Program Assistant, at the rate of \$6.50 an hour for the remainder of the season. Mr. Shaver noted that the Criminal Background check was completed. Mr. Wright noted that Ms. Sviben did contact all of the Personnel Committee with the request.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to hire Chapree Cox-Smith, as a part-time Summer Program Assistant, at the rate of \$6.50 an hour for the remainder of the season, as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Musser – Special Purpose Parking Request from Beverly Garland, 333 Locust Street.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-33, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING SPACE FOR BEVERLY GARLAND, AT 333 LOCUST STREET, STEELTON, PA., was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2006-R-33, as presented.

Mr. Musser – Invitation to the Steelton Fire Department Truck Dedication.

Mr. Musser noted that Council received invitations to the dedication and asked that they please RSVP.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Requesting permission to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition matters, personnel issues and potential litigation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There were no comments.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Dr. Szada – said that Council has passed a Resolution prohibiting parking and authorizing the curb to be painted, so she hopes that these areas will be enforced. She noted that there is an area near her residence that is not enforced. Mr. Heefner said he spoke to the officers and they are going to start to enforce that. There was a discussion on painting curbs and enforcing the no parking resolutions. Mr. Wion cautioned that the painted curb alone is not sufficient to enforce the law, that there must be a sign designating the area as 'no parking'. Dr. Szada said that there is an area in front of Tree's Tavern where cars park on Front Street, right up to the intersection at Conestoga

Street and cautioned that there is going to be a bad accident in that area because it is difficult to see oncoming traffic due to the cars parking there.

Mr. Heefner– asked why all of the fire hydrants are not painted red. Mr. Musser said they are painted different colors to designate the size of the connection.

Mr. Wright – Thanked the staff, and all who participated in the National Night Out. Mr. Wright said that it was a very successful event. Council Members present and Mr. Musser concurred.

RECESS:

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members voted unanimously to recess into executive session at 7:13 PM, to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition and potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

It was the consensus of Council Members present to post for the position of Chief Operator at the Filter Plant and for Mr. Musser to work with Mr. Scheitrum on the job description.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Secretary

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Assistant Borough Secretary