

Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
April 21, 2003

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by the Council President, Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, and a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Kovach
Jeffrey Wright
Thomas Acri
Mike Albert
Maryjo Szada

Absent:

Albert Gornik
Jeffrey Wrightstone
Mayor George Hartwick, III

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 7th and 21st, and the May 5th, 2003, Council meetings were presented for approval.

On a motion by Mr. Acri, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Acri informed Council Members that Mr. Musser receives copies of the Steelton Highspire School Board Meeting minutes, which are on file in the office. Mr. Acri told the Council Members that they should inform Mr. Musser if they want him to give them copies of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Mr. Musser said he had nothing to report at this time.

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

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

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the Community Development, Finance, Fire and Ambulance, Personnel, Police, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Departmental Reports for April, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dennis Yablonsky, Secretary, DCED – Providing the Borough with a Letter of Acceptance into the Second Year of the Main Street Program and supplying the Borough with a grant in the amount of \$55,000.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert Council Members present voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Kovach to execute this Letter of Acceptance as presented

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Citizen Fire Co. #1 of Oberlin – Invitation to Mayor Hartwick to attend the 85th Annual Dauphin County Volunteer Firemen’s Convention and Parade on Saturday, June 13-14, 2003.

There were no comments

William D. Smith, Police Chief, Derry Township – Letter of thanks to Chief Lenker, Officer Elhajj and Officer Conjar for their assistance in regards to the incident on March 22, 2003, at the Giant Center.

On a motion by Mr. Acri, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to place copies of this letter in each Officer’s personnel file.

Mr. Musser – Reminding Council Members of the QRS Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 7:00 P.M.

There were no comments.

Craig Zumbur, Executive Director, The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance – Invitatin to the First Annual Neighborhood Initiatives Workshop on May 29th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Penn State Middletown Campus.

Mr. Kovach said that anyone who is wishes to attend, should contact Mr. Musser.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sviben – Update on the Unity Day Celebration.

George Connor, Community Development Coordinator, Dauphin County – Requesting the Borough Execute the Agreement between the Borough and County for the FY 2003 CDBG Funds in the amount of \$225, 480.00.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, Council Members present voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Kovach to execute the Agreement as presented.

Mr. Musser – Informing Council that the written testing for full-time police officers in the Borough of Steelton, has been scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2003.

ORDINANCE 2003-2, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Steelton, Pennsylvania, Chapter 120 Thereof Entitled “Zoning”, Article II, “Definitions and Word Usage” Chapter 120-8, “Definitions” and Article III, “Regulations Applicable in All Districts”, Section 120-10, “Usage Regulations” to Provide Appropriate Definitions and Further Providing for Regulation of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, was presented for Council’s consideration.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt ORDINANCE 2003-2, as presented.

Mr. Ron Acri, Code/Zoning/Planning Officer – Discussion in regards to the sale of food and bait at the new Boat Dock Facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill and Jackie Hrestak, 506 Spruce St., Steelton, PA – Requesting permission to address Council regarding their Dog Grooming Business located in their home.

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Mr. Acri – Requesting Council to approve the hiring of the following three summer time per diem employees: James Crist, Joshua Bosak and Jerry D. Cooper, at the rate of \$8.00, per hour.

Musser – Providing council with a Special Purpose Parking Space for Susana Svidunovich of 337 Locust Street, Steelton.

Mr. Musser said that Ms. Svidunovich is requesting a temporary space while she is getting chemotherapy treatments. He said that everything is in order, and if Council approves, RESOLUTION 2003-R-20 has been prepared for their consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2003-R-20, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser presented the following additional items not on the agenda:

1) RESOLUTION 2003-R-18, a Resolution designating Steelton Borough Public Officials and Public Employees pursuant to the Pennsylvania Ethics Act and Supporting Regulations was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2003-R-18, as presented.

2) RESOLUTION 2003-R-19, a Resolution Authorizing the Borough to file for Snow Emergency Reimbursement was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2003-R-19, as presented.

Mr. Musser said it will be submitted Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

3) Traffic Study conducted by Officer Shaub.

Mr. Musser said that Chief Lenker and Dr. Szada requested that a study be conducted to determine the feasibility of allowing parking on North Front Street from Conestoga Street to Jefferson Street on the Westside of North Front Street.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the traffic study as presented and authorize Mr. Wion to prepare the Resolution.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jean Barr, 346B Locust Street said she at the last Council meeting, she asked why Donna Czeiner left the Codes Office and was not able to finish. Mr. Wright said that Council cannot discuss personnel issues.

Shirley Wagner, 330 Locust Street – said that she is getting fifteen (15) parking meter bags with chains from Indiantown Gap, for the Borough's use and all the Borough will have to supply is the locks. Ms. Wagner said that she has been in touch with two people who may be interested in investment and beautification in the Borough. She said she has given the information to Mr. Musser and noted that one of the persons is a former resident of Steelton Borough.

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Justin Nicholson, Assistant Manager, Vendetta's, 801 S. Front St., introduced his Sister Ashley Nicholson, President and Manager of Vendetta's, Paul Condon, her fiancée, and Mr. Dasheau, an investor in Vendettas. He said they were there to hopefully ease Council's minds by assuring them that, though they had an incident at Vendetta's on Friday night, they replaced the security and Saturday night there were no incidents. He said they are not just a night club, they are also a restaurant. Mr. Nicholson said that he met with Mr. Ron Acri, the Code Officer, to address some additional minor items which will be taken care of. He said they hope to get into catering, and are there to do a good job. He also discussed some additional ideas for development in the Borough.

Ashley Nicholson told Council that she was pleased to be here and said that their capacity for the building is posted. Mayor Hartwick wished them success and Ms. Nicholson invited the Mayor to come to the Restaurant.

Pauline Douglas, 433 Bessemer Street asked if there was any kind of policy or controls over rental properties. Mr. Ron Acri, Code Enforcement Officer said that properties can be rented, but they can't be altered to additional units.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Dr. Szada said that she was glad to see the Council Chambers full of people and invited them back to the next meeting.

Mr. Acri agreed with Dr. Szada and thanked everyone for coming. He welcomed the new businesses to town and suggested that they keep the area clean. Mr. Acri said that the Borough and Council will support them and asked for their cooperation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Acri, seconded by Mr. Albert, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Secretary