

Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
October 6, 2003

The Council meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by the Council-President, Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Kovach
Jeffrey Wright
Thomas Acri
MaryJo Szada
Michael Albert
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar

Absent:

Jeffrey Wrightstone
George Hartwick, III, Mayor

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

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION:

Mr. Kovach – Presenting resignation of Jeffery A. Wrightstone, effective September 19, 2003, for Council’s consideration.

Mr. Musser noted that Mr. Wrightstone requested that the letter of resignation be read and included as part of the minutes. The letter read as follows:

Due to recent time constraints, which have not allowed me the involvement in Council matters that are required, please accept this as my official resignation from Steelton Borough Council, effective Friday, September 19, 2003.

It has been a great learning experience over the past 12 years serving my community. I am proud of our accomplishments. I would like to thank all Department Heads for their help in resolving matters over the years. It has been my immense pleasure serving with my fellow Council Members and distinguished Mayor. Their goals and hearts are in the right place and I am proud to call them my friends. I would also take this opportunity to welcome Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar as Steelton Borough’s newest Council Member. Having known Lisa for several years, I know she will bring integrity and dedication to her position. Wishing you all the best with my continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Wrightstone

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Acri, Council Members voted unanimously to accept Mr. Wrightstone’s resignation, effective September 19, 2003, as presented.

RESOLUTION 2003-R-39, RESOLUTION FILLING VACANCY ON BOROUGH COUNCIL, APPOINTING DENNIS C. HEEFNER FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2003, was presented for Council’s consideration.

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2003-R-39, as presented.

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SWEARING IN:

The Honorable District Justice Steven Semic administered the Oath of Office for Councilman of the Borough of Steelton, to Dennis C. Heefner.

Mr. Heefner then took his seat on Council

Mr. Kovach distributed the new list of Council's Committees, which included newly appointed Councilman Heefner, and noted that Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar requested to be moved from the Finance Committee to the Fire, Ambulance and EMA Committee and Mr. Heefner will be moved from the Fire, Ambulance and EMA Committee to the Finance Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Mr. Musser said he had nothing to report at this time. He said he will report at the October 20th Council Meeting, on the executive session held prior to this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda items only.

Mr. Kovach noted that there were no members of the public present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Requesting permission to schedule and advertise the necessary Budget Sessions.

Mr. Musser said he distributed a list of proposed Budget Meetings to be advertised. Mr. Musser noted that if a quorum is not present at a meeting, it will be considered an information session and the results of the meeting will be distributed to those who were not in attendance. He requested that any questions on the materials be brought to his attention prior to the next meeting to avoid a repetition of the previous work. Mr. Musser said he would like to have a budget finalized by the first or second meeting in November, so that the Budget can be placed before the public and adopted at the first meeting in December. Mr. Musser said he hopes that only one meeting will be necessary in December because of the holidays.

On a motion by Mr. Acri, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to approve the proposed Budget Meeting dates for advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Requesting an Executive Session to discuss the Police Contract Negotiations, Land Acquisition and Water Filtration Plant Personnel Matters.

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Mr. Musser noted that the Water Filtration Plant personnel matters were discussed in the executive session held prior to this meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public present.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Acri, Council Members present voted unanimously to recess into Executive Session to discuss Police Contract Negotiations, and Land Acquisition, at 6:37 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar expressed concerns about parking in certain areas near the High School Football field during the football games. Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar said she was up in the area during a game and noticed vehicles blocking fire hydrants on many of the nearby streets and that emergency vehicles could not pass through Woodbine Street because of the way cars were parked. She asked why the vehicles blocking the hydrants weren't ticketed. Mr. Acri noted that Officer Shaub was doing a traffic study on one-way travel on Woodbine Street. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council Members to discuss the parking violation enforcement with Chief Lenker. Mr. Kovach commented that these are our streets and we should enforce the laws.

Mr. Albert welcomed Mr. Heefner to Council.

Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar also welcomed Mr. Heefner to Council and informed Council that District Justice Semic's mother passed away and her services would be held tomorrow.

Mr. Acri welcomed Mr. Heefner to Council.

Mr. Kovach welcomed Mr. Heefner to Council and said he know Mr. Heefner will do a good job. Mr. Kovach said that Local Government affects people more than any other form of government.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Acri, seconded by Mr. Albert, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Secretary