

Steelton Borough
Council Meeting
December 20, 2004

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by the Vice-President, Jeffrey Wright, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. (Mr. Kovach stepped out of the meeting temporarily)

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Michael Albert

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the November 15, and December 6, 2004 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

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

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

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, 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 for November, were presented for Council's approval.

On a motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Shaver, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the Department Reports for November as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Acri said he had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

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There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jeff Dougherty, Owner Intrepid Video TV/VCR Repair – Letter requesting a 15 Minute Parking Space be placed in front of 263 South Front Street.

Mr. Musser noted that Mr. Dougherty had originally requested a loading and unloading space, and after some discussion, Mr. Dougherty revised the request to a 15-minute parking zone. Mr. Musser said he believes that this is more acceptable. Mr. Heefner asked if that will eliminate a parking meter. Mr. Musser said he wasn't sure there was one there. He noted that there are two other signs that are 30-minute parking. Mr. Shaver asked if it would make sense to designate it as 15 minute parking, but keep the parking meter there.

Mr. Wion suggested that the police department do a traffic survey to determine the proper action.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to have the police department conduct a traffic survey on this parking situation.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission – Providing Council with a Copy of the 2003 Annual Report.

There were no comments.

Matthew D. Cichy, E.I.T. Environmental Staff Professional, HRG., Inc. – Providing Council with a copy of the Engineers Report.

There were no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Informing Council that William A. Wright & Lichelle Williams have submitted a Special Purpose Parking application.

Mr. Musser said that Mr. Conjar did an inspection of the property and indicated that there is a garage at the rear, constituting off-street parking.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to deny the request, following the past practice of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2004-R-43, A RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT THE BOROUGH OF STEELTON IS IN SUPPORT OF DAUPHIN COUNTY ESTABLISHING A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE was presented for Council's consideration.

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On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2004-R-43, as presented.

Mr. Kovach returned to the meeting.

Chief Lenker - Requesting Council approve the part-time police hiring list.

Chief Lenker recommended hiring Timothy Zechman and Richard Crone. The Chief said that they passed their background checks and he would like to hire them and start training them as soon as possible.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to hire Timothy Zechman and Richard Crone as part-time police officers per Chief Lenker's request.

Christina E. Fackler, Main Street Manager – Requesting Council to designate a representative or representatives from Council to serve on the Elm Street Committee.

Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Mr. Wright and Mr. Acri volunteered to serve on the committee. Mr. Kovach appointed them to the Committee.

Mr. Musser – Requesting Council to approve 3% contributions from the Steelton Police Officers for the year of 2005, into the Steelton Police Pension Plan.

Mr. Musser said that Mr. Wion prepared the appropriate Resolution, if Council approves.

RESOLUTION 2004-R-44, ESTABLISHING MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF STEELTON POLICE PENSION PLAN AND FUND WILL BE FIXED AT THREE (3%) PERCENT OF MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005, was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2004-R-44, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Requesting an Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters.

Mr. Musser – Reminding Council that Steelton will be hosting the Dauphin-Lebanon meeting on January 25, 2005, at Shane’s City Limits. Mr. Musser said he hopes that all of Council will attend and encouraged the Department Heads and employees to attend also.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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Dr. Kambic – said he met with Donald E. Potter, Jr., of Community Life Team and asked him to reconsider joint ALS service. He said he doesn’t want to loose the Volunteers, noting that it is a new concept for them. Dr. Kambic said that Mr. Potter said he doesn’t know how to work this out and he won’t be able to resolve this by December 29, 2004. Dr. Kambic said he will attend the Board meeting, if invited. He said that their ambulance membership runs from November to November and proposed that it be run from April to November, if the joint venture is to continue. Dr. Kambic asked Council to try to keep what we have.

Mr. Kovach said it is the consensus of Council to go forward with a merger.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Dr. Szada, the Council meeting recessed into executive session to discuss land acquisitions and personnel matters, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Borough Secretary