

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

Upon presentation of Certificates of Election, Oaths of Office were administered by the Honorable Thomas F. Acri, Steelton Borough Mayor, to the following:

The Honorable Stephen J. Shaver, Councilman
The Honorable Michael K. Albert, Councilman
The Honorable Dr. MaryJo Szada, Councilwoman
The Honorable Dennis C. Heefner, Councilman

The newly elected members of Council then assumed their seats joining the following members:

The Honorable Michael J. Kovach, Councilman
The Honorable Jeffery L. Wright, Councilman
The Honorable Lisa M. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Councilwoman

NOMINATIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Acri opened nominations for President of Council.

Mr. Wright nominated Mr. Kovach to the position of Council President, seconded by Mr. Albert.

There being no other nominations, on a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members present unanimously to elect Mr. Kovach as President, by a the following roll-call vote:

Jeffery Wright – Yes, Michael Albert – Yes, Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar – Yes, Mr. Kovach – Yes, Mr. Shaver – Yes, Dr. Szada – Yes, Mr. Heefner – Yes.

Mayor Acri opened nominations for Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Albert nominated Mr. Shaver to the position of Council Vice - President, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar.

There being no other nominations, on a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council members voted unanimously to elect Mr. Shaver as Vice – President, by the following roll-call vote:

Jeffery Wright – Yes, Michael Albert – Yes, Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar – Yes, Mr. Kovach – Yes, Mr. Shaver – Yes, Dr. Szada – Yes, Mr. Heefner – Yes.

Mayor Acri turned over the gavel to President Kovach.

President Kovach opened nominations for Chairman Pro-Tem of Council.

Mr. Shaver nominated Mr. Wright to the position of Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Mr. Albert .

There being no other nominations, on a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to elect Mr. Wright as Chairman Pro-Tem, by the following roll-call vote:

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Jeffery Wright – Yes, Michael Albert – Yes, Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar – Yes, Mr. Kovach – Yes, Mr. Shaver – Yes, Dr. Szada – Yes, Mr. Heefner – Yes.

COUNCIL MAKES THE FOLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Michael G. Musser, II, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Kathleen D. Handley, Assistant Borough Secretary.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint David A. Wion, Borough Solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint John J. McNally, Borough Solicitor for Land Negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint William J. Flannery, Borough Solicitor for Police Negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Michael McAuliffe Miller, Borough Solicitor for Non-Uniform Negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Robert Grubic of Herbert, Rowland and Grubic Inc., Borough Engineer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Craig W. Bachik and Renee Regal of Kairos Design Group, Borough Recreational Engineer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Robert H. Weidner & George H. Bailey of IEQ Engineering, Borough Mechanical and Plumbing Engineer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Kenneth A. Lenker, Chief of Police.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Sylvia A. Zell, Borough Code/Zoning/Planning Officer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Joseph Conjar, Superintendent of Highway/Water Distribution & Sewer.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Daniel P. Scheitrum, Superintendent of Water Filtration & Lab.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Jennifer. Brown-Sweeney, Administrative Assistant.

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On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Patrick J. Gehrlein, Main Street Manager.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Eugene Vance, III, Fire Chief.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Brian G. Handley, Assistant Fire Chief.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Victor Brubacher, Jr., Battalion Chief.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Timothy J. Lehman, Emergency Management Coordinator.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Boyer & Ritter, Borough Auditor.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council members voted unanimously to appoint Michael L. Rozman, Vacancy Board.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

President Kovach distributed copies of the Committee appointments for 2008, and asked that they be made part of the minutes and marked 'Exhibit A'. Mr. Kovach said if anyone has any different preferences to please see him. Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar asked to be appointed to the Fire and Ambulance Committee. Mr. Kovach asked if there were any other questions or changes. Mr. Heefner noted that he was appointed to the ISG Committee as Chairman and asked what the function of that Committee was. Mr. Kovach said that Committee was formed to deal with the Steel Company, but the name will be changed to Arcelor Mittal.

OFFICIAL ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, 10TH EDITION.

Mr. Shaver motioned to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition, seconded by Mr. Wright. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2008-R-1, a Resolution authorizing the maintenance of brick pavers at the crosswalks of North Front and Pine Streets as part of the SR 0230 Front Street Enhancement Project with the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, Council Members voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2008-R-1, as presented.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Heefner – informed Council Members that he had some problems with York Waste over the holidays, noting that his trash was not picked up even after several calls. Mr. Heefner said he hopes that his constituents are not treated as badly as he was, and asked that a letter be sent to the company. Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar said she has had problems for over six months with trash collection her property in East End. Mr. Kovach and Mr. Wright concurred that they are aware of problems too. It was the consensus of Council Members to send a letter to York Waste about the problems and their response to complaints. Mr. Heefner asked if the increase in tipping fees at the Harrisburg Incinerator will affect our trash bills. Mr. Musser said it will.

Mr. Heefner said that Council had the new heater/air conditioner installed in Council Chambers, but opted for a smaller unit due to costs, but noted that people are setting the heat too high and he had concerns that it could burn up the condenser – it wasn't meant to be used that hard. He also noted that it wasn't being turned off and the doors were left open when the Council Chambers wasn't in use. Mr. Heefner asked that everyone who uses the Council Chambers be reminded not to set the temperature too high in winter or too low in summer; to keep the door closed when the room is in use, when permitted; and to turn the unit off when leaving.

Mr. Shaver - said that the Police Committee met with Chief Lenker regarding the Borough's towing contractors. He noted that the wording in the ordinance is very specific and designates two towing companies. Mr. Shaver said he believes that one of the companies is going out of business and asked if Chief Lenker could meet with Mr. Wion to change the wording in the ordinance, so that Council would not have to adopt a new ordinance every time it had to change towing companies.

Chief Lenker noted that this is to tow abandoned vehicles and those parked illegally, it is not for accidents. The Chief recommended increasing the fee to \$100.00, with \$90.00 going to the towing company and \$10.00 to the Borough for their administrative costs. Chief Lenker said he would like to designate Foremost Towing and Ritchie's Towing and any other company designated by Council. The Chief noted that he approached Highspire Auto to see if they would be interested, but they declined.

On motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members authorized Chief Lenker to contact Mr. Wion to inform him of the Council's desire to make the Police Committee's recommended changes to the Towing Ordinance and determine what steps Council should take to do so.

Mr. Wright – thanked his colleagues for electing him as President Pro-Tem of Council. Mr. Wright added that the next Community Development meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., and added that Council will continue to move forward.

Mayor Acri – Informed Council that the Fire Department will have their holiday party and they asked him to invite Council and staff.

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Mr. Kovach – thanked Council Members for the opportunity to serve as president, saying he enjoyed working with Council and staff and looked forward to 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer