

STEELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2022

Present:

Brian Proctor, President
Michael Segina, Vice President
Denae House, Pro Tem
William Jones
Natashia Woods
Ciera Dent, Mayor
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor

Anne Shambaugh, Manager
William Shaub, Interim Police Chief
Gene Vance, Fire Chief
Randy Watts, Engineer
Jeff Baltimore, Public Works Director

Absent with Cause: Keontay Hodge and Willie Slade

President Proctor opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Mayor Dent led the group in a Moment of Silent Reflection. Roll was not called; however, those in attendance are listed above.

Mr. Segina requested the February 7, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes be tabled until a later meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House, to accept the March 21, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda items only: There were no public comments at this time.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Watts presented the March 2022 Engineer's Report to Council. Mr. Watts presented two items to Council for their action. The first was *Application for Payment #2 for the 101 Locust Street Retaining Wall Repair Project in the amount of \$61,299*. Mr. Watts explained the project is at substantial completion. The second was *Notice of Intent to Award the 101 Locust Street Structure Demolition Project to G&R in the amount of \$68,950*. Mr. Watts explained the bid opening was held Wednesday, March 30th at 11:00 am and the bid prices ranged from \$68,000 up to \$99,000.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve Payment Application #2 for the Locust Street Retaining Wall Project in the amount of \$61,299. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the Intent to Award letter for the 101 Locust Street Structure Demolition Project to G&R in the amount of \$68,950 contingent upon the receipt of the Payment and Performance Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Shambaugh presented Invoice E222007 for the Emergency Storm Sewer Repair on Blueberry Alley for payment approval. Ms. Shambaugh explained UGI was digging to replace a gas line and hit the storm sewer pipe which was collapsed. After a brief discussion, this request was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Ms. Shambaugh presented Invoice E222006 for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair along River Alley. Ms. Shambaugh explained a resident was having their sewer lateral line replaced and the connection to the main could not be made because the main line (along River Alley) had collapsed. When the contractor dug the road further, the pipe was collapsed for approximately 12 feet. EK Services made the repair after consulting with ARRO, the Codes Department and Ms. Shambaugh.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House, to approve payment of Invoice E222006 in the amount of \$15,757.01 for emergency work completed on the Sewer Main line along River Alley.

Ms. Shambaugh presented a list of changes to be made during the upcoming Codification of the Borough's Ordinances. Ms. Shambaugh explained the procedure and noted the Borough previously paid for this work to be done. Ms. Shambaugh explained she has been working with Mr. Wion and Mr. Segina previously and now has been working with Mr. Gonder. She stated all Ordinances passed in 2021 would be sent to General Code this week. Once the changes have been made, the Codes Committee will work on updating the following sections separately as they require a public hearing:

- Chapter 80 – Plumbing
- Chapter 82 – Property Maintenance
- Chapter 99 – Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO)
- Chapter 120 – Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Shambaugh presented the February 2022 LifeTeam Report. She stated there were several calls that took longer than anticipated and read a memo from Rueben Rosenberg of Life Team explaining the reasons for the delay.

New Business:

Ms. Shambaugh presented an update on the PennDOT resurfacing project along Route 230. She noted the project would consist of Route 230 between Sycamore Street and the Family Dollar Store at Chambers Street. She stated PennDOT is asking about Bike Lane markings as well as Bicycle Safe grates. Mr. Proctor asked if Ms. Shambaugh could reach out to Matt Cichy of HRG and get the televising information for the Sewer Main to determine if the Borough needed to do any maintenance on the Sewer Main lines. Ms. Shambaugh agreed to reach out and report back to the Borough with any information received.

She stated the project was expected to begin in August of this year and last through July 2023.

Ms. Shambaugh presented two (2) Repository Bids to Council for their consideration:

- 2165 Rear S Front Street in the amount of \$1,000; and
- 24 S 3rd Street in the amount of \$1,000

After a brief discussion, Mr. Proctor asked that these items be tabled until the April 18th Council meeting.

Ms. Shambaugh presented the Shut-off Notices received from PA American Water for residents who did not pay PA American Water their water bills. Ms. Shambaugh stated these notices were not final and were copies of the notices mailed to the residents/property owners. Ms. Shambaugh noted, if the bills were not paid and the water was indeed turned off, the Codes Department would be issuing condemnation notices per the Federal guidelines.

Ms. Shambaugh presented an offer to purchase 247 Frank S Brown Boulevard from Hector Alvarado in the amount of \$500.00. After a brief discussion, Borough Council opted not to accept the offer as presented.

Public Comments:

Shawn Gold, 319 S Front Street – requested approval to place a banner across Front Street advertising the Steelton Cannabis Festival. After a brief discussion and conferring with Chief Vance, Council stated a banner could be placed promoting the Festival. Mr. Gold stated all Steelton Vendors are eligible for a discount if they would like to purchase a vendor spot for the Festival. Ms. Woods asked what does a spot cost? Mr. Gold stated the cost of the spots are normally \$150 - \$200 but would be dramatically reduced for Steelton residents and/or business owners.

Emuel Powell, 321 Lebanon Street – asked if anyone in the Borough can condemn a property. Mr. Proctor stated the Building Code Official, Mr. Curry can do so. He asked about the property at the corner of Adams Street and Bailey. After a brief discussion, Mr. Proctor stated Mr. Steele and Mr. Curry would review the property tomorrow.

Cheryl Powell, 321 Lebanon Street – thanked everyone who was responsible for cleaning up the corner of Lincoln and Lebanon Streets. She asked if there is an option to “opt-out” of the existing trash contract with the City of Harrisburg. Mr. Proctor stated the Borough is in year 3 of a 5-year contract and the trash committee he developed would be looking into options.

Council Concerns:

Mr. Baltimore stated he had no concerns.

Chief Vance had no concerns.

Det. Sgt. Shaub had no concerns.

Ms. Woods thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also asked about the removal of the handicapped parking space that was previously tabled. Mr. Gonder stated he was getting the coordinates so the resolution could be amended.

Ms. House stated Mr. Warner from the School District requested the Borough block off Lincoln Street on May 14th between Bailey and Harrisburg Street for the Prom Parade. Mr. Proctor asked Det. Sgt. Shaub if he had received a request and he replied he did not.

Motion made by Ms. House, seconded by Ms. Woods, to close Lincoln Street on May 14th between Bailey and Harrisburg Streets between 4 pm and 7 pm for the Prom Parade. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. House reminded everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 9th at Mohn Street Park at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Gonder stated Council will hold an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Mayor Dent thanked everyone for attending. She stated she had a problem with how the street sweeper was handled today. She stated we need to communicate better with each other and need to show transparency about what we do. Mr. Proctor stated in the past, once the street sweeper begins, tickets are given whether or not the sweeper runs. This prevents residents from parking there regardless of the weather conditions or if the sweeper is being used elsewhere.

Ms. Shambaugh presented a proposed estimate in the amount of \$7,062.78 to repair the street sweeper. She stated Five Star Int'l is currently waiting for the parts to arrive. She requested approval to get the sweeper repaired at this cost. Mr. Bekelja spoke to Council describing the issue with the sweeper and the conversation he and Mr. Baltimore had with Five Star. Ms. Shambaugh stated she spoke to the technician this morning and they were working with their headquarters to determine if a portion of the expected cost would be covered.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the expenditure of funds up to \$8,000 to fix the street sweeper while working with Five Star to get the issue resolved.

Mr. Proctor stated the 3rd Ward would now be voting at IW Abel Hall and not at the Fire Station. He stressed the importance of everyone completing the jobs and projects they begin. He stated he does not get involved in people's events and doesn't run these events. He told Council members to work to complete your project and that everyone needs to run them from start to finish. He stated he does not want to work on your project for you. He wants to give everyone a time for them to shine. He stated he is not here to be liked and not here to make friends. He stated everyone needs to do their part.

Moved by Mr. Segina, and seconded by Ms. Woods, the Council move into Executive Session at 7:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House, to move back into Regular Session at 8:29 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House, to accept the resignation of Officer Robert Doll effective April 16, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. Woods, to accept the resignation of Officer Angel Diaz effective April 18, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. House, seconded by Mr. Segina, to make an offer of employment to Richie Miller for the Sewer Foreman position at an hourly rate of \$28.00/hour with the agreement he will get his sewer certification by the end of the calendar year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. House, seconded by MR. Segina, to make an offer of employment to Keith Flynn for the Highway Operator position at an hourly rate of \$18.00/hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Ms. House, seconded by Ms. Woods, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Shambaugh
Borough Secretary