#### Steelton Borough Council Meeting Agenda May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Call Meeting to Order**: President Proctor **Pledge of Allegiance**: President Proctor **Moment of Silence**: Mayor Dent

**Council Meeting Roll Call**: Jack Gombach **Additions to Agenda Public Comments for Agenda Items Only** 

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

#### **Executive Session Announcement**

Executive session was held on 5/1/2023 after the regular meeting for the purposes of Real Estate & Personnel

#### **Department & Committee Reports**

Fire Department and Ambulance (Written Report) Police Department (Written Report) Codes Department (Written Report) Public Works (Oral and Written Statistical Reports) Parks and Recreation Committee (Oral Report) NEDC Committee (Oral Report) Mayor's Report (Oral Report) Borough Manager's Report (Oral Report)-

#### **New Business:**

Ryan Gonder

Approval of the side letter agreement between Steelton borough and Council 90, AFL-CIO, Increasing the pay range for Public works laborer-Operator to 22.00-31.00 per hour.

Jack Gombach

Approval of the borough to enter a contract with Berkshire Mechanical for the amount of \$4,600.00 to replace all cracked drain piping in the borough building.

Approval of entering a contract with Central State Door service for the amount of \$2,994.00 to replace five bay doors at the borough garage.

#### Public Comments Council Concerns

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#### Present:

Michael Segina, Vice President Natashia Woods, Pro Temp Denae House Willie Slade Vanessa Bowers Ciera Dent, Mayor Jack Gombach, Interim Borough Manager Randy Watts, Engineer, HRG Ryan Gonder, Solicitor Aaron Curry, Codes Enforcement Officer Jeff Baltimore, Public Works Director William Shaub, Police Chief Gene Vance, Fire Chief

Absent: Mr. Proctor, Mr. Jones.

Vice President Mr. Segina opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dent led the group in a Moment of Silent Reflection.

## **Roll Call:**

The roll was not called, but the individuals listed above were present.

#### Additions to Agenda (if needed):

Motion made by Mr. Slade seconded by Ms. Woods to add the hiring of one public works employee and one part-time parking enforcement officer to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments on Agenda items only:** None

#### Department Reports: Fire Department and Ambulance

A written report was presented, Chief Vance added that Bressler Fire Co. requested permission to hang a banner by Front & Swatara Streets. He noted that this was a high-quality banner that won't rip and fall. Council had no issues.

#### **Police Department**

Chief Shaub stated the Police Department is hiring and the application period is open until June 2 with the test taking place on June 17. Going to hire 3 officers to reach full staff. Applied for a COPS Hiring grant to cover the costs of 2 officers.

Mrs. Bowers asked if there was a flier for the positions. Chief Shaub informed council there was no hiring flyers, although posted online and in the newspaper. Tyler sent information over to be posted on the website.

#### **Codes Department**

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A written report was presented, Mr. Curry had no additional comments.

### Public Works

A written report was presented. Mr. Baltimore had nothing to add.

#### Parks and Recreation

Ms. Woods noted the committee is updating items at the parks. Working on the Community Hero event at Veterans Park on June 10 at 11:00 AM. 2 Community heroes will be honored. She also announced the Borough had received a \$7,500 grant for the community garden from PA American Water.

## <u>NEDC</u>

Ms. Woods discussed the continuing to update the projects that have been going on: Habitat for Humanity on 2nd St, Hamilton Health project, working on the certified Elm St Program that will help with local business facades around town.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Dent stated they had raised \$27,500 for the community garden so far. Excited to partner with Healthy Babies (\$10,000), Penn State Health (\$10,000), and PA American Water (\$7,500). Working to put together a resource/workshop day with American Water to address residents' concerns about the rising cost of water bills.

#### **Borough Managers Report**

Nothing at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Slade seconded by Ms. Woods to approval the committee reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration the approval of a side letter agreement between Steelton borough and Council 90, AFL-CIO, Increasing the pay range for Public Works Operator to 22.00-31.00 per hour.

Motion made by Mr. Slade seconded by Mrs. House to approval of a side letter agreement between Steelton borough and Council 90, AFL-CIO, Increasing the pay range for Public Works Operator to 22.00-31.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gombach presented for consideration and approval of the borough to enter into a contract with Berkshire Mechanical for the amount of \$4,600.00 to replace all cracked drain piping in the borough building.

## Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House to approval entering into a contract with Berkshire Mechanical in the amount of \$4,600.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration the approval the entering into a contract with Central State Door service for the amount of \$2,994.00 to replace one bay doors at the borough garage.

## Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Ms. Woods to approve entering into a contract with Central State Door service in the amount of \$2,994.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Slade presented for consideration and approval the hiring of Dennis Adlin at a starting salary of \$22/hr. Pending background clearances.

## Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House to hire Dennis Adlin at a starting salary of \$22/hr. Pending background clearances. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Slade presented for consideration and approval the hire of Robert Belesic at a starting salary of \$17/hr. Pending background clearances. Salary will be paid for by a grant.

# Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. Woods to hire Robert Belesic at a starting salary of \$17/hr. Pending background clearances. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments:**

Charles | Hamilton Health Center Provided an update on construction progress.

523 Ridge St Raised concerns about the water runoff bill and the calculation method.

Cheryl Powell | 321 Lebanon St Inquired about stormwater bills and sought clarification on various aspects.

Kimberly | 11 N Harrisburg St Questioned a trash bill for a property that has been uninhabited during rehabilitation.

Mr. Powell | 321 Lebanon St Addressed grass height and street issues.

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Thomas Smith | N Harrisburg St Raised questions about repository properties.

**Council Concerns:** <u>Mrs. House</u> Inquired about the ownership of a parking area.

#### Mr. Slade

Thanked attendees and addressed stormwater concerns, the Fire House issues, cleaning costs, and hiring.

<u>Mrs. Bowers</u> Nothing to add, thank everyone for attending.

<u>Mr. Gombach</u> Updates on projects and youth civic engagement.

<u>Mr. Gonder</u>

Nothing to add.

#### <u>Ciera Dent, Mayor</u>

Thanked attendees and residents. Urged for a permanent Borough Manager and improved communication. Discussed Cleaning Issues in the Building.

<u>Ms. Woods, Pro Temp</u>

Nothing to add, thank everyone for attending.

#### Mr. Segina, Vice President

Thanked attendees and addressed stormwater concerns, the Fire House issues, cleaning costs, and hiring.

Mr. Gombach provided an updated on the Cleaning Proposals and the current status of the process.

**Executive Session**: None

**Other Business:** 

None

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With no other business to discuss a Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Ms. Woods to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,