

1 Highspire Borough Council Minutes

February 17, 2009

Council President Marie Hoch called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Jared Goughnour then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Council Members Present: Marie Hoch
Carolee Roman
A. Kay Sutch
Dorothy Matesevac
Charles Dengler
James Titus
Jared Goughnour

Mayor: John Hoerner
Borough Manager: John McHale
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Rabuck
Borough Solicitor: Dave DeLuce
Borough Engineer: Rob Lauriello

Minutes

President Hoch presented the meeting minutes from the January 20, 2009 council meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Hearing none, Member Sutch made a motion to accept the January 20, 2009 council meeting minutes seconded by Member Matesevac. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

President Hoch presented the Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2009 and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the January 2009 Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report was made by Member Roman and seconded by Member Titus. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

Mayor Hoerner noted that he attended the following events; January 21 & 22, personnel committee interviews for Codes/Zoning Officer; January 24, Fire Department breakfast; January 26, Neighborhood Watch; January 27, UM Church Watoto African Children's presentation and the Dauphin Lebanon Borough Association Meeting; January 29, Intergovernmental meeting, next one to be hold April 30 at 7 pm in Steelton; February 2, Fire Company meeting; February 3, Planning Commission Meeting; February 8, Fire Company roast beef dinner; February 9, School Board Planning Meeting; February 11, the funeral for the Steelton-Highspire Elementary teacher who passed away; and February 12, a function for District Justice Dave Judy.

Police Report

President Hoch asked for questions or comments pertaining to the January 2009 Police Report. Hearing none, a motion was made by Member Sutch and seconded by Member Goughnour to accept the January 2009 Police Report. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report

President Hoch presented the Highspire Fire Department Chief Report and Treasurer Report and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the Fire Department Reports was made by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Titus. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

None

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted there is a HATS meeting coming up that she will attend. She also had questions regarding the street light at Lumber and Second Streets. It was noted a grant for the light has been submitted PCCI.

Sanitation – Noting to report.

Finance/Administration – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Member Roman noted later in the evening they would be voting to hire Terence Watts as the new Codes/Zoning Officer.

Community Development – Nothing to report.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

Borough Manager's Report

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Borough Manager's Report. Motion made by Member Titus, seconded by Member Roman. Motion carried.

Manger McHale noted the LST forms need filed out and returned from those wishing to have an exemption. He also reminded Council the TMI practice drill would be held on March 5 at 6:00 pm while the drill will be held on April 14.

Code Enforcement Report

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report. Motion made by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion carried.

Public Works Department Report

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Public Works Department Report. Motion made by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Rob Lauriello discussed the information that was handed out at last month's meeting regarding road projects for this year. Rettew recommended several streets for repair; Broad Street, Chestnut Street, Grant Alley. He asked if Council had reviewed the information.

Member Roman made a motion to authorize Rettew to begin bid preparations and repair Broad Street, Chestnut Street and Grant Alley as proposed in a letter dated January 20, 2009, based on CDBG funding. Motion seconded by Member Titus. Motion approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Hoch noted she attended COG meeting where they talked about when they bid projects out that some people are then getting calls from some of these contractors offering lower prices. These people then don't realize that since it is not part of the original bid that they might have to bid their project out then on their own or get other quotes. President Hoch also mentioned that during the New Baldwin meeting they mentioned they would like to do another program regarding storm water and municipal preparation for disasters.

Old Business

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Goughnour to, approve a motion to adopt Borough Ordinance 575 of 2009, entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding use of woody waste facility between the Borough of Middletown, Borough of Royalton, Lower Swatara Township and the Borough of Highspire. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Sutch to, approve the February 2009 Tax Exonerations List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Titus to, approve the February 2009 Deletions List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour to, approve the February 2009 Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Matesevac to, approve Resolution 4-2009 declaring the Borough's intent to follow the updated State schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Dengler to, accept the request for a time extension of the Champion Sports Bar & Grill Final Land Development plan until April 21, 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Matesevac to, make Terence Watts a conditional offer of employment as the Codes & Zoning Officer and approval of his employment contract as approved by the Personnel Committee, Solicitor and Staff. Motion approved unanimously.

Terence Watts was then sworn into his new position by Mayor John Hoerner.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Dengler to, approve Resolution 5-2009, appointing John McHale voting delegate to the 98th Annual PSAB Conference, March 22-25, 2009, in Hershey. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Dengler to, approve payroll and bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour to, adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck
Assistant Borough Secretary