

# 1Highspire Borough Council Minutes

January 20, 2009

Council President Marie Hoch called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Carolee Roman 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 December 16, 2008 council meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Hearing none, Member Titus made a motion to accept the December 16, 2008 council meeting minutes seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion carried.

## **Financial Reports**

President Hoch presented the Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2008 and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the December 2008 Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report was made by Member Titus and seconded by Member Roman. Motion carried.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hoerner noted that he attended the following meetings; January 4 United Methodist Church Dauphin County Victim Witness program for local needy kids. He also thanked all those who helped out. On January 5 he swore in the new officers of the Fire Department and on January 6 attended the swearing in of Representative Ron Buxton at the State Capitol. On January 12 the Mayor attended the School Board Meeting where it was mentioned that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Steel-High placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Science Fair. Mayor Hoerner also brought to the attention of Council on implementing the Rental Inspection Program that was talked about in the Borough Comprehensive Plan. He would like to see Council to implement the program during 2009.

### **Police Report**

President Hoch asked for questions or comments pertaining to the December 2008 Police Report. Hearing none, a motion was made by Member Titus and seconded by Member Goughnour to accept the December 2008 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 Sutch, seconded by Member Dengler. Motion carried.

### **Citizens Comments**

None

### **Correspondence**

Dauphin-Lebanon County Borough's Association Meeting January 27, 2009 at the Highspire Fire Department, RSVP by January 20, 2009.

Letter from the Dauphin County Office of Community & Economic Development informing the Borough that they have been allocated \$60,000.00 in CDBG funds for the fund year 2009.

An invitation from Exelon Nuclear, to members of council, to attend the TMI's State of the Plant Dinner Meeting on February 26, 2009. RSVP by card, which Council should have received in the mail, by February 6, 2009.

A notice from Dauphin County that an update and practice drill will be held here at the Borough Building on March 5, 2009 at 6:00 pm in preparation for the upcoming TMI Federal Exercise on Tuesday April 14, 2009.

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Meetings for February, Technical Committee Friday February 13, 2009 at 9:00 am; Coordination Committee Friday February 27, 2009 at 9:00 am.

A letter from Steven L. Howe, Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau, advising the Borough of the County Commissioners intention to hold a 30 day interest free grace period.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac questioned Engineer Lauriello about several streets in Highspire.

Sanitation – Member Dengler noted that on January 5 he worked with the Highway Crew to get a sense of what they do, January 6 he took a tour of the Sewer Plant with Randy Kreider and on January 7 he did a ride along with Officer Santiago. He also said a word of thanks for the Highspire Fire Fighter who rescued his mother from her burning residence.

Finance/Administration – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Member Roman noted that interviews for the Codes/Zoning position will be held on January 21 & January 22.

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 Council would be voting to join Middletown in their Woody Waste Program. He also noted that the Sewer Plant would be hiring another part time employee, Ron Grove, and that Council needs to fill out their LST Exemption forms if it applies to them.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

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

### **Solicitor's Report**

No report.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Rob Lauriello discussed the handicap ramp issues at Second St. and Eisenhower Blvd.

Member Roman made a motion to apply for the permit for the handicap ramp at Second St and Eisenhower Blvd and begin the process of repair, with funds coming from the Capital Reserve Fund., seconded by Member Dengler. Motion carried.

Engineer Rob Lauriello discussed the monthly status reports on the Highspire Zoning/SALDO project written by Chris Knarr of Rettew. He reported that at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 3 there will be a review of the draft Zoning/SALDO Ordinance Plan.

### **President's Report**

President Hoch noted she attended COG meeting is proud to report that there are now 37 members. She also noted they elected new officers at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

Motion to advertise Borough Ordinance 575 of 2009 Amending Chapter 25, section 112 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances by adopting an intermunicipal agreement regarding the use of the Borough of Middletown's Woody Waste Facility. Motion approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Goughnour to, approve the January 2009 Tax Exonerations List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus to, approve the January 2009 Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Matesevac to, approve Resolution 1-2009 setting employee contributions to the non-uniformed employee pension plan for the 2009 plan year. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Goughnour to, approve Resolution 2-2009 setting employee contributions to the police pension plan for the 2009 plan year. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Roman to, approve Resolution 3-2009 adopting the Dauphin county emergency Operations Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Titus to, authorize the Public Works Director to have the Sewer Department Tanker repaired by Tank Truck Outfitters at a quoted cost of \$17, 568. This is a budgeted item. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour to, accept the resignation of David Brenizer from the Borough's Planning Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus to, adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck  
Assistant Borough Secretary