

1Highspire Borough Council Minutes

March 17, 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 Mayor John Hoerner 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

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

Council Member Jared Goughnour was absent.

Minutes

President Hoch presented the meeting minutes from the February 17, 2009 council meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Hearing none, Member Titus made a motion to accept the February 17, 2009 council meeting minutes seconded by Member Dengler. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

President Hoch presented the Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2009 and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the February 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; 2/19 School Board Meeting and Sewer Authority Meeting, 2/26 Dauphin County Commissioner address at the Harrisburg Hilton, 3/2 Fire Company meeting in which he stated he believes things are going good with the Fire Department, 3/3 Planning Commission Meeting, 3/5 TMI Drill practice, 3/9 School Board meeting in Highspire in which there was good attendance from Highspire residents and on 3/13 a political event for District Justice Dave Judy who is running for County Judge.

Police Report

President Hoch asked for questions or comments pertaining to the February 2009 Police Report. Hearing none, a motion was made by Member Titus and seconded by Member Roman to accept the February 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 Dengler, seconded by Member Matesevac. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Sarah Metallo, 225 Rosedale Avenue – mentioned she is a school board member and noted how pleased she was with the residents who turned out for the school board meeting that was held in Highspire. She also noted there are two people from Highspire who are running in the upcoming election for the school board. Ms. Metallo also wanted to publically thank Pastor Utter, St. Peters Lutheran Church and Council for their support of holding board meetings in Highspire.

Correspondence

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Meetings for April: Technical Committee, Friday, April 3, 2009, 9:00 a.m.: Coordination Committee, Friday, April 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

A letter from Middletown Council President, Rodney Horton, asking for Borough Council support and to join him opposing Senate Bill 618, which if approved would amend the Borough Code to provide for so called “take or pay” contracts between wholesale electric suppliers and the municipal Borough electric systems in Pennsylvania.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus to, support Middletown Council President, Rodney Horton, opposing Senate Bill 618. Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted there are people parking in the area of Second and Vine Streets. She believes this is a no parking zone; however, the signs are not posted. Discussion was also held regarding Penn Waste and trash removal.

Sanitation – Member Dengler noted Rettew would be talking later in the meeting regarding the handicap ramp at Second St. and Eisenhower Blvd.

Finance/Administration – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Community Development – Member Sutch noted the Borough Building sign in being restored and should be complete in the next couple weeks.

Public Safety – Absent

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 Matesevac. Motion carried.

Manger McHale mentioned the Borough is seeking a Worker's Compensation Grant from Penn Prime Insurance. This is a 50/50 match grant in which the Borough is seeking to get an AED and Taser for the police vehicle, and safety vests for traffic control. The Borough's portion of payment would be roughly \$1,294.17.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Dengler to, approve the submission of the 2009 Penn Prime Worker's Compensation Grant with the Borough's portion amount of \$1,294.17 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Manager McHale reminded Council the TMI drill will be held on Tuesday, April 14. This is also the same day as the April Council Workshop meeting. Discussion was held as to hold the meeting or cancel it.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus to, cancel the April 14, Council Workshop meeting. Motion carried.

Manager McHale noted there is an opening on the Planning Commission. If anyone is interested in being appointed they are to send a letter to the Borough Office. He also requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Code Enforcement Report

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

Public Works Department Report

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

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Dave DeLuce requested an executive session to discuss a legal issue.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Rob Lauriello noted the Penn Dot Permit application has been submitted for the handicap ramp repairs at Second St. and Eisenhower Blvd. Engineer Lauriello mentioned Chris Knarr will be at the Planning Commission meeting in May to continue discussion regarding the updates of the Zoning and SALDO project. He reported the specifications for the road work project are complete and he is waiting the sub-recipient agreement. He also reported the Grant for the light at Second and Lumber Streets was completed and submitted. They are waiting to hear an answer.

President's Report

President Hoch noted she attended COG. She also discussed the boiler replacement project at TMI and that the boilers will be coming across the Atlantic Ocean by barge. When they arrive they will be transported to TMI, where the truck speed limit may not exceed more than 5-8 miles per hour. She noted they will take a while to get here and will have a police escort.

Old Business

None

New Business

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

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

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus to, approve Resolution 6-2009, ratifying the amendments to the Capital Tax Collection Bureau Articles of Incorporation. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Titus to, approve and authorize Council President Hoch to sign the grant contract between DCED and the Borough of Highspire in the amount of \$30,000.00 towards the acquisition and construction of a public works building. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Dengler to, join with the Capital Region COG in Cable Franchise Renewal Negotiations utilizing the services of the Cohen Law Group based on the fee schedule as outlined in the COG Memorandum dated March 2, 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Roman to, approve the conditional approval of the Champion Sports Bar & Grill Final Land Development Plan, subject to 3 conditions; must install a 6' privacy fence between empty lot and neighboring property, one way traffic shall be installed on Rhoda Avenue so motor vehicles will enter off of Lumber Street and exit using Grant Street, and the two parcels, on separate deeds, acquired by Champions must be joined together so there is now one tract and the two properties are to be combined to become one legal tract and can not be transferred separately. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Executive Session 8:10 p.m.
Reconvene 8:38 p.m.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac to, adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck
Assistant Borough Secretary