

# 1Highspire Borough Council Minutes

May 20, 2009

Council President Marie Hoch called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Dorothy Matesevac then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

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

Mayor: John Hoerner  
Borough Manager: John McHale  
Borough Solicitor: Dave DeLuce  
Borough Engineer: Rob Lauriello

Council Members Jared Goughnour and James Titus were absent.

Mayor John Hoerner presented an appreciation award to Thomas Bates who retired from the Postal Service with 29 of his service years as Highspire's Postal Carrier.

## **Minutes**

President Hoch presented the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2009 council meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Member Sutch made a motion to accept the April 21, 2009 council meeting, seconded by Member Matesevac. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Financial Reports**

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

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hoerner noted he attended the following functions: 4/26 Arbor Day Ceremony, the Mayor thanked all those involved with the ceremony; 4/27 Historical Society Meeting, where he noted there will be a town meeting on October 7 at 6:00 pm at the Fire House regarding the Highspire 2014 Bicentennial; 4/28 Dauphin-Lebanon Borough Association Meeting; 4/30 Intergovernmental Meeting at Steelton Borough, next meeting to be held on September 24 at the High School; 5/4 at the Fire House meeting where he gave out certificates of appreciation to the members who participated in the TMI drill in April; 5/5 Steel-High Elementary Dinner for the Jump Street Organization where they were to read the book Jumper, discussions were then held regarding the book; 5/7 DARE program that was held at Cottage Hill by the Highspire

Police Department recognizing the 2009 DARE graduates, he also thanked all those who were involved with this program and stressed how important this program is; 5/11 School Board Meeting, COG Meeting, Steel-High Character Night; 5/18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, he wishes more citizens would get involved with this program.

Manager McHale noted in Council's information there is a review of a Broadband grant. This grant is directly related to public safety and derives from stimulus money. One of the items in the discussion of things this grant could cover is a county wide records program. This program would cover some if not all of the money needed to develop the program. Mr. Cohen who is hired through the COG would be the main person in charge of gathering and submitting the information for the grant. Manager McHale is asking for permission to be included in the grant and go ahead with development and process of this program.

Motion made by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac, to allow an expense up to \$700.00 from Capital Reserve to participate in the COG's feasibility of using stimulus grant money for public safety use through the Cohen Law Firm Group. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor John Hoerner excused himself from the meeting at 7:25 pm.

### **Police Report**

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

### **Fire Department Report**

President Hoch presented the Highspire Fire Department Chief Report and Treasurer Report for the month of April 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 Dengler. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Citizens Comments**

Bill Mortimore, 183 Market Street – Invited all the Council Member to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 29 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Building.

### **Correspondence**

Harrisburg Area transportation Study Meetings for June, Technical committee Friday, June 12, 2009 – 9:00 am / Coordination Committee Friday, June 26, 2009 – 9:00 am.

Middletown Borough will be hosting a meeting with PennDot and AMTRAK to discuss the future of Middletown's train station on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm to be held at the Middletown Area High School Auditorium.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted she spoke with Engineer Lauriello regarding the project on Chestnut and Broad Street. Member Matesevac thanked Terry Watts, codes enforcement officer, regarding the great job he is doing since taking on the position. It was noted information for the next newsletter must be in to the Borough Office by July 15.

Sanitation – Member Dengler noted he got in touch with the people to repair the Colonel Burd historical market.

Finance/Administration – Absent

Personnel – Member Roman requested a short executive meeting after the meeting.

Community Development – Member Sutch had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Absent

### **Borough Manager's Report**

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Borough Manager's Report for the month of April. Motion made by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac. Member Matesevac noted that the Manager's report notes all Council Members were present at the TMI drill, she would like it noted that she was not in attendance. Motion approved unanimously with the amendment.

Manger McHale in the Council packets there is a new item on the agenda requested by the Auditors. The auditors request the sewer adjustments to be approved. He reminded Council; Senator Piccola has a town meeting scheduled at the Borough Building on Saturday, June 6 at 8:30 am. He also introduced Jorja Werner the new Borough receptionist. Manager McHale noted the painter would begin the painting of the Borough Officers within the next week. He noted the COG sent notice of the next auction on July 15. Manger McHale reported the Borough received the TMI report for the April 14 drill, with which the Borough received a good report

### **Code Enforcement Report**

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report for the months of March and April. Motion made by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Roman. Motion carried.

### **Public Works Department Report**

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Public Works Department Report for the month of April. Motion made by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Roman. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Sewer Adjustments & Reconciliation Report**

President Hoch asked for a motion to accept the Sewer Adjustments & Reconciliation Report for January through April. Motion made by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac.

Member Matesevac noted why a majority of the adjustments were labeled, "Pmt postmarked before interest was ran." Manger McHale noted any payments received on or before the due date do not receive interest or penalty. The system automatically adds interest and penalty to an account if the payment is posted after the due date. Adjustments have to be made to the accounts to back out those interests and penalty additions. These are items not normally seen and a formality by the sewer program.

Motion approved unanimously.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Dave DeLuce mentioned a year ago there was a zoning hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board which requested a variance of which the Zoning Hearing Board ruled against the

request and in favor of the position of the Borough. The applicant, Tim Mowery, then appealed the Zoning Hearing Board decision to Dauphin County Court. The applicant has not done anything to move the case along. Highspire Code Enforcement believes there might be violations of the Borough's ordinances pertaining to this property. In order to move this case along the Solicitor filed a motion to quash the appeal for failure to take activity to move this case along. The applicant signed a stipulation agreeing the case could be quashed (dismissed). The applicant requested a meeting with Code Enforcement to talk about how to move forward. Solicitor DeLuce just wanted to let Council know the motion has been filed and he expects a court order any day to quash the appeal. They will move forward once they receive a decision.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Rob Lauriello noted he had several items to report on. First, the work on the handicap ramp on Second St., and Eisenhower Blvd will begin next week. On the 2009 CDBG grant application, which is for Broad, Chestnut, and Grant Street, the Borough received \$60,000.00. The Borough originally requested \$195,000.00 to do much more work. Engineer Lauriello received a phone call from George Connor and Skip Memmi. Apparently there may be more monies available because of the stimulus money this year. They asked; if the Borough would be receive additional funds would the Borough be able to use it? Through a letter Rettew requested an additional \$80,000.00 on behalf of the Borough for this year's CDBG project. Rob noted they have the contract documents ready to go, they would just need to be amended with the additional work. Engineer Lauriello noted that regarding the traffic light for Second and Lumber the Borough is now fifth on the list for monies to implement the traffic light at that intersection. He noted there will be a second round for stimulus money. Rob suggests the Borough put an application in for Second and Lumber under the stimulus money. The Borough could also apply for Rhoda Avenue repairs under the stimulus funds.

Motion made by member Matesevac, seconded by Member Roman to allow Rettew Associates to apply for the following: Stimulus money for the Second and Lumber Street traffic light in addition to the grant they already applied for through PCCI; apply for stimulus money and CDBG money for Rhoda Avenue repairs; and for the additional funds for this year's CDBG project to also include streets that were not able to be included with the \$60,000.00 that was already received. Motion approved unanimously.

### **President's Report**

President Hoch noted at the COG meeting there really wasn't much discusses and that the New Baldwin meeting was cancelled.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

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

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

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Dengler, to approve the May 2009 Tax Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac to, approve Resolution 9-2009, revising the schedule of fees for the Borough and Office of Code Enforcement. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Matesevac to, approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Highspire Police Department and the Steelton-Highspire School District. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Executive Session: 8:05 pm

Reconvene: 9:02 pm

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Roman to, adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck  
Assistant Borough Secretary