

# Highspire Borough Council Minutes

June 16, 2009

Council Vice President Carolee Roman called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Carolee Roman then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Council Members Present:           Carolee Roman  
  A. Kay Sutch  
  Charles Dengler  
  Jared Goughnour

Mayor:                                   John Hoerner  
Codes Enforcement Officer:       Terence Watts  
Borough Solicitor:                 Dave DeLuce  
Borough Engineer:                 Rob Lauriello

Council Members Dottie Matesevac, Marie Hoch, and James Titus were absent.

## **Minutes**

Vice President Roman presented the meeting minutes from the May 20, 2009 council meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Member Goughnour made a motion to accept the May 20, 2009 council meeting, seconded by Member Sutch. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Financial Reports**

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

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hoerner noted he attended the biker fundraiser which ended at Memorial Park in Highspire. He noted it was well attended and the resident who attended enjoyed the entertainment. On June 1, he attended the Steel-High Elementary program where they were entertained by a professional dribbler and former Navy Seal. The program helped to teach the elementary kids not to count themselves short; they can always do what they put their mind to. In the evening he attended the school board planning meeting. He also noted he attended the following meeting and events: June 3, retirement gathering for Assistant Superintendent Ray Zema; June 4, Steelton-Highspire Graduation Ceremony at the Harrisburg Forum, where he congratulated the class of 2009 on stage; June 6, meet and greet with Senator Piccola at the Borough Building; that day he also went and met with Alumni from Highspire and Steelton; June 8, meeting at the Fire House regarding a skate park; June 10, Dauphin County Housing Authority dinner at Leeds restaurant; June 15, attended the funeral of Highspire oldest resident, Kathryn Wolford.

## **Police Report**

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

### **Fire Department Report**

Vice President Roman presented the Highspire Fire Department Chief Report and Treasurer Report for the month of May and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the Fire Department Reports was made by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Sutch. Motion approved unanimously.

The Fire Company asked questions regarding the audit the Borough wants completed. They wanted clarification as to whether the Borough wants an actual audit or just a review of the financials of the fire company.

Solicitor Dave DeLuce explained the difference between an audit and a review. He noted that a review is not nearly as thorough as an audit. He suggested the fire company get a written quote and outline of the work that would be completed for both an audit and a review and present the quotes to Council.

### **Citizens Comments**

None

### **Correspondence**

A letter from the Capital Region COG in reference to the Comcast negotiations and fee schedule.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Facilities – Absent

Sanitation – Member Dengler commented the handicap ramp at Eisenhower and Second Street is finished and looks good. He also noted he will be going on Military leave overseas and will miss the July and August meetings and possibly the September meeting.

Finance/Administration – Absent

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Community Development – Member Sutch noted she received a report from Sarah Goughnour regarding the Community Fair. All the meeting dates have been set and it seems as things are moving along.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

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

Vice President Roman asked for a motion to accept the Borough Manager's Report for the month of May and any questions regarding them. Motion made by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Dengler. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Vice President Roman asked for a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report for the month of May and any questions regarding them. Motion made by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Public Works Department Report**

Vice President Roman asked for a motion to accept the Public Works Department Report for the month of May and any questions regarding them. Motion made by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Vice President Roman asked for a motion to accept the Sewer Adjustments & Reconciliation Report for the month of May. Motion made by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

No report.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Lauriello noted the handicap work at Eisenhower and Second Street is completed as previously stated. He noted they have not heard anything from the County regarding the original \$60,000.00 that was granted for road work or on the additional \$80,000.00 which was requested. He noted the request for funding for Rhoda Avenue and the Light at Second and Lumber were submitted. He noted in Council's packets is an update from Chris Knarr regarding the Highspire Zoning / SALDO project. The date of the joint meeting is listed incorrectly on the back page. The correct date is August 4.

#### **President's Report**

Absent

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

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

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

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

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Dengler, to approve the June 2009 Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by NRA. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour, to proceed with the Memorial Park Rehabilitation Phase II project; work to include the resurfacing of the tennis court playing area. Funds received from the Champions Golf Tournament donation would be used to pay for the repairs. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Moved by Member Sutch, seconded by Member Goughnour to, adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck  
Assistant Borough Secretary