

# Highspire Borough Council Minutes

February 16, 2010

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

Junior Council Person:           Jessica Kehler  
Mayor:                                 John Hoerner  
Borough Manager:                 John McHale  
Assistant Borough Secretary:   Jennifer Rabuck  
Public Works Superintendent:   John Ingiosi  
Codes Enforcement Officer:     Terence Watts  
Borough Solicitor:                Dave DeLuce  
Borough Engineer:                 Robert Lauriello

## **Minutes**

President Sutch presented the meeting minutes from the January 19, 2010 Council Meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the January 19, 2010 Council Meeting minutes was made by Member Matesevac and seconded by Member Goughnour. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Financial Reports**

President Sutch presented the Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2010 and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the January 2010 Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report was made by Member Roman and seconded by Member Titus. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hoerner wanted to congratulate Engineer Rob Lauriello on his new title as Vice President of Civil/Municipal and Transportation Engineering. Mayor Hoerner noted he attended the following meetings: 1/21 School Board Meeting, 1/25 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 1/26 Dauphin Lebanon Borough's Association Meeting, 1/28 Intergovernmental Meeting, 2/1 Civil Service Reorganization Meeting, 2/2 informal meeting with the school superintendent, 2/3 Lower Swatara Reservoir Park Meeting, 2/8 School Board Planning Meeting.

### **Police Department Report**

President Sutch presented the Police Department Report for the month of January and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, President Sutch asked that the report be filed.

### **Fire Department Report**

President Sutch presented the Highspire Fire Departments Chief and Treasurer's Reports for the month of January and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, President Sutch asked that the report be filed.

Roy Slesser noted that the Fire Company Bylaws have been completed and are ready to be passed at the next Fire Company meeting.

### **Citizens Comments**

None

### **Correspondence**

A letter from Verizon giving the Borough notice of service as of November 9, 2009.

A letter from the Highspire Historical Society thanking Council and Dorothy Matesevac for their help in purchasing the new refrigerator for the Highspire Historical House.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted that she has contact Home Depot regarding donations for the flower pots. A letter was written and was given to Home Depot asking for their donation. Member Matesevac also had questions regarding parking on streets during snow storms. Member Matesevac noted that 214 Penn Street has been cleaned up and the house on Market Street is up for sale.

Sanitation – Member Dengler noted that he attended the PSAB meeting.

Finance/Administration – Member Titus had nothing to report.

Personnel – Member Roman thanked the Borough and Staff for the great snow removal job during the past snow storms. Member Roman also noted that Mark Shugars has completed his probationary period at the WWTP.

Member Roman made a motion which was seconded by Member Titus for Mark Shugars to be removed from probation. Motion carried.

Community Development – Member Hoch requested that items concerning Community Development be discussed with her first before being brought before Council.

Public Safety – Member Goughnour had nothing to report.

Junior Council Person Jessica Kehler noted that she had the school calendar and athletic calendar for Members of Council to review.

### **Management Activities**

Manager McHale noted that the Borough received a reimbursement from Dauphin County that he would like to have deposited to the DARE PLGIT. He also noted that the TMI training has been rescheduled for April 10 due to the snow storms. .

It was moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour to approve the Management Activities for the month of January 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Dave DeLuca has no report

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Robert Lauriello noted that out of the \$55,000 ARRA funds the Borough received \$41,000 has been spent. The remaining balance must be spent by 3/25. He also noted that the Borough received an extension on the remaining funds from the Elizabeth Street project and those funds must be spent by December 31. He noted that there is \$60,000 that the Borough received last year for road work and there is currently a grant application pending in the amount of \$175,000 for road work for Rhoda Avenue.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve the February 2010 Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Goughnour, to direct staff to release the February 2010 contribution to the Highspire Fire Department as indicated in the 2010 General Fund Budget. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Matesevac, to approve Resolution 3-2010 approving the actions of the Mayor which includes a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on February 6, 2010 and the Proclamation's of Snow Emergency on February 5 & 6 and February 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Titus, to approve payroll and bills for February 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Matesevac to, adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck  
Assistant Borough Secretary