

Highspire Borough Council Minutes

January 19, 2010

Council President Kay Sutch called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Jared Goughnour 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
Jared Goughnour

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

Council Member James Titus was absent.

President Kay Sutch turned the meeting over to Matt Bonanno for the purpose of a presentation by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc (HRG), county engineers, regarding the Reservoir Park Project. Lower Swatara residents who abut the project area were invited to attend the meeting to address any comments or concerns they have regarding the project. At 7:55 pm, President Kay Sutch asked for a five minute break before continuing with the Borough Council Meeting. The Borough Council meeting resumed at 8:00 pm

Minutes

President Sutch presented the meeting minutes from the December 15, 2009 Council Meeting and the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting and asked for questions regarding them.

Member Hoch noted that she would like to amend the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting minutes to include that Member Dorothy Matesevac joined the meeting and voted by speaker phone.

A motion to accept the December 15, 2009 Council Meeting minutes as well as the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting minutes with the correction was made by Member Hoch 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 December 2009 and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the December 2009 Monthly Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report was made by Member Matesevac and seconded by Member Dengler. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayors Report

It was moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Roman to appoint Jessica Kehler as Junior Council Person for the Borough of Highspire. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Kehler was then sworn in by Mayor John Hoerner and took her seat at the Council table.

Mayor Hoerner noted he attended the following meetings: 12/29 delivered appreciation awards to the businesses that helped to clean up Burd Run; 1/4 attended the Reorganization meeting; 1/12 attended a meeting regarding the updated to the Flood maps, presented by FEMA; 1/15 conducted interviews for the Junior Council Person program; 1/18 attended the Fire Company Meeting.

Fire Department Report

President Hoch presented the Highspire Fire Departments Chief and Treasurer's Reports for the month of December and asked if there were any questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the December Fire Departments Chief and Treasurer's Reports was made by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Matesevac. Motion approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments

None

Correspondence

A letter from Steve Chiavetta, Dauphin County Bureau of Registration and Elections, announcing the dates for the General Primary and General Elections for 2010.

A letter from the Pennsylvania DUI Association announcing the award of an ALCO Sensor FST Portable Breath Testing Device to the Police Department.

A letter from the Office of the Attorney General notifying the Borough that our application for the Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant Program has been approved in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Dauphin Lebanon County Boroughs Association meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm; hosted by the Steelton Borough and held at the VFW, 747 North Front St., Steelton, PA 17113.

A letter from Jerry Beaver announcing training for Emergency Workers conducted by AmerGen, to be held at the Middletown Middle School on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study meetings for February; Technical Committee, Friday, February 12, 2010 at 9:00 am; Coordination Committee, Friday, February 26, 2010 at 9:00 am.

Committee Reports

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac had nothing to report

Sanitation – Member Dengler had nothing to report

Finance/Administration – Absent

Personnel – Member Roman had nothing to report

Community Development – Member Hoch noted that she attended the COG meeting with Code Enforcement Officer Terry Watts.

Public Safety – Member Goughnour noted that he attended the Fire Departments Board of Directors meeting and everything went fine.

Management Activities

Manager McHale noted that two employees resigned, one from the Police Department and one from the Highway Department. Manager McHale also noted that there is a vacancy on the Civil Service Board due to the death of Member Patrick Thompson. It was noted that the Borough Auditors would be conducting the annual audit from January 20-22, 2010.

Public Works Superintendant John Ingiosi noted that the sewer department is in need of a new Digester Cover for the Sewer Plant. The cost is roughly \$42,500.00. It was noted that there is \$25,000.00 budgeted in 2010 as a maintenance repair.

It was moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Matesevac to approve the Management Activities for the month of December 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Dave DeLuce has no report

Engineer's Report

Engineer Robert Lauriello noted that they received a letter indicating that the 2007 CDBG funds were not all spent on the Elizabeth Street project. It was noted that there is still \$8,000.00 left. He noted that he is going to get with George Conner to see if the borough can still use these funds. If so, the deadline to use the funds is March 25, 2010.

President's Report

President Sutch had nothing to report

Old Business

None

New Business

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve the January 2010 Tax Exonerations List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Hoch, seconded by Member Roman, to approve the January 2010 Deletions List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Hoch, to approve the January 2010 Delinquent Tax Exonerations List submitted by Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Hoch, seconded by Member Matesevac, to approve Borough Ordinance 580 amending the non-uniformed pension ordinance to incorporate plant amendment #5. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve Resolution 1-2010 setting employee contributions to the non-uniformed employee pension plan for the 2010 plan year. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve Resolution 2-2010 setting employee contributions to the police pension plan for the 2010 plan year. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour, to direct staff to release the January 2010 contribution to the Highspire Fire Department as indicated in the 201 General Fund Budget. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Goughnour to accept the 30-Day grace period for unpaid 2009 real property taxes as proposed by the Dauphin County Commissioners through the Tax Claim Bureau Memo dated January 11, 2010. Motion approved with Member Hoch voting nay.

Moved by Member Dengler, seconded by Member Matesevac to approve a request from Stephen Nigro for a refund of half of the sewer fees paid from May 2009 to the present for his mothers property located at 353 Market Street, Highspire, PA in the amount of \$128.00. This property has been vacant since her passing in May 2009; credit to be posted to the Sewer account in question. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve payroll and bills for January 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Goughnour to, adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck
Assistant Borough Secretary