

# Highspire Borough Council Minutes

March 16, 2010

Council President Kay Sutch called the monthly meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

The prayer was offered by Member Marie Hoch 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

Mayor:                                   John Hoerner  
Borough Manager:                   John McHale  
Public Works Superintendent:      John Ingiosi  
Codes Enforcement Officer:       Terence Watts  
Borough Engineer:                  Robert Lauriello

Junior Council Person Jessica Kehler and Borough Solicitor Dave DeLuce were absent.

## **Minutes**

President Sutch presented the meeting minutes from the February 16, 2010 Council Meeting and asked for questions regarding them. Hearing none, a motion to accept the February 16, 2010 Council Meeting minutes was made by Member Roman and seconded by Member Hoch. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Financial Reports**

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

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hoerner noted he attended the following meetings: 2/18 Community Easter Egg Hunt Meeting; 2/23 Dauphin County Commissioners Address; 2/27 Historical Society Bicentennial Meeting, Dave Rittner will now chair the event, the next meeting will be 5/22 at 6:00 pm at the fire house; 3/3 Lower Swatara Meeting, regarding Reservoir Park; 3/8 Athletic Association Meeting and School Board Planning Meeting; 3/11 Easter Egg Hunt Meeting; Mayor Hoerner noted that there will be a School Board Meeting on March 18, an Intergovernmental Meeting on March 25 at 7:00 pm at Steelton Borough; Mayor Hoerner also noted that Jessica is not present tonight because she is practicing for the upcoming school play which will be held March 18-20.

### **Police Department Report**

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

President Sutch asked the Fire Company representative where the Fire Company stood with the By-Laws. Mr. Slesser noted that the Borough has a final copy.

President Sutch asked Member Goughnour if he had spoke to his committee regarding the funding assistance for the audit the fire company performed at the Borough's request. Member Goughnour noted that his committee met and propose that Council make a motion to pay \$3,650.00 out of the Capital Reserve Fund towards the payment of the audit with the Fire Company paying the remainder \$1,000.00.

Moved by Member Goughnour to pay \$3,650.00 out of the Capital Reserve Fund towards the payment of the Fire Company audit performed by Waggoner, Frutiger, and Daub. The remaining balance will be the Fire Company's responsibility. Motion seconded by Member Titus. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Citizens Comments**

None

### **Correspondence**

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study meetings for April: Technical Committee, Friday, April 9, 2010 at 9:00 am; Coordination Committee, Friday, April 23, 2010 at 9:00 am.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted that North and South Carolina are having also having a problem with turkey vultures. She also noted that she posted the Bicentennial information on Facebook.

Sanitation – Member Dengler had nothing to report.

Finance/Administration – Member Titus had nothing to report.

Personnel – Member Roman had nothing to report.

Community Development – Member Hoch noted that she has a proposal regarding the Rental Inspection Program. It was noted that that if anyone has any questions regarding the program to contact the Codes Office and they will review the comments.

Public Safety – Member Goughnour had nothing to report.

Junior Council Person – Absent

### **Management Activities**

Manager McHale noted that street sweeping is scheduled for the week of April 12. He noted that in the packets tonight there was a thank you from the family of Ann Baker during their time of grief. Manager McHale noted that added to the packet this evening was an item regarding Reservoir Park, authorizing Jennifer Rabuck to be able to sign documents regarding the grant.

The second item added to the agenda is information regarding the PennPRIME Workers Compensation Safety Grant. Manager McHale noted that Jennifer Rabuck is requesting council consider allowing her to apply for the grant for Defensive Driving Training in accordance with the development of the Borough Fleet Safety Program. The third item that was added to the Council agenda is the contract between the Borough and South Central EMS. Manager McHale noted that South Central has sent the Borough an updated copy of the contract.

Codes Officer Terence Watts noted he attended the COG meeting. He noted that pricing regarding the Humane Society was brought up and that the COG is going to see what they can do as a whole about the pricing. Mr. Watts noted that a new convenience store will occupy the vacant store space on Lumber Street that housed Choice and Uni Mart. Mr. Watts also noted that there are some Council Members who still need to complete their ICS courses.

Member Sutch noted that the two flags that are at the Memorial on Lumber need replaced. Manager McHale noted that the little flags are up until the VFW replaces them in the spring. Member Dengler noted that he will ask about them at the VFW.

Superintendent John Ingiosi noted that there is a pre construction meeting this coming week regarding the Ann Street Sewer line replacement.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Hoch to approve the Management Activities for February. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Absent

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

Engineer Robert Lauriello noted they are fortunate to have the good weather that they have had. This will allow them to spend the remainder of the ARRA funds that the Borough received last year which is roughly \$13,500.00. They will be able to get 5 alleys paved. They must get the bill from the contractor and submit it to the County by March 25.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour, to approve the March 2010 Tax Exonerations List submitted by John Hoch, Tax Collector.

Member Hoch noted that some of the exonerations amounts needed to be changed. Council noted which one were to be changed.

Motion approved unanimously with the amendment.

Moved by Member Goughnour, seconded by Member Hoch to approve the March 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 March 2010 contribution to the Highspire Fire Department as indicated in the 2010 General Fund Budget. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Titus, to appoint Terence Watts to the position of Emergency management Coordinator for the Borough and John McHale as the deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Goughnour to sell the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, former patrol vehicle 1734, in the upcoming Capital Region COG auction. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Hoch to approve Resolution #4-2010, authorizing staff to submit a grant application to DCNR for the Reservoir Park Project and Jennifer Rabuck the Assistant Borough Secretary to sign the application on behalf of the Borough. Member Titus made the motion, seconded by Member Hoch. Member Goughnour, Titus, Roman, Dengler, Hoch, and Sutch vote Aye and Member Matesevac voted Ney. With a majority vote the motion was carried.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by member Goughnour to authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to PennPRIME for their Workers Compensation Grant. The application, being submitted, would be for Defensive Driving Training for the Administrative Staff, Highway and Sewer Department Personnel. The total amount of training would be \$4,000.00. The grant would cover \$2,000.00 of the total cost with the Borough's share coming from General and Sewer Reserve Funds. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Titus, seconded by Member Roman to approve the renewal agreement between Highspire Borough and South Central EMS, Inc. per the terms of the original 2003 agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Goughnour to, adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rabuck  
Assistant Borough Secretary