

MINUTES
Stroudsburg Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 02, 2017 at 7 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call - Present was Council Members Joanne Kochanski, Council Vice President James Smith, Council Member Boyd Weiss, Mayor Tarah Probst, Solicitor Joseph McDonald, Borough Manager Brian Bond, Council Member Matt Abell, Council Member Mark Connors and Council Member Patrick Maurath. Absent was Council President Ken Lang. A Quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Input. Motion to close public hearing Mr. Maurath, second by Mr. Weiss. All in favor, Motion Carries.
4. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2017. Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes Mr. Weiss, second Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Old Business

5. Update from the I80 Task Force. Penn Dot meeting cancelled May 4th public hearing. Our task force will be meet May 4th at 5:30pm and will be asking for participation and feedback from the public. Overall concerns are safety, quality of life and property tax impact. The task force is interested in Council's opinion. We don't feel the expansion for the width of 80 should happen at all, bridges and interchanges should be done. Penn Dot should look at fixing secondary roads. Possibly start the expansion in Bartonsville or Tannersville where there is no town up against the exits. Council members should send any questions to be addressed prior to the meeting.
6. Chapter 27 Zoning changes update. Continuing to work on.
7. Update on BTS Stroudsburg Land Development Plan. The deed has been signed, \$25K. 9 parcels were closing today. The closing will be in Virginia. Net proceeds to the Borough of \$20K. Spoke to Nate Oiler and he is requesting a pre-construction meeting.
8. Consideration to approve a request of the HARB to purchase and install Historic District Street Name signs. Motion to approve Mr. Weiss, second by Ms. Kochanski. HARB meets next June 5th and will add to the June 20th Council Meeting. Motion withdrawn. Motion to table Mr. Maurath, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.
9. Consideration of a request of the Street Committee to meet with the adjoining property owners of the un-named alley between North 6th Street and North 7th Street as described in Ordinance #109 dated 08/08/1916. Motion to approve Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Weiss. We are looking for the Streets Committee to meet with the property owners to discuss possible solution for maintenance of said alleyway, as our equipment does not fit in the alleyway. All in favor, Motion Carries.
10. Update on the Barricade ordinance. Outdoor Dining/BYOB regulations. Towns that allow outdoor dining have restrictions for BYOB. Should we add liability insurance indemnifying the Borough and its officials? Some towns such as Gettysburg do not allow. Minimum of 1-2 million dollars liability to cover. We need to do more research on what is allowed in Pennsylvania. BYOB is regulated by the municipality. The LCD does not regulate BYOB. Motion to refer BYOB/Outdoor Dining to the Codes & Ordinances Committee for thorough research Mr. Connors, second by Mr. Abell. We will need a public hearing for both issues. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Rich Berkowitz stated in the past business owners were able to participate in work sessions with the Borough and the Borough has gotten away from this.

New Business

11. Presentation by Jen Schaeffer of On the Grind Association about the Skate Park. This has been cancelled for tonight.
12. Solicitor's Report – Already spoke about BTS. We have collected sewer liens from the recent Sheriff's sale on the Hodges property. We received over \$11K for 4 liens.
13. Mayor's Report – Saturday is the Green Street Challenge, Farmers Market Opening Day, and Stroud Mansion Plant Sale. Concerts in the Park will begin June 1st.

14. Council Member Reports

Ms. Kochanski – NTR

Mr. Weiss – Rats are back. Some ordinances we are not clear on our timelines. Lot 3 has a vine over the fire escape. New owners cut down the vine and left it on public property. The bathroom window was replaced in the building with HARB approval.

Mr. Maurath – April 4th report spoke to Jacob Warner in reference to the map of the Underground Railroad. Will talk to the Historical Society.

Mr. Connors - NTR

Mr. Abell – Move to advertise for the Human Relations Commission and Solicitor. Hope to get out in the next month or so.

Mr. Smith – Follow up on the 8th Street sidewalk along the vacant property, missing slate. Mr. Kimes is meeting with the owners next week. Meeting with the metal fabricator on the bike racks.

15. Manager's Report – We need to establish a timeline for the Human Relations Committee. How many advertisements and for how long? Have spoken to the state for training. They have someone who is reviewing the ordinance, there are some liability concerns. The Mayor spoke to someone from Bradford County and we need a liability waiver before we can start. The Mayor has also spoke to a Municipality lawyer in West Chester. The waiver is not to hold the Borough responsible. Attorney McDonald spoke to Small and Sons and all Borough Commissions would be protected under the general liability. What would happen if the committee is sued and wins? Would the Borough be responsible? Per Attorney McDonald there is an Immunity Statute we are protected under.

Motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the needs of applicants, furnish the text for advertising, determine responsibilities, training of applicants and will furnish text of uses, will need a minimum of 5 people Mr. Abell, second by Mr. Connors. Amend the motion to be appointed by Council President. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Maureen Madden wants to commend Council for passing this ordinance. Build a coalition of people who can go to Harrisburg. My suggestion is to contact Ted Martin in Montgomery County or any other county who have this ordinance enacted. Ted Martin can direct you who to speak with.

Will open RFP's received for the record.

| | 1 st Keystone Bank | ESSA | Wayne Bank |
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| | No fees, no account set up monthly fees | No fees, no account set up monthly fees | No fees, no account set up monthly fees |
| General Fund | .50% | .65% | .15% |
| Street Fund | .50% | .65% | .55% |
| Fire Apparatus | .50% | .65% | .55% |
| Cap Equipment | .60% | .65% | .55% |
| Sewer (1) | .50% | .65% | .15% |
| Recreation | .40% | .65% | .15% |
| Street Light | .40% | .65% | .15% |
| Payroll | .30% | .65% | .15% |
| Debt Service | .40% | .65% | .15% |
| General Class | .60% | .65% | .55% |
| Insurance Dividend | .40% | .65% | .45% |
| Sewer (2) | .75% | .65% | .55% |
| Highway Aid | .40% | .65% | .15% |
| Sinking Fund (1) | .35% | .65% | .15% |
| Sinking Fund (2) | .35% | .65% | .15% |
| Twin Borough | .35% | .65% | .15% |

Motion to refer to the Finance Committee for evaluation of the (3) RFP's received and provide guidance with cost of interest and cost and time required in making changes Mr. Connors, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor except Mr. Weiss, Motion carries.

Mr. Bond will demo the tablet at the next Council Meeting.

16. Approval of Bills on Warrants 170502. Motion to approve Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion Carries.
17. Executive Session. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters by Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Connors at 8:21pm, Motion carries.
18. Motion to reconvene Regular Session by Mr. Connors, second by Ms. Kochanski at 8:30pm, Motion carries.

The Borough Manager reported personnel matters were discussed during Executive Session. No decisions were made.

Students from Notre Dame in attendance for their Civics Class. Eric Mangual, Heather Bortless, Sam Matrisciano, Alex Kelly.

19. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Abell, second by Mr. Connors, Motion carries.