

MINUTES
Stroudsburg Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - Present were: Council Member Joanne Kochanski, Council Member Anthony Lanfrank, Council Vice President Boyd Weiss, Mayor Tarah Probst, Solicitor Joseph McDonald, Council President James Smith, Borough Manager Maier, Council Member Matt Abell, Council Member Mark Connors and Council Member McCabe. A Quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Input for Agenda Items – Mr. Greg Little residing at 305 North 7th was in attendance to speak on agenda items 15 and 16 and the removal of a metal fence in the front and side of the property, an additional railing for the front and side porch and the alley side for safety, removal and replacement of a wooden fence in the back of the property which has been completed. The request for the metal fence was denied at this month’s HARB meeting. Mr. Little is requesting Council’s approval to install the 6-foot cedar fence. All permits have been submitted.
4. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting on September 4, 2018.
Motion by Ms. Kochanski to Approve Council Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting on September 4, 2018, second by Mr. Weiss. All in favor, Motion Carries.
5. Acceptance of Monthly Administrative Reports
 - a. Permits Issued Report
 - b. Public Works Report
 - c. Parking Report
 - d. Fire Department Report
 - e. Right-To-Know Report
 - f. Police Department Report (provided via email)Motion by Ms. Kochanski to accept Monthly Administrative Reports, second by Mr. Weiss. All in favor, Motion Carries.
6. Acceptance of Unaudited August, 2018 Treasurer’s Report.
 - a. Bank Account Balances
 - b. Budget to Actual ReportMotion by Mr. Weiss to accept Unaudited August, 2018 Treasurer’s Report, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Old Business

7. Status of remaining Municipal Building Renovation Project Loan balance, re: Fire Alarm System, Upgrade Reception Area. Ms. Maier advises the Fire alarm system is in progress. One of the Council Members will forward a contractor for the reception area, the 2nd contractor has not provided any pricing.

New Business

8. Consideration of the approval of a Resolution to promote Kenneth Reese to Municipal Worker A in the Street Department at a rate of \$22.61 per hour retroactive to November 2017.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve a Resolution to promote Kenneth Reese to Municipal Worker A in the Street Department at a rate of \$22.61 per hour retroactive to November 2017, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.

9. Consideration of an agreement between the Borough and Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. of Allentown, PA for Traffic Investigative Services.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve an agreement between the Borough and Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. of Allentown, PA for Traffic Investigative Services, second by Mr. Lanfrank. The cost is from the Streets budget line item. All in favor, Motion Carries.
10. Consideration to approve the final payment of \$28,457.49 to Northeast Site Contractors for the 2nd Street Improvement Project.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve the final payment of \$28,457.49 to Northeast Site Contractors for the 2nd Street Improvement Project, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.
11. Consideration to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Funding Obligation for the Stroudsburg Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.
Motion by Ms. Kochanski to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Funding Obligation for the Stroudsburg Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, second by Mr. Weiss. All in favor, Motion Carries.
12. Consideration of a request from the Stroudsburg Area School District for an exemption from the payment of the \$250.00 event fee for the Annual Homecoming Parade.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve a request from the Stroudsburg Area School District for an exemption from the payment of the \$250.00 event fee for the Annual Homecoming Parade, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.
13. Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for an LSA Grant for Solar Compacting Trash Cans and Recycling Containers. Mr. Scavello advised Mr. Smith about the LSA Grant available to the Borough. In 2017 the Borough received \$130K LSA Grant for Sarah Street. This grant must be submitted by September 27, 2018. Lengthy discussion ensued.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to terminate the debate on the question, second by Ms. Kochanski. Voting YES (Ms. Kochanski, Mr. Weiss, Ms. McCabe), Voting NO (Mr. Lanfrank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Abell, Mr. Connors).
Motion Fails.

Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve a Resolution to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for an LSA Grant for Solar Compacting Trash Cans and Recycling Containers and (10) solar lights for the Parking Deck, second by Mr. Lanfrank. Voting YES (Ms. Kochanski, Mr. Lanfrank, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Smith, Ms. McCabe), Voting NO (Mr. Abell, Mr. Connors). Lengthy discussion ensued. Motion Carries.
14. Consideration of a Resolution to Terminate the Inter-Municipal Services Agreement between Stroud Township and the Borough of Stroudsburg for the Use of a Sewer Camera System and to Authorize the Sale of the 1996 Ford Econoline E250 to the Borough of East Stroudsburg.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve a Resolution to Terminate the Inter-Municipal Services Agreement between Stroud Township and the Borough of Stroudsburg for the Use of a Sewer Camera System and to Authorize the Sale of the 1996 Ford Econoline E250 to the Borough of East Stroudsburg, second by Mr. Lanfrank. All in favor, Motion Carries.
15. Consider the application of Greg Little, as recommended for approval and issuance by the Historic Architectural Review Board, for the replacement of a wood fence and front porch railings at 305 North Seventh Street.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve the application of Greg Little, as recommended for approval and issuance by the Historic Architectural Review Board, for the replacement of a wood fence and front porch railings at 305 North Seventh Street, second by Mr. Lanfrank. All in favor, Motion Carries.

16. Consider the application of Greg Little, as recommended for denial by the Historic Architectural Review Board, for the removal of a metal fence at 305 North Seventh Street.
Motion by Mr. Connors to deny the application of Greg Little, as recommended for denial by the Historic Architectural Review Board, for the removal of a metal fence at 305 North Seventh Street, second by Mr. Abell. Mr. Little advises the original metal fence which was cemented 3 feet into the ground has been demolished; also Mr. Little advises there are 2 homes in the Hill District with a similar fence but Mr. Kimes advises those homes were prior to HARB. Lengthy discussion ensued. Voting YES (Ms. Kochanski, Mr. Lanfrank, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Abell, Mr. Connors), Voting NO (Ms. McCabe). Motion Carries.
17. Committee Reports – Mr. Smith would like all members invited to each meeting.
 - A. Codes Committee – Ms. Kochanski advises the next meeting is scheduled October 1st.
 - B. Finance Committee – No Meeting
 - C. Parking Committee – Mr. Smith advises Ms. McCabe will replace Mr. Maurath as chair. No Meeting.
 - D. Recycling Committee – No Meeting. Mr. Connors would like the Committee to discuss Solar Compacting Trash Cans and Recycling Containers at the next meeting.
 - E. Sewer Committee – No Meeting
 - F. Street Committee – No Meeting
 - G. Personnel Committee – Mr. Connors advises meetings will be the 4th Thursday each month at 4:30pm. Harassment training will be re-scheduled for the Fire Department in the evening and Council Members are encouraged to attend.
 - H. Public Relations/Media Committee – Mayor Probst advises the Business Association will hold ladies night this Thursday. Angelica Badillo addressed the Downtown Business Association about having a Pride Parade in June. Upcoming is Halloween on Main, the Tree lighting ceremony and Winterfest.
 - I. Redevelopment Committee – Mr. Abell advises no meeting but beginning in October the committee will meet regularly the 3rd Thursday monthly at 4:00pm.
 - J. I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – Mr. Connors advises the committee met last Friday in anticipation of the upcoming Advisory Group Meeting scheduled next Tuesday. Mr. Connors would like to give a pat on the back to the County’s Transportation Authority in suggesting the bus stop by the former Buick property. The committee will be asking Penn Dot for funding or donations in supporting the Inter-modal transportation. The committee will emphasis the 6 lanes, Route 611 needs to be considered as part of the project, keeping the Dreher Avenue exit and entrance and the specific interchanges and how the configurations will go. The Broad Street/Route 191 Bridge will be rebuilt and we are asking for sidewalks for pedestrians.
 - K. Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission - No Report
18. Mayor’s Report – No Report
19. Council Member Reports
Ms. McCabe – Would like to discuss apartment leases and parking permits. We should not allow residential permit renewals without a tenant registration form on file.

Mr. Connors – No Report

Mr. Abell – No Report

Mr. Smith – Would like to look at Tenant Ordinance Policies and will refer to the Codes Committee.

Mr. Weiss – Some back yards in South Stroudsburg are becoming parking lots with parties all night. Will refer to the Codes Committee.

Mr. Lanfrank – Informally, HARB has approved the bike racks. I spoke to George on the functionality. There are 2 different bike racks to be submitted to HARB for approval.

Motion by Mr. Lanfrank to rescind the original bike rack design approved in 2017 in favor of the new bike rack design, second by Ms. Kochanski. Voting YES (Ms. Kochanski, Mr. Lanfrank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Abell, Mr. Connors, Ms. McCabe), Voting NO (Mr. Weiss). Ms. Maier will look at the MCTA Grant and any other grants available for funding. Motion Carries.

A resident complained about vomit on Main Street over the weekends.

Ms. Kochanski – Will be attending Council of Governments meeting Monday September 24th at 5:00pm.

20. Solicitor's Report – Solicitor McDonald advises he is following up on the 4 Municipalities and what is proposed to update the Comprehensive Plan. Solicitor McDonald attended an assessment appeal hearing September 10th filed by Whitmire Holdings for the adjoining 3 ½ acres to Ray Price's property, almost to Phillips Street which assessed at \$69,700 for land/building with a market value of \$278,800. Mr. Price is asking for relief alleging the property has little to no value. Mr. Price argued that due to the stream buffer setbacks and storm water management Ordinance there can be no use of the property. The Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled October 16, 2018. Adam Outdoors's Attorney Cavacini has not withdrawn the appeal and is not planning to withdraw the appeal which was filed to the Zoning Hearing Board in 2017. Attorney Cavacini asked if Council would meet with him on this matter in Public prior to the October 16th meeting. Solicitor McDonald advises Council to allow the applicant to state their case and not to comment to outside parties to avoid any allegations.
21. Manager's Report – Ms. Maier advised she met with SROSRC about the budget. The pool is in very bad condition with multiple coats of paint. Some of the paint chips are clogging the filter. SROSRC recommends sandblasting the pool and painting with a rubberized surface which costs about \$40K. Mr. Ace is recommending a liner opposed to sandblasting which could damage the walls. We will price out. Ms. Maier met with SARP about the budget and they are waiting for Benecon's numbers to finalize. Ms. Maier is looking at working with a company called IGS to reduce PPL street lighting accounts for a reduction in cost. The parking garage is leaking at the joints. It's too big a project for DPW. We have been receiving complaints about the lower deck and damage to their cars with the leaking. We are looking into pricing. Comprehensive Planning Meeting is scheduled Monday at 5:00pm. The school and Public Transportation buses are not required to meet the weight limit of the roads. Will refer to Codes. Ms. Maier advises to let her know if you have any questions on the Managers Report.
22. Approval of Bills on Warrants 180918.
Motion by Mr. Weiss to Approve Bills on Warrants 180918, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.

23. Public Input for Non-Agenda Items.

24. Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Weiss to adjourn to Executive Session for a legal issue at 8:43pm, second by Mr. Lanfrank. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Motion by Mr. Connors to reconvene to the Regular Session at 9:02pm, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.

25. Adjournment

Motion Mr. Connors to adjourn at 9:02pm, second by Ms. Kochanski. All in favor, Motion Carries.