

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING  
STROUDSBURG BOROUGH AND EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

A special meeting of the Stroudsburg Borough Council convened at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building with the following members present: Council President Matt Abell, Council President Pro-Tem Erica McCabe (arrived at 6:10 P.M.), Council member Joanne Kochanski, Council member Victoria DeVries, and Council member Jim Evanisko. Council member James Smith was absent.

Also present from Stroudsburg Borough were: Mayor Tarah Probst, Borough Manager Lawrence Kopp, Executive Assistant Mary Pat Quinn, Superintendent of Streets Brian Ace, Jr., Borough Solicitor Joseph McDonald.

Present from East Stroudsburg Borough were: Council member Maury Molin, Council member Roger DeLarco, Council member Sonia Wolbert, Council member Donald Cross, Council member Carrie Panepinto, Borough Manager Brian Bond, Borough Solicitor John Prevoznik, Superintendent of Public Works Brian Ace, Sr., and Recycling Supervisor Michael Stettler.

Also present were: Robert Gordon, Buddy Spang, and Laura Kessler.

Adequate notice of the meeting for both Boroughs was provided by publishing a legal ad notice in the Pocono Record in the issue of December 17, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Abell, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Abell advised all present that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the recent purchase of a new curbside recycling truck, the proposed 2022 Budget for Twin Boroughs Recycling, the need to update/ refresh the Operating Agreement, and the need for better communication between the two boroughs.

A discussion ensued about the timeline for the submission of the grant for the truck, the award of the grant, the truck purchase and who was notified of this and who was not. Mr. DeLarco suggested that if there is any surplus for Twin Boroughs Recycling at the end of the year, that the money is used to reimburse East Stroudsburg Borough for its payment of the full local share of the truck purchase. Mr. Molin suggested that Twin Boroughs Recycling partners might want to consider moving forward as an independent agency.

A budget to actual report for the period January 1, 2021 through December 20, 2021 was reviewed. The sale of recyclables was up, which will likely result in a surplus; however, all of the 2021 bills have not been submitted for payment.

The proposed 2022 Budget was reviewed. Mr. DeLarco asked that the money that East Stroudsburg Borough paid for the local share of the truck be added to the budget. A discussion ensued about the budget, which will be referred to the Twin Boroughs Recycling Committee for review and recommendation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the 2022 Budget for Twin Borough's Recycling contingent upon a favorable recommendation from the recycling committee. The motion was carried. (5-yes; 0-no; -abstain)

A consensus was reached by all parties to schedule a meeting of the Twin Boroughs Recycling Committee on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 3:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building. Ms. Quinn will order the legal ad notice from the Pocono Record on behalf of both borough recycling committees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. DeVries to conclude the meeting at 6:50 P.M. The motion was carried. (5-yes; 0-no; -abstain)