

MINUTES
Stroudsburg Borough Council Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call: Present were Council President Ken Lang, Council Vice President James Smith, Council members Joanne Kochanski, Boyd Weiss and Patrick Maurath. Absent were Council members Matt Abell and Mark Connors. Also present was Borough Manager Cathryn Thomas.

Sharon Sinkevich from the Apple Tree women's clothing store located downtown said she had contacted Code Enforcement Officer Ron Kimes earlier in the day proposing to hold a sidewalk sale in front of her store on the following two days – Friday and Saturday. She was told she would need special permission from the Borough Council to hold such an event and that was the reason she came to this meeting.

She originally approached the Borough wanting to purchase meter bags with a plan to have her sale span the entire width of the sidewalk in front of her store and then pedestrians could walk around in the street in the blocked-off parking spaces. She was informed that this was not an acceptable proposal. Rather, the Council might grant permission for the sidewalk sale, however with sale items on the sidewalk placed up close to the building and that an open, unobstructed pedestrian passageway on the sidewalk of at least six-feet would be required spanning out to the edge of the curb.

The consensus of the Council was to grant permission for a sidewalk sale on Friday and Saturday, June 17th and 18th in front of the Apple Tree, with the condition that sale items on the sidewalk be placed up close to the building and that an open, unobstructed pedestrian passageway on the sidewalk of at least six-feet would be required spanning out to the edge of the curb. It was noted that this was not an official action, however that could be considered at the next Council meeting and granted retroactively.

2. Consideration to enter into Executive Session for a personnel matter: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Consideration to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the open session segment of the meeting at 8:28: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consideration of a motion to fill the Executive Assistant position and set the salary for said position: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Maurath, to hire Mary Pat Quinn for the Executive Assistant position at an annual salary of \$50,000. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilperson Smith voting nay.
5. Adjournment: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Weiss. Motion passed unanimously.