

AGENDA
Stroudsburg Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 07, 2017 at 7 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call - Present were Council Members Joanne Kochanski, Council Vice President James Smith, Council Member Boyd Weiss, Mayor Tarah Probst, Solicitor Joseph McDonald, Council President Ken Lang, Borough Manager Brian Bond, Council Member Matt Abell, Council Member Mark Connors and Council Member Patrick Maurath. A Quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Hearings:
 - A. Consideration of a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 3 General Parking Regulations, Section 309, Part 4 Metered Parking, Section 401, Part 5 Removal and Impoundment of Illegally Parked Vehicles, Section 501.8. We are compliant in advertising the public hearing. Meters between Main Street and Ann Street on South 6th, South 7th and South 8th are changing to .50/per hour with a 3 hour limit. Motion to close public hearing Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion Carries.
 - B. Consideration to approve an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 3 General Parking Regulations, Section 309, Part 4 Metered Parking, Section 401, Part 5 Removal and Impoundment of Illegally Parked Vehicles, Section 501.8. Motion to approve public hearing Mr. Weiss, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor with Mr. Connors abstaining. Motion Carries.
4. Public Input

Jacob Morris from Middle Smithfield County wants to thank the council for their response in working with Lowes and Home Depot to accept the Monroe County Veterans card.

Mr. Berkowitz would like a change in policy on snow removal. In the past notification was given as a warning before receiving a citation. For this past snow storm citations only were issued. Per Mr. Kimes we have not sent warnings since 2015. To clarify snow must be removed by 9:00pm the night of the snow storm, snow must be pushed into the street. We will take back to staff to review. Any comments should be directed to Mr. Bond.

Mr. Joe Castrogiovanni, Senior VP with Wayne Bank. There was a change in banking relationship voted at the last council meeting. I am here to request if there is any opportunity for Wayne Bank to continue our relationship with the Borough. We value our relationship with the Borough.

Motion to close public hearing Mr. Maurath, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, Motion carries.
5. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2017. Motion to approve Mr. Weiss, second Mr. Abell. All in favor with Mr. Connors abstaining. Motion Carries.

Old Business

6. Update from the I80 Task Force. Next meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning. I-80 open house at the high school on May 4th. Re-construction meeting April 11th.

7. Chapter 27 Zoning changes update. Mr. Kimes presented and reviewed a handout for 1st floor residential use in the C2 district. We are in the process speaking to 4 different planning firms to re-write all zoning ordinances, table uses, off street parking. Lengthy discussion ensued. Recommended to work on definition of basement, need to clarify 1/3 of the length of the perimeter walls, clarify 5 feet or more above ground level. Solicitor McDonald recommends Mr. Kimes looking at use schedule, section 405, the mixed use section. Continue to work over the next 2 weeks.
8. Consider advertising for adoption of the proposed Non-Discrimination Ordinance presented by Mr. Abell. Reviewed the document. The purpose is to provide citizens who live or work in the Borough a method of remediation when they suspect their civil liberties are being infringed upon. Set up classes of protected groups. Defined by race, sex, height, religion, gender identity or expression, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, weight. Sets up being unlawful. Discrimination in housing, employment. Prohibit advertising of signs. Prohibit a business with public restroom facilities to turn down transgender person. Method of remediation is to establish a human relations commission. Group of 5-9 people (must be an odd number) who either live or work in the Borough to be used as mediators. 90% of this ordinance came from Doylestown. 38 other municipalities have ordinances on the books. This was run past Joe Dungee, from a Philly non-profit. Need to check current insurance policies, are they broad enough to cover these activities. Borough would need to spend some money and train people interested in the committee. Move we advertise to the public for adoption of a non-discrimination April 18, 2017 Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion carries.
9. Consideration of the proposed Adult Content Ordinance presented by Mr. Maurath. Per our current ordinance the storefront is not illegal. Reviewed all sections of the document. Information coming from other municipalities. Move to send to Codes Committee Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor except for Mr. Lang and Mr. Abell Motion carries.
10. Update on BTS Stroudsburg Land Development Plan. No updates to report. Next step is to put the security together and the development agreement in place. Make sure site specific improvements are not overlooked and are put into the development agreement. Timelines are good, written notice of approval went out. Can challenge within 30 days of the letter. The Borough has satisfied our written response.
11. Consideration to approve Conditional Use request from Shanti-house, LLC, for the construction of a new building with a maximum height of five (5) stories or sixty-five (65) feet on vacant land located at 621-625 Main Street. Motion to table Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Weiss. We have 45 days to respond from the conclusion of the February 28, 2017 hearing, takes us out to April 14, 2017. All in favor except Mr. Connors and Mr. Abell. Motion Carries. Set a date for a public meeting work session to discuss Shanti House Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, Motion Carries. Shey Salom Yemini and Gad Ruham were in attendance. Scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 4:30pm.

New Business

12. Consideration of a request by Zech Strauser of Come Alive Outside to implement a Green Street Challenge during one of the Downtown Festivals. Kate Daniels on behalf of Zech Strauser. Non-profit based out of Vermont. Reviewed document. Proposing Green Street Challenge to inspire outdoor activity. Close down a street, thinking of Quaker Alley. We lay down sod and turn into a temporary park. Look to schedule along with another Festival. Set up activities. We need someone to lay down the sod and possibly the Fire Department to water the sod. We would get the sod delivered and picked up. Motion to give blessings Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Connors. We would be the 1st community in the US to do this. Quaker Alley is being used by the Sherman Theater for some events, perhaps another street would be better. The Farmers Market on Monroe may work well.
13. Consideration to approve the hiring of Cynthia Talamo for the Part-time Parking Enforcement Officer

Position. Motion to approve Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion Carries.

14. Consideration of a request from SARP for a letter of support for the PLCB 2017-2019 grant that SARP is applying for. Enforcement Grant is through the Bureau of Alcohol Education. SARP receives money to help supplement patrols and educate college kids and kids drinking. Motion to approve Mr. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, Motion Carries.
15. Consideration to reinstate a committee to discuss the maintenance of the alleyway between North 6th St and North 7th St, pertaining to maintenance. In 2014 a Committee was formed for the alleyway that runs between 6th and 7th. Too narrow for us to plow. Looking to either turn back to the businesses or create a walking alley. Motion for the Streets Committee to look into and advise council Mr. Smith, second by Ms. Kochanski.
16. Consideration of a request to send Brian Bond and Brian Ace Jr. to the 2017 PennTec Technical Conference and Exhibition on June 5th –June 7th in Pocono Manor. Continuing education for waste water collection license, financing, sanitary sewer lines, INI. Motion to approve Mr. Abell, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, Motion Carries.
17. Consideration of a request to send Brian Ace Jr. and George Loew to the 2017 DEP Flood Protection Workshop in State College, PA on April 11th and 12th. Motion to approve Mr. Smith, second by Ms. Kochanski. This is a bi-annual event, it's free since we have the levee. All in favor, Motion Carries.
18. Consideration of a request from the Public Works Department to purchase a Bobcat M7019 Asphalt Planer Attachment for \$6900. Brand new \$18-20K, this unit has 150 hours and is almost brand new. Motion to approve Mr. Smith, second Mr. Weiss. All in favor, Motion carries.
19. Solicitor's Report – Updated Attorney Allen Price Young on 2 properties. He would like to meet with representatives or council. Motion for Solicitor McDonald and Mr. Bond to have a meeting with Attorney Allen Price Young Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion Carries. Seasonal open space agreement. The county has responded. Need to confirm the tax parcel ID for the 35 X 35 space. Shanti House 2015 application for Executive Session.
20. Mayor's Report – Concerts in the Park, WSBG will sponsor. Will begin June 1st for 10 weeks. Asking the Street Department put the barricades out on Monroe Street. Tomorrow is International Women's Day. A resident who owns a building on Lower Main, thought the town looks dirty, a lot of garbage around town. It has been very windy. Kristina Anzini has a volunteer program on Fridays. Lease is complete for Quaker and 6th. Will put out on social media. I looked up a Nudity Law. There is no Federal Law on Nudity except for 1st amendment rights which local laws have precedence over. Waiting for Penn Dot signage.
21. Council Member Reports
Mr. Maurath – NTR

Mr. Connors – Where do we stand on extended contract to Brian, will talk in Executive Session.

Mr. Abell – NTR

Mr. Lang – 2 requests for HARB. Come up with a model letter on doing a nice building. Discussion about a historic street signs. Would like to present to council as new business at our next meeting.

Mr. Weiss – NTR

Mr. Smith – waiting for John Brown from MCII on bike racks.

Ms. Kochanski – Consider a new RFP for ESSA and Wayne Bank since they took the opportunity to come to us. In fairness we should let them present to us to see what they are willing to do. This time not taking information after the fact. There were a lot of hidden expenses in changing banks, purchasing new checks and systems issues. We can include other banks but only 2 banks can handle coin. Motion to re-advertise RFP to all banks within a 2 mile radius Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Abell. Lengthy discussion ensued. VOTE: YES (Mr. Connors, Mr. Abell, Mr. Lang, Ms. Kochanski) NO (Mr. Maurath, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Smith). Motion Carries.

22. Manager's Report – We have received 2 responses for the Planning Commissioner Solicitor and Alternate Borough Solicitor, will review with Solicitor McDonald and make recommendation to council. Automated Red light enforcement grant funding program. The revenue pays for equipment and maintenance, monies left over is put into a grant and used to install stop lights. Recommended we add matching funds. Will apply for \$300K with the Borough putting in \$50K-\$100K. Grant closes June 1st. Last traffic study was 2012-2013. Penn Dot will not allow a stop sign. Motion to ask the Streets Committee and Department of Public Works to recommend the best spots for a light Mr. Connors, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor except Mr. Weiss. Motion Carries. Looking to purchase tablets for Council Members where council packets and pictures can be loaded. Approximate cost \$200 each. Mr. Bond to provide a cost analysis and report back to council.
23. Approval of Bills on Warrants 170307. Motion to approve Mr. Weiss, second by Mr. Abell. All in favor, Motion Carries.
24. Executive Session. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00pm Ms. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Motion to reconvene regular session 9:22pm Mr. Maurath, second Ms. Kochanski.

Motion to reconvene one hour prior to the next regular council meeting Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 6:00pm for Executive Session on a personnel matter Mr. Smith, JK. All in favor, Motion Carries.
25. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn Regular council meeting 9:27pm Mr. Weiss, second by all. All in favor, Motion Carries.