

STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the Stroudsburg Borough Council convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building with the following members present: Council Vice-President Erica McCabe, Council Pro-Tem Joseph Shay, Council Member Victoria DeVries, and Council Member Cheryl Joubert.

Also present were: Mayor Michael Moreno, Borough Solicitor Christopher Brown, Esq., Street Superintendent Brian Ace, Jr., Zoning/Codes Officer Kenelle DeStefano, and Executive Assistant Becky Smith.

Council President Matt Abell, Council Member J. Zac Christman, and Borough Manager Larry Kopp were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing and Consideration to Adopt an Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stroudsburg in the County of Monroe, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 15-316, “Handicapped Parking Zones Established”, of the Stroudsburg Borough Code.

The proposed ordinance adds a handicapped parking space at 7 Bell Terrace, as requested by a current resident.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the public. A motion was made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Mr. Shay to close the public hearing. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

The aforementioned Ordinance was adopted on a motion made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Mr. Shay. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on July 16, 2024

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 16, 2024 were approved as circulated on a motion made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Mr. Shay. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

A motion was made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Joubert to approve issuing a Residential Parking Permit to the resident of 703 Sarah Street, Apt. A, at the normal permit fee. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

A motion was made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Joubert to approve the Special Event Permit submitted by Erik Diemer, Go Collaborative, for the Annual Downtown Stroudsburg Christmas Lighting on Friday, November 29, 2024, and waive the application fee. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

A motion was made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Joubert to approve a Resolution requesting I-80/611 Delaware Water Gap Actions. The motion was carried. (yes-4; no-0; abstain-0)

Committee Reports

Codes Committee – No report.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – No report.

Recycling Committee – No report.

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – Mr. Moreno reported the committee will meet on August 21st, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss complaints about motorists running stop signs.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the Concerts in the Square are wrapping up at the end of August.

Redevelopment Committee – No report.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – No report.

Parks and Rec (Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation) Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the community center's kitchen flooded, and there are discussions about a new center.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Moreno thanked Brian Ace and his team for being so responsive to issues throughout the Borough.

Council Member Reports

Mr. Shay attended the Monroe County America 250PA Commission meeting on July 19th. The Commission is coordinating celebratory activities within Monroe County to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The Commission is gathering ideas for local events and activities.

Ms. McCabe advised Brian Ace of a request received for the Borough to place a garbage can at 913 Main Street. Ms. McCabe thanked Mr. Ace for taking care of the overflowing garbage cans along Courthouse Square prior to last Thursday's concert.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Engineer's Report

Denny Peters advised since obtaining necessary easements for the Creekwalk Project has been difficult, a pedestrian bridge will be installed across the creek, providing access to Rotary Park. New plans are forthcoming.

Mr. Peters reported he will meet with PennDOT on August 26th to discuss the congestion at the 5-Points intersection, and the possibility of a roundabout. The Parking Garage specs are complete and can go out for bid anytime, unless the Borough is applying for a grant for the

project. The South 8th Street Paving Project is complete; the final inspection was performed on August 6, 2024.

Mr. Peters stated the Shanti House is seeking another extension; their current extension expires August 31, 2024. A formal application has not yet been received.

Street Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ace reported the Borough passed the annual levee inspection performed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on August 6, 2024, and thanked his staff for their hard work preparing for the inspection.

Zoning/Codes Officer Report

Ms. DeStefano reported rental inspections have begun; since not many landlords have responded, her department is calling them directly.

Approval of Bills on Warrants 240806

A motion was made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Joubert to authorize the payment of bills on Warrants 240806, The motion was carried. (4-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Public Input for Non-Agenda Items

Tracy Tomlinson requested approval of a rain date of Sunday, August 11 for the Annual Scott Street Block Party. The event was originally approved at the July 16, 2024 Council Meeting. The request was granted to include Sunday, August 11, 2024 as a rain date for the block party.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., on a motion made by Ms. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Joubert. The motion was carried. (4-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)