

# Highspire Borough Council Workshop Minutes

January 10, 2017

Council President Kay Sutch called the Highspire Borough Council Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

Council Members Present:           A. Kay Sutch  
  Carolee Roman  
  Marie Hoch  
  Dorothy Matesevac  
  Georgann Thompson

Mayor:                                    A. Kay Sutch (acting Mayor)  
Borough Manager:                   John McHale  
Assistant Borough Secretary:      Deanna Proctor  
Code Enforcement Officer:         Terence Watts  
Junior Council Member:             Kaia Alexis Scott

Council Member Tyler Thatcher and Council Member Michael Anderson were absent.

Borough Solicitor Dave DeLuce and Borough Engineer Robert Lauriello were absent.

## **New Business**

Discussion was held regarding appointing a Mayor to finish the term of Mayor John Hoerner who had passed away in December 2016. President Sutch asked Members to consider Brenda Hoerner to fill the position as the Mayor of Highspire and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1-2017 appointing Brenda Hoerner to fill the position as the Mayor of Highspire.

Motion moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac to approve Resolution 1-2017, appointing Brenda Hoerner to fill the position as the Mayor of Highspire and finish out the term of Mayor John Hoerner. It was noted that A. Kay Sutch abstained from this motion as she is the acting Mayor. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Citizens Comments**

Kelly Kratzer and Michael Segina with the Steelton Borough Council gave their condolences and said a few words on behalf of Steelton Borough to Brenda Hoerner on the passing of her husband, Mayor John Hoerner.

Council Members reviewed the draft Borough Council Meeting agenda for the January 17, 2017 meeting.

## **Correspondence**

A letter from Jerry Beaver announcing training for Emergency Workers conducted by TMI, to be held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Center on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Please RSVP by January 27, 2017, to the number provided in the information, if you plan to attend.

Code Enforcement Officer, Terence Watts, noted that the TMI drill will be held on April 11, 2017 and attending the training would be beneficial to all Staff and Council Members. Discussion followed.

### **Staff Activity Reports**

Manager McHale noted that Waggoner, Frutiger & Daub is merging with Boyer & Rittner, LLC and representatives from Boyer & Rittner will be coming to the Borough to begin the audit on January 19, 2017. He also noted that the representatives for the Borough will remain the same, only the company name is changing.

Manager McHale noted that a resident on Lumber Street with a bad septic tank has made arrangements with the Borough to hookup to the sewer system in the Borough. He noted that the construction began last week and when going through the sewer main the workers found that there was 75 feet of concrete encasing the sewer line. He noted that the sewer line would have to be rerouted and the cost to reroute the sewer line is \$17,000. He noted that the funds to cover this would come out of the Sewer Administration funds. He noted that he gave his approval to proceed with the project.

Manager McHale discussed Items d., e. and f. on the agenda under New Business.

Manager McHale noted that on January 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. there is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for the interceptor project.

Code Enforcement Officer, Terence Watts, noted that he was contacted by a real estate company who is interested in purchasing the 84 Lumber property. He noted that the building would be used to process medical marijuana. He noted that the owner would obtain a Grower Processor Permit to grow marijuana, process it down into oil, package the product and ship it to a dispensary where it would be sold. He noted that this is permitted under the Zoning Ordinance, Heavy Manufacturing. Code Enforcement Officer Watts asked Council to review the information in their packets and asked if any member would be opposed to this idea. Discussion followed.

With no other business to discuss President Sutch adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna J. Proctor  
Assistant Borough Secretary