

Highspire Borough Council Workshop Minutes

January 14, 2020

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

Roll call was taken:

Council Members Present: Michael Anderson
Carolee Roman
A. Kay Sutch
Marie Hoch
Tyler Thatcher
Dorothy Matesevac
Christina Keith

Mayor: Brenda Hoerner
Borough Manager: Mark Stonbraker
Assistant Borough Manager: Deanna Proctor
Borough Solicitor: Adam Zei

President Anderson requested an Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

Executive Session: 7:02 p.m.
Reconvene: 7:40 p.m.

No action was taken.

Mayor Hoerner swore in Thomas Otzel as a member of the Highspire Zoning Hearing Board and the Highspire Sewer Authority.

Fire Department Report

Shirley Sundy noted that the fire department held their first roast beef dinner of the year on Sunday, January 12, 2020 and that it was well attended.

Citizens Comments

None

Council Members reviewed the draft Borough Council Meeting agenda for the January 21, 2020 meeting.

President Anderson noted that the committee members will remain the same with the exception of the Public Safety Committee changing to Member Sutch as the Chairman. He also stated that he would like to start a new committee regarding maintenance, repairs and improvements to the borough building. He asked for three volunteers. With no volunteers President Anderson appointed Member Matesevac, Member Hoch and Member Thatcher as the Chairman on the new committee.

Committee Reports

Public Facilities Committee – Member Matesevac stated that there will be a HATS meeting in January 2020.

Sanitation Committee – Member Keith noted that with Von Hess's and Robert Sutch's resignations there are two (2) vacancies on the Sewer Authority. She reported that the reorganization meeting for the Authority will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 and that she is interested in being the Chairman of the Authority. Discussion followed.

Staff Activity Reports

Adam Zei, Borough Solicitor, discussed the use of the stormwater fees being used to rebuild the pavilion at Memorial Park since the old pavilion is being torn down due to the renovations for the stormwater project. He stated that the funds could be used by amending Ordinance 609 of 2016 and passing a new ordinance authorizing the use of stormwater funds for work caused by projects that have been authorized for the streambank and stormwater restoration. He stated that he will write a new ordinance for Council to make a motion to advertise at the January 21, 2020 Council meeting.

New Business

Motion moved by Member Thatcher, seconded by Member Keith to approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the Sewer Admin. Capital Reserve PLGIT account to the Sewer O&M account. This is being done to cover the sewer rents that have not been paid by Lower Swatara Township for August, September and October 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

Solicitor Zei asked President Anderson to let him know what the new name of the committee will be so that he can do a resolution to formally establish the committee.

With no other business to discuss, President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna J. Proctor
Assistant Borough Manager