

Highspire Borough Council Workshop Minutes

February 14, 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 Matesevack
 Michael Anderson
 Tyler Thatcher
 Georgann Thompson

Mayor: Brenda Hoerner
Borough Manager: John McHale
Assistant Borough Secretary: Deanna Proctor
Code Enforcement Officer: Terence Watts
Junior Council Member: Kaia Alexis Scott

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

President Sutch asked Mayor Hoerner if she had anything to discuss before the Council meeting on February 21, 2017. Mayor Hoerner noted that she has committee members to swear in and asked members how to get in touch with the committee members.

President Sutch stated that she, along with Jenna Condran, Brian Seace, Michael Anderson and Carolee Roman did a walkthrough of the Fire Department. President Sutch noted a few issues that needed to be addressed.

Citizens Comments

None

Council Members reviewed the draft Borough Council Meeting agenda for the February 21, 2017 meeting.

Correspondence

PSAB Annual conference to be held at the Hershey Lodge on May 7-10, 2017. Manager McHale asked that Council Members let him know if they would like to attend.

The Statement of Financial Interest is to be completed and returned no later than the February meeting of the Highspire Borough Council.

A letter from Jerry Feaser, Director, Dauphin County Bureau of Registration and Elections, listing the election dates for 2017. Primary on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 and Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Committee Reports

Public Facilities – Member Matesevac noted that she will be attending the HATS meeting in February and asked members to provide any information/concerns regarding the roads in Highspire that members would like her to discuss at the meeting. She also stated that she will be presenting the awards to the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest at the February 21, 2017 Council meeting.

Sanitation Committee – Member Thompson had nothing to report.

Events Committee – President Sutch noted that the Events Committee will be holding a fundraiser by selling apple dumplings through the month of March, and that the next Events Committee meeting will be held the second Thursday in March. She also noted that the Citizens Fire Department will have their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and the Community Watch will have the Easter Egg Hunt both events will be held at the Citizens Fire Department.

Finance/Administration – Member Thatcher had nothing to report.

Personnel – Member Roman had nothing to report.

Community Development – Member Hoch asked members for any suggestions for the Citizen and Business of the Year.

Public Safety Committee – Member Anderson had nothing to report. Member Hoch noted that there is a problem with Republic Services, the trash hauler for Highspire, not placing the garbage and recycling bins off the road when emptied. Discussion followed.

Junior Council Member – Junior Council Member Scott had nothing to report.

Staff Activity Reports

Manager McHale noted that Brian Carter is still working with Kent Patterson on the leasing of the Stormwater System and a motion to advertise may be on next week's agenda. Manager McHale noted that Terry Watts is working on installing the floor at the garage. He also noted that he had a meeting with potential buyers regarding the use of the 84 Lumber property, and the group that would like to use the property to process medical cannabis would like to do a presentation for Council. He noted that they may ask for a letter of support from Council. Discussion followed.

Manager McHale asked that a motion be made at tonight's meeting on Item e. on the agenda approving Council Resolution 6-2017, and he discussed Items d., g. and h. on the agenda under New Business.

Motion moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Roman to approve Resolution 6-2017, authorizing and supporting a petition to extend a Noise Exemption previously granted by the PLCB which is due to expire March 2017. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager McHale noted that the State Association of Mayors is giving out scholarships on behalf of Mayors that have passed away in 2016. He noted that the association will be giving out a scholarship in Mayor John Hoerner's name.

Code Enforcement Officer, Terence Watts, thanked Council Members and the Mayor for attending the TMI Training. Discussion regarding the training followed.

New Business

None

With no other business to discuss, President Sutch adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna J. Proctor
Assistant Borough Secretary