

COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2002

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Jamie Fleet, John Eline, Bill Monahan, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller and Mayor Troxell. Ms. Giles is out of town. . Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Rec Director Weikert.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Times and Stacey Ward of the Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the January 7, 2002 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Maria Tipton, facilitator of the Harvest Friendships Class of the PEACE Program, attended with several of her students to request a skate park. The teens and pre-teens are all residents of the Borough and enjoy skateboarding, scooters, rollerblading and bikes.

Brandon Rinehart presented Council with a petition of 230 signatures in support of the skate park.

Ikea Jones told Council that the skate park could be funded through many sources including fund-raisers, admission fees, grants and membership sales.

Mr. Streeter thanked the children for appearing before Council and assured them that Council will pursue this request. He referred this to the Community Development Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 3:00.

Mr. Streeter reported the NPS Committee was rescheduled to Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Fleet reported he will be attending the PLCM workshop in Carlisle on Tuesday, February 12 with Mr. Sterner and college reps Dennis Murphy and Patti Lawson.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution authorizing and supporting the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance to file a grant application to DCED that will fund a intermunicipal retail study. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to pledge \$1,000 for each of three years (total \$3,000) to participate in REDDI to assist in the re-development of certain areas of the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported that he, Manager Sterner and Mr. Fleet will be traveling to Leon, Nicaragua next week to attend the sister city conference.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance authorizing the joint municipal agreement for police services with Straban Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to provide \$2,000 to the Fire Department for purchase of pagers. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve HARB consent agenda items A,B,C,D & F. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve HARB consent agenda items E & G. Mr. Fleet and Mr. Monahan abstained. Motion carried.

Ms. Smith reported that she attended the PSAB training for new councilors and found it very rewarding. She reported that we have a great Council and staff that work together. At the training, she was told of bad situations in other municipalities how councils sometimes don't work together and have lots of problems. She indicated that she feels privileged to serve in this borough.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Smith to appoint Sam Waddell to the Recreation Board representing Straban Township. This term will expire in September 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reviewed his status report. He explained that he was working on the issue of title of Lincoln Cemetery at the request of that committee. No action is contemplated at this time.

Manager Sterner:

Nothing to report on the police negotiations. The arbitration on February 4 went well. The two attorneys and the neutral will meet in Pittsburgh on February 19 to work out the settlement.

PGL administrator in Leon, Ana Carrion, will be visiting Gettysburg in March. She will give a presentation to Council as will the delegation attending the mayor's conference. This is scheduled for March 7 at 7:00 PM in Council chambers.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to except the J. P. Harris exoneration's report for tax year 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawver reported the highway crew has been busy placing new street signs.

Ms. Weikert reported she is still working on the building policies.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss the litigation concerning the 40 East High Street building.

At the conclusion of the executive session, President Streeter announced that then purpose was to discuss the on going litigation with Interfaith housing Corp. Also, he reported that there was an executive session on January 28 to discuss the litigation. That session was a part of the January 28 council workshop.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

