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2/9/2009

7:30 PM Council-Regular

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The February 9, 2009 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Council members Russell Robertson, Marietta Reeb, James Zeigler, George McDowell, Andrew Mathew III and Allen Bayer. Mayor Thomas Oliverio was also present.

Manager Donald Pepe, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer, Solicitor Matt Racunas, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Kenneth Brennan
Tom Ayers
Bill Harper
Mariette Zygarowski
Emily Prancic
Krystal Martin
Kayla Prokman

- Mr. Brennan spoke concerning the water line replacement at the English Lutheran Church and the problems encountered. His contention is that the original contractor, hired by the Borough in 1997, did not install that line properly and since it was so shallow it froze and the cost is now incurred by the church. In addition, the connection was to be an 1 ½ inch line but the contractor installed only a 1 inch connection at the tap in. Mr. Brennan wanted to know if the Borough could investigate the possibility of any action against the original contractor for installing the line incorrectly. Borough Council asked the Solicitor to look into this matter and report back to Council.

Bill Harper complained about the snow removal on the sidewalks on Main Street

Students from Slippery Rock University were present as part of class work in their Sociology studies.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve the minutes of the following

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Council meetings, January 12, 2009 CDBG Public Hearing; January 12, 2009 Council Meeting; January 12 meeting recessed to January 26, 2009; and January 26, 2009 Council meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve the Transfer of \$125,000 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund if needed.

Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider paying of the Bills for February 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve the Bills to be Paid for February 2009 amounting to \$385,247.01.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider Road Closure Request for WBCA Project

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the road closure request for Front St. made by Graziani Construction, in order to complete the WBCA sewer interceptor project. The road closure will assist the contractor in actual construction as well as the staging of equipment and materials for the job site. The closure will be in effect for between one and two weeks and will have the following conditions:

- All notification to business that could be affected
- Notification to all emergency entities
- Notification to the School District
- Traffic control that is acceptable to the Borough
- Providing a copy of appropriate insurance certificates for the project
- Project location is kept in a safe manner at all times
- Any other conditions that our Solicitor may deem necessary to protect the Borough in a hold harmless condition.
- Roads will be bonded through the normal road opening permits
- Access to the Sportsman Club must remain open at all times

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Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Animal Shelter Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Reeb, second by Mr. Zeigler, to execute the 2009 municipal agreement with the Butler County Humane Society.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider authorization to submit Butler County Park Grant application and approve Resolution #157-09

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve Resolution #157-09, a resolution complying with the requirements of the grant program and to authorize the Borough Manager to submit a grant application to Butler County on the behalf of the Borough of Zelienople. A full and true copy of Resolution #157-09 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Borough Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 7-0

Authorize Execution of Agreement with General Code for the Re-Codification of Borough Ordinances

Consider Authorization to advertise the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of wholesale Capacity and Energy

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mr. McDowell, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the RFP on February 11, 2009 for the purchase of wholesale capacity and energy for the Borough.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Approval to attend the 2009 PELRAS Conference

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A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve the request to allow Chief Jim Miller and Borough Manager Donald Pepe to attend the PELRAS conference on March 25-27, 2009

Motion carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Consider Authorizing the Borough Manager to advertise to fill the vacancy position on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mrs. Reeb, to have the Borough Manager advertise for the Planning Commission vacancy that began January 1, 2009 and ends December 31, 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS:

Bayer

- HRC meeting is set for 2/25/09
- No report from the PNT committee
- Requested a short Executive Session on Personnel
- Nothing to report on the Joint Comp plan project

McDowell

- No comment or report

Mathew:

- Noted that the water project will be using both plastic and iron pipe. The plastic pipe will be used on the portion of the line where there is less pressure needed and will save us a considerable amount of money.

Reeb

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-Noted the 2009 COG Spring Commodities program is being prepared.

Zeigler:

- No comment or report

Robertson

- Noted that in the current economy we should expect an increase in the use of the Library and Parks

Underwood

- No report or comment

Oliverio

-No report or comment

Racunas:

- Clarified the procedure for the consideration of the Zoning Ordinance amendment

Chief Miller:

- Requested consideration of the activation of the Council Safety Committee which he feels can be very useful. The Chair of that Committee Mrs. Reeb and the Chief will discuss this possibility.

Thompson:

- Commented that the Right of Way issues for the water line are being resolved and we are trying to meet the March 1, 2009 DEP deadline date for this portion of the project.

- Also noted that the H2O Grant application is complete and it will be submitted shortly.

Pepe

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- Noted that we need a rep from the Planning Commission for the Joint Planning Steering committee
- The EMA will be requesting information from the business owners on Main Street to put together an Emergency Phone list in case of any emergency situation on Main Street similar to the fire that we had last year.
- The Borough intends to resume street sweeping this week.
- The Borough is a part of the COSTARS salt program for 2009-2010

Meeting was recessed for a break at 8:59 PM and returned at 9:10 PM.

Council went into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 9:10 PM. Council reconvened at 10:22 PM.

The meeting was again recessed by Council President Underwood, to account for a joint meeting on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM with Harmony Borough Council to discuss the Joint Planning Project. The meeting will be held in the Zelienople Council Chambers.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor