

East Stroudsburg Borough, December 23, 2010

A special meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Thursday, December 23, 2010. The following members were in attendance: Victor Brozusky; Roger DeLarco; Ed Henning; William Reese, Donald Repsher and Sonia Wolbert. Also attending were: Mayor Armand M. Martinelli, Manager James S. Phillips, and several residents in the audience.

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. DeLarco called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. noon. Berrill Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None

Resolution No. 36-2010 Approving Five Year Capital Improvement Program for the 2011 – 2015 Years

Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to rename/designate the “Forge Road Account” within the Capital Improvement Fund to “Road and Other Improvements Account”, for the purpose of using the monies in the account for other capital purposes; and to approve the proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the years 2011-2015, as submitted and reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1238 – Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2011 Year

Mr. DeLarco noted that with the Mayor voting to break the tie vote, Council had authorized advertising the proposed 2011 budget with a proposed tax millage increase. Mr. Phillips said the availability of the proposed budget for inspection was advertised, along with the tax ordinance, and the budget is based on a 1.5 mill real estate tax increase; with 16.2 mills for general purposes and 2.3 mills for debt service. Mr. DeLarco asked if anyone had been in to look at the budget? Mr. Phillips replied no; not to his knowledge. Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to adopt proposed Ord. No. 1238 as advertised, setting the total real estate tax rate for the 2011 year at 18.50 mills. Mr. Repsher, Mr. Brozusky, and Mr. Reese voted for the motion, Mrs. Wolbert, Mr. Henning, and Mr. DeLarco voted against the motion; which resulted in a 3-3 tie. Mayor Martinelli cast his vote for the motion to break the tie; Ord. 1238 was adopted by a vote of 4-3.

Resolution No. 37-2010 Approving 2011 Year Budget Appropriations for All Funds

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adopt proposed Resolution No. 37-2010 approving the 2011 Year Budget Appropriations for all Funds. Mr. Repsher, Mr. Brozusky, and Mr. Reese voted for the motion, Mrs. Wolbert, Mr. Henning, and Mr. DeLarco voted against the motion; which resulted in a 3-3 tie. Mayor Martinelli cast his vote for the motion to break the tie; Resolution No. 37-2010 was adopted by a vote of 4-3.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

Jack Curtis, Parking Enforcement Officer, reported that next Monday-Tuesday (Dec. 27-28, 2010) there will be “rolling” free parking since the State Agricultural Department employees will be in East Stroudsburg to test/recertify the Borough’s electronic parking meters. A group of meters will be taken out of service at one time to be brought to the Municipal Building.

### Correspondence

Mr. Phillips noted that he received letters from Stroud Township Supervisors and Stroudsburg Borough Council, both stating that their municipalities had approved the proposed Stroud Area Regional Police Department (SARPD) Budget for 2011; same as Council had approved on Tuesday night's meeting. Mr. Phillips said Stroud Township Supervisors had also sent a letter stating that they had approved the proposed Stroud Regional Open Space and Recreation Commission (SROSRC) Budget for 2011; same as Council had approved.

### Cost of Living/Wage Adjustment for Borough Employees for 2011 Year

Mr. Phillips said Council had discussed during budget meetings, but not acted on, a wage adjustment for employees. The proposed Borough Budget was based on an allowance of up to 2.0% in wage increases. In previous years employees have typically received a holiday stipend of ½%, plus a base wage increase. Mr. Reese said the Borough accomplishes a lot with the limited number of Borough employees. Mr. Henning stated since the budget allows for up to 2.0%, he was in favor of letting the Manager determine the allocation of stipend/base increase for full-time employees at the total 2.0% figure, and made a motion to that effect, seconded by Mr. Reese. The motion carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

Mr. DeLarco wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At 12:15 p.m. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Henning, to adjourn the Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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James S. Phillips, Secretary