

East Stroudsburg Borough, November 2, 2010

A regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday November 2, 2010. The following members were in attendance: Victor Brozusky; Roger DeLarco; Ed Henning; William Reese; and Sonia Wolbert. Donald Repsher was absent. Also attending were: Mayor Armand M. Martinelli; Manager James S. Phillips; Solicitor David J. Williamson of Scanlon Lewis & Williamson; Engineering Representative Samuel D'Alessandro of R.K.R. Hess Associates, Inc.; ESU Student Ambassador Ashley Puderbach; and several residents in the audience.

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. DeLarco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Pat Jeanschild led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of October 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None

Proposed Land Development Plan for Relocation of Former Dansbury Depot (Old Train Station) Building – Request for Waivers from SALDO Requirements

Troy Nauman reviewed the list of waivers submitted in writing and being requested by the Eastburg Community Alliance for the land development plan for the relocated train station. Mr. Phillips said Council had discussed these waiver requests, and he estimates that the potential fee for a building permit for the structure would be \$3,000, water/sewer EDU fees would be \$1,795 and \$3,529 respectively, and the land development application fee \$500.

Henry Lesoine stated that the Borough will have a “problem” with this building. Mr. Lesoine said that Council had stated that no Borough funds will be spent on the relocation of the train station. Mr. Williamson said Council is looking at this waiver request as forgoing revenues, not incurring direct expenses.

Sonya Cole said there are people in this community who support this project. Mr. DeLarco said he agrees that people are willing to contribute for the restoration of the building once the relocation is finished. Mr. DeLarco asked other Council members for their opinions.

Mr. Reese said he is in favor of charging ECA the fees, but making a donation back to ECA as Mr. DeLarco had suggested. Mr. Henning said the Borough is “in on this project” and we need to move forward. Mrs. Wolbert said she hopes that this building will do for ECA what the new Community Center building had done for the Stroud Region Open Space & Recreation Commission (SROSRC). Mr. Brozusky said he is against waiving the fees and also feels the Borough should not donate funds to ECA as was suggested. After further discussion, Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert to deny the request for waiver of fees as submitted in the letter dated October 27, 2010; but also to authorize the Borough to make a donation to the Eastburg Community Alliance for the same amount of fees charged. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Mr. Brozusky voting no.

Mr. Nauman then went on to review the request for waivers from plan and design requirements also as outlined in the October 27, 2010 letter. After discussion, Mr.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to grant the plan and design waivers as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 27-2010 Authorizing Removal of Street Light

Mr. DeLarco noted that Mr. Phillips had submitted an email to Council, explaining that Met Ed is proposing to remove one (1) street light on East Brown St. due to the proposed Pocono Medical Center Cancer Center construction. Electric wires will be run underground in front of the new building and an existing utility pole and street light removed, therefore the request by Met Ed to authorize removal of the street light. Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Henning to adopt proposed Resolution No. 27-2010 authorizing removal of one (1) Met Ed street light on East Brown St. as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – New Business

Pat Jeanschild of 126 East Brown St. stated that her neighborhood has been disrupted by two rental houses occupied by college students. She has contacted the police several times, who have responded. She has also contacted the landlord, who has tried to deal with the issue – but not successfully. Mr. DeLarco said he would contact the Stroud Area Regional Police Department concerning this issue on behalf of Ms. Jeanschild. Mr. Henning suggested that she videotape these disturbances when they occur to provide further evidence to the police.

Henry Lesoine stated that he is going to keep “watch” concerning the Old Train Station relocation project.

Correspondence

Mr. Phillips reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:

1. A letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) stating that the Borough has been awarded the 2010 Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$182, 176. Mr. Phillips said the contract was actually received today for signing by Mr. DeLarco.
2. The Borough received last month the check from the Pennsylvania Treasurer’s Office for General Municipal Pension System State aid in the amount of \$80,871.06.
3. A copy of the inspection report by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for the most recent inspection of the East Stroudsburg Water Department, conducted October 21, 2010. Mr. Phillips said the report notes that there were no violations found during the inspection.

Reports

Mr. D'Alessandro reviewed his written engineer’s report previously submitted to Council.

Mr. D'Alessandro noted that payment application No. 2 by Kobalt Construction has been submitted and recommended for approval; subject to receipt of PennDOT approval of the ADA ramps constructed within the Prospect St. right-of-way. Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolbert to approve payment application No. 2 in the amount of \$63,571.75 subject to the above contingencies. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. D'Alessandro noted that his office has reviewed the application for payment for the storm sewer work within the Summa & Irracane yards, also performed by Kobalt Construction, in the amount of \$3,060 and recommends approval. Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to authorize payment in the amount as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Reese asked if the Borough is now “divorced” from this project? Mr. D'Alessandro said the contractor is still responsible to make sure that grass planted takes and actually comes up again next spring.

Ashley Puderbach reported that East Stroudsburg University (ESU) will be holding an observance for Veterans Day on Thursday November 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Brozusky asked if chimineas are prohibited within the Borough? Mr. Henning said he recalled that Council had approved an ordinance regarding wood burning stoves for heating purposes. Mr. DeLarco said that he thought that chimineas were prohibited if being used other than for cooking as in a barbeque.

Mr. DeLarco noted that the new ADA ramps at the South Courtland St. and Washington St. intersection are still a tripping hazard, and asked whether the curbs there will be painted yellow? Mr. Phillips said he would check to make sure there is no prohibition on painting them yellow. Mr. DeLarco also asked about the signal mastarm pole in front of Sonny's Garage which has a large dent in it. Mr. Phillips said there had been a dent in this signal pole for some time. Mark Hoke, Borough Maintenance Foreman noted that the Borough traffic signal poles and equipment are inspected each year by Signal Service Company.

Mr. Phillips reported that the level of the East Stroudsburg reservoir, our main water supply, did come up 15 inches in the last week and is now at near normal level for this time of year. Mr. Phillips noted that the Borough paving program should be completed tomorrow by the contractor, Livengood Excavators Inc. of Walnutport. Mr. Phillips said we have been very pleased with the work done by Livengood so far. Mr. Phillips reported that the leaf collection program is proceeding, and also that a contractor for the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority has completed work on replacing the pipe connection glands on the emergency interconnection line connecting the Borough and Authority water systems that runs over the Veterans Bridge. However, Mr. Phillips said there is apparently a leak in the portion of the Borough line that connects to the interconnection line within the dike on the East Stroudsburg side.

List of Bills

Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese to approve the list of bills payable and to ratify expenditures and payroll made through November 2, 2010 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Parking Enforcement Abatement for Saturday November 13, 2010

Scott McClaren of LizTech Gallery reported that they will be holding their annual Tea Party sale on Saturday November 13, 2010 and asked whether it was possible to not have the Borough Parking Enforcement Officers writing tickets that morning on Crystal St. in the downtown area? After discussion, Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to authorize "abatement" of parking enforcement on Crystal St. for the Saturday morning November 13, 2010 event as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

With no further business Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

James S. Phillips, Secretary