

October 17, 2011

Stewartstown Borough Council Workshop

The meeting of the Stewartstown Borough Council Workshop convened at 7:00 p.m. at the Stewartstown Municipal Building located at 6 N. Main St., Stewartstown, PA. Council members attending the meeting were: Marsha England, Gordon Wisnom, Mildred Pomraning, Frank Paules, Theresa Geroux and Bill Gemmill. Also in attendance were: Attorney Craig Sharnetzka, Mayor Bonner Smith, Chief Cunningham, Ira Walker and Melissa Matthews. Chris Reed was absent.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to approve the September 19, 2011 Council Workshop Minutes, seconded by Mr. Paules and the motion was carried.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Sharnetzka was in attendance to open bids for the 2012 Garbage Contract. There were 2 bids received for the 3-year service re-bid. Penn Waste included their \$500 bid bond as required. Their 3-year option begins November 1 with two pick-ups/week, one recycling pick-up/week and one bulk pick-up/week. Their annual cost is \$198,360.00 and \$595,080.00 for the 3-year total. An option of a 96-gallon toter for an additional \$3 per month per resident is included in the quote. The residents would contract directly with Penn Waste for the toter.

Republic Services of Pennsylvania, aka York Waste also submitted a bid. York Waste included the required \$500 bid bond which included two trash pickups, one recycling pickup and one bulk trash pickup per week. Their annual cost is \$202,536.00 and the 3-year total is \$607,608.00. The optional cost for the toter is \$2 per month.

The one year bid for Penn Waste was \$203,118. The one year bid for York Waste is \$209,040.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to go with the lesser bid for 3 years, Penn Waste. Mr. Gemmill seconded and the motion passed with Mrs. Pomraning opposing.

Public Comment

Council recognized Greg Hill of the proposed Ravencliff project. Mr. Hill met with Hopewell Township. Hopewell Township sent a letter to Council stating they endorse the 56 dwelling unit plan with the recommendation that Council try to access Bronson Avenue. Mr. Hill is currently working with the Hines property owners and the Shipley owners that are still supportive of the plan to reach a solution. He is also researching the traffic study. Mr. Hill stated he needs the requested density to make this work and obtain

the neighboring properties. He stated that Bronson Avenue is not wide enough for a functional solution. Mr. Wisnom stated that he believes there has not been any input from the Zoning Officer or the Engineer, and he would like to hear their opinions. Mrs. Geroux asked if the schools have been considered; is there enough capacity in the schools for that type of density?

The Traffic study for High Street that was submitted was for a 57 unit development.

Mr. Hill stated that he felt Westminster Place has a large capacity. Council recommended he return once the Zoning Officer and Engineer gave feedback.

Sewer & Water Report

Mr. Walker presented his report for Council. Mr. Walker stated that repairs to the UV system at the Sewer Plant had been repaired. The damage was from a power surge and the cost was submitted to the insurance company.

Mr. Pomraning made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pH meter for the water department at a cost of \$556. Mr. Wisnom seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for well house #7 from Wierman's Plumbing for a cost of \$321.50. Mrs. Geroux seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to approve the purchase of 49,980 lbs of lime from North Industrial Chemical for a cost of \$4,198.32. Mr. Gemmill seconded and the motion was carried. Mr. Gemmill made a motion to approve the purchase of two mechanical seal kits for the 3 inch trash pump at the sewer plant for a cost of \$384.60. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to approve the expense of \$130 for the labor and parts of Engles & Fahs to install the new breaker for sewer station #3. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to approve Winter Engineering's annual maintenance agreement for the generator at the Borough Office at a cost of \$1012.00. Mr. Paules seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to approve the purchase of the liquid smoke solution for the smoke test of the sewer system at a cost of up to \$200. Mrs. Geroux seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Walker also stated that DEP spent 5 hours completing a surprise inspection at the Sewer plant on October 12, 2011. They seemed pleased with what they saw.

Schwing Bioset is completing a trial study to prove to the EPA that the bioset unit can run at a lower temperature than previously thought (currently 158 degrees) to achieve the same result. They believe a temperature of 131 degrees will work and they will be sending a representative to the plant to explain how it works and what to do to keep the ammonia levels low.

Lastly, Mr. Walker is proud to say that the water loss for the last 3 months has been at 3%, which is well under the national average. Council is very pleased.

Police Department

Mayor Smith and Chief Cunningham had nothing to report.

President's Report

Mrs. England stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at Highland Manor on October 19 at 10 am. She asked Council members to inform Borough Office if they are attending.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to appoint Tom Fogarty of 26 Poplar Springs Boulevard to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill that vacancy. Mr. Paules seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. England stated the minutes from the October 12th EMS Liaison meeting have been included in the packet.

Mr. Paules stated that a traffic study should be completed for one way parking on Kings Way. He would also like one completed for a 3-way stop at George and Mill Streets.

Mrs. Pomraning asked for an Executive Session to discuss a private issue after the meeting adjourns.

There being no further business, Mr. Wisnom made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Paules seconded and the Stewartstown Borough Council workshop adjourned at 8:24 pm by unanimous decision.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy McCartin
Minute Taker/Transcriber