

The regular monthly meeting of the Stewartstown Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Marsha England, Chris Reed, Frank Paules, Bill Gemmill, Gordon Wisnom, Mildred Pomraning, and Theresa Geroux. Also in attendance were: Mayor Smith, Chief Cunningham, Attorney Craig Sharnetzka, Stacy Myers and Dennis Sarpen.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2011 Council meeting. Mr. Paules seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the general fund financial statements, including checks dated November 15, 2011 totaling \$9,477.02 and checks dated December 1, 2011 totaling \$7,284.25 seconded by Mrs. Geroux and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to approve the sewer fund financial statement, including checks dated November 15, 2011 totaling \$11,551.42 and checks dated December 1, 2011 totaling \$29,029.06 seconded by Mr. Wisnom and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the water fund financial statement, including checks dated November 15, 2011 totaling \$18,895.21 and checks dated December 1, 2011 totaling \$2,927.47 seconded by Mrs. Pomraning and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council recognized Mrs. Wilberetta Gibbs of 10 College Avenue. Mrs. Gibbs wished to thank exiting Council members for their service; she feels they did an exemplary job. She offers congratulations to new Council members and asks them to vote with their conscience. She says there is a lot to learn, such as the Sunshine Law and Ethics Rules. She asks them to check with York County and obtain all the education they can. Mrs. Gibbs also stated how fortunate the Borough is to have the Stewartstown Police Department. She had the experience of an Officer assisting her as she waited for an ambulance that she needed, and the Officer was calm and comforting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Cunningham was recognized by Council. He stated that the new Police Reporting System computer contract should be signed by December 9, 2011. Chief Cunningham recommended going with Versa Tech. The money is in the budget and a decision must be made for the grant to be used by the end of 2011. Mr. Wisnom made a motion to approve the extension agreement. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to award the Technical Service proposal for the Metro Alert to Versa Tech for a cost of \$9379.00 with a \$610 monthly service fee. The initial cost will be covered with the grant money. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Wisnom if he spoke to Penn Waste regarding the garbage contract. Mr. Wisnom spoke to Ed Ward and he stated that Penn Waste is responsible for the totes they rent; they will dump other totes, but will not be responsible for them. Mr. Ward stated that the lift mechanisms on the truck are different than York Waste. Mrs. Myers stated that she was told that after December 1, residents could only use Penn Waste totes. Mr. Wisnom agreed to call again

tomorrow. Bags are still allowed up to 70 lbs. Mayor Smith stated that if residents have problems, they should contact the Borough Office.

Mayor Smith stated that Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 am, a representative from the York/Adams Tax Bureau will be discussing new tax guidelines. Adams County will be re-appraising all houses.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. England stated that the new Eureka Chain of Command is located in Council member's packets for their information. Council is still the employer of Eureka Ambulance.

Mr. Sarpen sent an email to Borough Office asking if PennDOT has made any response to the situation on West Pennsylvania Avenue. No response has been received.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2011-03 which re-enacts the rate of tax at 2.85 for the fifth year in a row. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to reappoint Melissa Matthews as Secretary for the 2012 fiscal year. Mrs. Geroux seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to reappoint Stacy Myers as Treasurer for the 2012 fiscal year. Mr. Wisnom seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to reappoint James R. Holley & Associates as Borough Engineer for the 2012 fiscal year. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to reappoint CGA Law Firm as Borough Solicitor for the 2012 fiscal year. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to reappoint New Freedom Borough as Zoning/Building Code Officials for the 2012 fiscal year. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to reappoint SF & Company as Auditors for the 2011 Financial Audit. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to adopt the 2012 General Budget. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to adopt the 2012 Sewer Budget. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made motion to adopt the 2012 Water Budget. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Wisnom made a motion to adopt the 2012 Garbage Budget. Mr. Paules seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to adopt the 2012 State Highway Aid Budget (Liquid Fuels). Mr. Wisnom seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pomraning made a motion to reappoint Pam Almony to the Planning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2015. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to reappoint Jack Schmidt to the Civil Service Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2017. Mrs. Pomraning seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to reappoint Kent Billings to the Sewer & Water Authority for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Wisnom seconded and the motion was carried.

Council will need to appoint a new representative to the EMS Liaison Committee. The committee meets four times a year. New Council members will think about it and decide at the next meeting.

Mr. Reed stated that he is stepping down as Hopewell Area Parks & Recreation member effective immediately due to job shift changes. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Rec Building.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Sharnetzka stated that the Real Estate Tax Ordinance needs to be signed by Mrs. England and the Mayor.

Attorney Sharnetzka stated that he received the final police agreements from Fawn Township and Delta Borough. Mrs. England will need to sign them.

Attorney Sharnetzka stated that House Bill 1329 will eliminate items for a prevailing wage.

The Reorganization meeting will be held on January 3rd. Mrs. Myers will prepare the Mayor to run the meeting. Regular business will also be on the agenda that night.

Attorney Sharnetzka stated that during the Liaison Committee Meeting, Eureka made a request to file an Unfair Labor Practice against Union personnel. It is believed the personnel are reaching out to providers for contracted service such as Memorial Hospital and using coercion and intimidation to not renew the contract. The Borough will be the lead party on the labor contract to obtain an injunction on future behaviors. Mr. Reed made a motion to enter into the unfair labor practice on advice of the Borough Labor Counsel. Mr. Wisnom seconded and the motion was carried.

Attorney Sharnetzka thanked Council for his reappointment.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sarpen was recognized by Council. He thanked Council for his reappointment and is grateful for the opportunity to work with the Borough.

Mr. Sarpen stated that he worked with PennDOT on the drainage issues on Pennsylvania Avenue, but due to the condition of the pipe, observing the area with a TV camera is not possible. He did notice water coming out of the street in front of 13 West Pennsylvania when the area was flushed with water. He received an email from DEP that the responsibility to repair the pipe is the Borough's; however PennDOT requires a permit to work near their road. Mr. Sarpen will obtain quotes for the work.

Mr. Sarpen stated that the minor pavement improvements on High Street and Springwood Avenue has been started and should be finished tomorrow.

Mr. Sarpen stated that no discussion is needed at this time regarding the Ravenscliffe development plan.

Mr. Sarpen stated that the new storm water ordinance should be completed by the end of December. The Ordinance will include the Act 167 requirements and be as user-friendly as possible.

The Westminster Place site improvements are complete. The building is almost full and the County is happy.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Geroux stated that Junior Council will need a new leader beginning January 1. The program works with high school students to learn about government roles as well as work on projects and raise money for community projects. They recently obtained the money to purchase a defibulator for the Police Department, made a donation to the Fawn Grove Church, obtained Borough banners and helped with the Senior Center.

Mr. Paules stated that Mrs. Geroux did a fantastic job with Junior Council.

There being no further business, Mr. Wisnom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Paules and the Stewartstown Borough Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy McCartin
Minute Taker/Transcriber