

Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Shippensburg Borough Council

January 20, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Shippensburg Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Andrea Lage. Those present: Vice President Joe Hockersmith, Sandra Mailey, Kathy Coy, Geno Torri, Mayor Bruce Hockersmith, Secretary William Wolfe, Assistant Secretary Grace Keiter, Codes Enforcement Officer Robert Weaver and Solicitor Melissa Dively. The Invocation was given by Kathy Coy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Parshall, 23 Oak Lane, asked if the police department is enforcing the shoveling of snow off of sidewalks. He stated that the sidewalks along King Street that haven't been shoveled have turned to ice.

Mayor Bruce Hockersmith stated yes, shoveling will be enforced.

REPORTS

MAYOR

Burglaries

Mayor Bruce Hockersmith reported that the police department is continuing its investigation of the increased burglaries in the Borough. He stated that several arrests have been made; however, there's still a group of individuals operating between 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. He requested anyone seeing any suspicious behavior to notify the police department.

FINANCE/BUDGET

Year-End Budget Report

Council President Andrea Lage requested a copy of the year-end budget report.

Secretary William Wolfe stated a copy of the year-end budget report was in Council's December 2, 2008 packet.

## PUBLIC WORKS/PROPERTY

### Hatch House

Councilperson Kathy Coy reported that she met yesterday with a representative of the PA Historic and Museum Commission who presented several funding avenues for the Hatch House and the possibility of a feasibility study for long-range use. She hoped to have additional information at Council's next meeting.

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Vice President Joe Hockersmith stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled for January 22, 2009.

## SOLICITOR

### Borough Authority Grant

Solicitor Melissa Dively informed Borough Council that Salzmann Hughes is working as Special Counsel with the Borough Authority to apply for H2O Grant money. She suggested that letters of support from Borough Council be submitted with the grant application.

## BOROUGH MANAGER

### Sale of Electricity

Borough Manager William Wolfe stated that he and the Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow with Arro and Penelec to discuss the possibility of cycling the Borough's generator and selling electricity to the grid.

### Roxbury Road Project

Manager Wolfe informed Borough Council that he and members of the Borough Authority, Water Foreman Louis Larson and Engineer Steve Huntzinger will be meeting with PennDOT, on Thursday, regarding the upcoming Roxbury Road project.

### CDBG Funds

Manager Wolfe reported that he received an e-mail from Tom Fields informing him that \$14,723 remains in Community Development Block Grant funds

from the restroom remodeling project at Memorial Park. He stated these funds will expire on June 28, 2009 and must be used for park projects.

Council discussed possible projects at Memorial Park.

#### Hatch House

Councilperson Geno Torri questioned why the windows haven't been installed in the Hatch House.

Manager William Wolfe explained that the windows are being handmade.

Councilperson Torri asked if the contractor was paid in full.

Manager Wolfe stated yes, as that was the only way the Borough could get its money from the State.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith asked if David McClay could attend a meeting and report on the status of the project.

Manager Wolfe replied that he'd contact Mr. McClay tomorrow.

Councilperson Torri felt there has to be some type of legal recourse the Borough can take against Mr. McClay.

#### BUSINESS

##### CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2 AND 16, 2008.

Councilperson Kathy Coy moved to approve the minutes of December 2 and 16, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Motion carried unanimously.

##### DISCUSSION BY CARL BERT & ASSOCIATES RELATIVE TO THE VOLVO LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

William Wolfe, Jr., of Carl Bert & Associates, outlined a proposed Land Development Plan to expand Volvo's existing facility. He stated that Martin and Martin's stormwater concerns occur in Southampton Township/Franklin County and will be addressed by the Township. He explained that the number of parking spaces will be double the amount of employees on any one (1) shift so when the second shift comes to work, everyone will have a place to park. He added that the picnic

grove and the soccer and ball fields will continue to be available to the community. Mr. Wolfe briefly reviewed a revised traffic plan, which is supported by a completed traffic impact study. He also spoke to the Borough's requirement of a 25' buffer zone between residential areas and corporate boundaries. He stated that the facilities in the Borough are an existing, non-conforming use and he wants to be sure the Borough is in agreement. Mr. Wolfe commented that this land development plan will be on Council's February 3, 2009 agenda.

Councilperson Geno Torri asked if the changing of Volvo's storage facilities is part of the rationale for a reassessment.

Sean Delaney, of Pepper Hamilton, stated that a portion of the new construction will be in the Borough and should produce a net gain in taxes.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE NO. 09-836 AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHIPPENSBURG, CHAPTER 144, ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", MAKING NEFF AVENUE ONE-WAY BEGINNING AT WEST NEFF AVENUE AND SOUTH LOCUST STREET AND ENDING APPROXIMATELY 118' EAST OF THE SAME INTERSECTION

Secretary William Wolfe reminded Borough Council that this proposed ordinance was advertised in December and the 60 days is up next week.

Rick Wyrick, 128 West King Street, presented pictures of Neff Avenue. He stated that the end of his garage ramp is busted, due to vehicles passing each other in the alley.

President Andrea Lage reviewed Chief Fred Scott's memorandum of December 31, 2008.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith stated that it bothers him that property owners' concerns have to be weighed against each other and that Mr. Clippinger isn't at this meeting.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance, which makes Neff Avenue one-way beginning at its intersection with South Locust Street and ending 118' east of the same intersection.

Councilperson Sandra Mailey moved to adopt Ordinance 09-836. Motion seconded by Councilperson Kathy Coy. Motion carried unanimously

CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE BIDDING FOR ROAD MATERIALS AND LINE PAINTING THROUGH THE WESTERN CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) FOR 2009

Secretary William Wolfe stated he's seeking authorization from Borough Council to bid for road materials and line painting through the Western Cumberland Council of Governments for 2009.

Council President Andrea Lage directed Secretary Wolfe to bid for road materials and line painting through COG.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL STANDARDS AND POLICY FOR SIGNS AND BANNERS ACROSS HIGHWAY

Secretary William Wolfe reviewed the Borough's proposed Banner Policy. He explained that several entities have asked to display banners but the banners are cheaply made and can't withstand the wind.

President Andrea Lage questioned if additional specifications are needed regarding the strength of the banner material. She pointed out that the Borough is liable for any damage caused by these banners.

Following a brief discussion regarding the Borough's liability, Council requested material specifications for the banners.

President Lage asked if there's a way to defer liability to the advertisers.

Solicitor Melissa Dively stated the Borough could ask the advertisers to name the Borough as third party beneficiary, with certain limits, and have a written agreement with the advertisers.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL THE 2009 EVENTS FOR THE SHIPPENSBURG FIRE POLICE, RESOLUTION NO. 09-001

President Andrea Lage pointed out that the list of events for the fire police is in no particular order and are incomplete.

Following a brief discussion, the proposed resolution was referred back to the Borough Manager for revision.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Lage called Borough Council into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Council returned to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Council President Andrea Lage directed Secretary Wolfe to send a memo of understanding regarding the court time issue, on letterhead, to the police for their signature.

### PHONE SYSTEM

Councilperson Kathy Coy requested that Secretary Wolfe check the budget to see if the figures for the upgraded phone system are included.

### FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilperson Coy reported that the Fire Advisory Board meets next week and if anyone has any topic they wish to have discussed please send her an e-mail.

President Andrea Lage asked the status of the land issue.

Councilperson Coy replied that she thinks that item will be on the agenda.

### STREET LIGHT

Vice President Joe Hockersmith reported that the street light, at the intersection of Glenn Street and Hollar Avenue, is malfunctioning.

### STREAM IMPROVEMENTS

Vice President Hockersmith reminded Borough Council that the PA Fish Commission was to check the Branch Stream for improvements through the Borough and to present proposals for grant funds but this hasn't occurred.

Secretary William Wolfe stated that he'd contact the PA Fish Commission.

### LIQUID FUELS AUDIT

President Andrea Lage reported that the Borough's Liquid Fuels Tax audit was okay.

### PERIOD LIGHTS

President Lage presented information on electricity-saving bulbs for the Borough's period lights.

### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Joe Hockersmith moved adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilperson Geno Torri. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned, 8:11 p.m.