

Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Shippensburg Borough Council

May 5, 2009

A 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, Geno Torri, Belvin Banks, Kathy Coy, Mayor Bruce Hockersmith, Secretary William Wolfe and Assistant Secretary Grace Keiter. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT ONE (1) VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE (1) OR MORE ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO BE THE BOROUGH'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CAPITAL TAX COLLECTION BUREAU FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Secretary William Wolfe stated that currently he's been the Borough's representative and Grace Keiter has been the alternate, but he feels those positions should be filled by members of Borough Council.

President Andrea Lage pointed out that this is becoming more important because of recent legislative changes that mandate that the County be level that collects Earned Income Tax.

Councilperson Sandra Mailey commented that this was a topic at a recent Cumberland-Franklin Borough's Association meeting.

Mayor Bruce Hockersmith stated that the importance of appointing voting delegates is that the decision-making will be weighted towards the school districts, so it's important to have good representation from all of the boroughs.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith asked when the meetings are held.

Secretary Wolfe replied that the meetings are usually held once a month on Wednesdays in the evening.

By a unanimous vote, Sandra Mailey was appointed as the Borough's representative to the Capital Tax Collection Bureau for Cumberland County, Geno Torri was appointed as first alternate and Joe Hockersmith as second alternate.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL A REQUEST BY THE MARCH TO DESTINY COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THEIR LETTER OF APRIL 21, 2009

Tammy Butler, on behalf of Bill Chain, reviewed the list of activities planned for June 26-28, 2009, in conjunction with the 8th Annual March to Destiny. She stated that Item No. 3, the closing of West King Street, from Earl to Fayette, is the only change in order to conduct walking tours and social gatherings. Ms. Butler commented that they may need to use the Community Center for breakfast on Saturday, June 27th, if a vendor isn't utilized.

Following a brief discussion, Councilperson Kathy Coy moved to approve the request by the March to Destiny Committee, as requested. Motion seconded by Vice President Joe Hockersmith.

Vice President Hockersmith requested that the Borough be made aware, as soon as possible, of the decision regarding the Community Center.

There being no further discussion, the Coy/Hockersmith motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID FOR LINE PAINTING TO ALPHA SPACE

Secretary William Wolfe reviewed the WCCOG line painting bid results and recommended that the low bidder, Alpha Space, be awarded the bid, at \$132 per mile for single white edge line painting and \$179.52 per mile for double yellow reflective line painting.

Councilperson Geno Torri asked how much the Borough pays.

Secretary Wolfe explained that the Borough will pay for whatever work is done within the Borough.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith moved to award the bid for line painting to Alpha Space. Motion seconded by Councilperson Belvin Banks. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID FOR ROAD MATERIALS TO VALLEY QUARRIES, INC.

Secretary William Wolfe reviewed the WCCOG bids for various road materials and recommended that bid be awarded to Valley Quarries based on traveling time.

Councilperson Kathy Coy moved to award the bids for road materials to Valley Quarries, Inc. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE, AS PROPOSED BY CHRISTOPHER GULOTTA, TO RANK PROPOSALS FOR THE DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN

Borough Council discussed a letter from Christopher Gulotta, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of Cumberland County, regarding the appointment Council representatives to serve on a steering committee to review and rank proposals for the Downtown Strategic Plan.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith moved to appoint Councilperson Kathy Coy and Councilperson Sandra Mailey as Council's representatives on the Project Steering Committee. Motion seconded by Councilperson Belvin Banks. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION SERVICE TO CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES

Borough Council reviewed a letter from Commonwealth Code Inspection Service requesting the Borough consider entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Secretary William Wolfe explained that an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement would allow for one (1) Board of Appeals with neighboring municipalities. He added that WCCOG also has this option, but they meet at the eastern end of Cumberland County.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith questioned if this Agreement would lock the Borough into using the Commonwealth Code Inspection Agency.

Secretary Wolfe commented that the Agreement won't lock the Borough into Commonwealth, but they do the majority of the inspections. He added that this Agreement only establishes an Appeals Board.

Councilperson Geno Torri asked what obligation the Borough would have with an outside agency.

Secretary Wolfe replied that, to the best of his knowledge, WCCOG has no fees. The Appeals Board makes the decision if there's a disagreement between a property owner and an inspector.

Councilperson Geno Torri requested additional time to review the documents.

Councilperson Kathy Coy requested a copy of the WCCOG Agreement.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Andrea Lage called Borough Council into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

Council returned to regular session at 7:35 p.m.

### OFFICE STAFFING REVIEW

Councilperson Geno Torri, Chairperson of the Finance/Budget Committee, moved to authorize expenditures to work with a consultant to help the Borough create a staffing plan for the office, as personnel changes will be occurring. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Motion carried unanimously.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### STORM DRAINS

Councilperson Kathy Coy questioned if she should contact the "Save the Streams" representative and have him attend a Council meeting.

President Lage stated that the "Save the Streams" representative was at Council's last meeting and the item will be on Council's next agenda.

## DYKEMAN POND GEESE

Vice President Joe Hockersmith reported that there are two (2) nesting pair of Canada geese at Dykeman Pond.

Secretary William Wolfe stated that he would contact S & S Wildlife Control Services.

## UNINSPECTED RENTAL PROPERTIES

Vice President Joe Hockersmith commented on the recent newspaper article concerning an uninspected rental property within the Borough and asked what is being done to rectify the situation.

Secretary William Wolfe replied that the Borough's solicitor has been working on the matter, off and on, for a number of years but the property owner(s) can't be identified.

Councilperson Geno Torri pointed out that when he fills out the form for his rental property, he has to list a manager. Otherwise, he won't receive a rental license.

Vice President Hockersmith asked why the property can't be shut-down.

Secretary Wolfe responded that, according to the Borough's solicitor, the property can't be shut-down. He explained that the properties are registered as a "trust" and the owner can't be located.

Councilperson Geno Torri questioned how the Borough's insuring that the property is a safe property.

Vice President Joe Hockersmith stated that if this situation isn't resolved until the next Council meeting, he wants the solicitor with some answers as to what the next step is that Council can take to shut this property down and see that there are no students residing in it for the next semester because it's in an unsafe condition, from what he read in the newspaper, and the Borough can't gain access to the property to evaluate the situation.

President Lage directed that the Borough's solicitor, at the next Council meeting, help Council to understand why the Borough can't go any further and hear what Council would like to take as a next step.

### CLEAN-UP WEEK

Councilperson Geno Torri asked if it's possible to extend Clean-up Week an additional week, due to the recent rains.

Secretary William Wolfe replied yes, and that normally personnel do go around a second week checking for Clean-up Week items.

### STATE POLICE - RADAR

Councilperson Torri commented that PA State Police are using radar in Carlisle, with Carlisle police providing chase. He asked that Chief Scott check and see if this is true and, if so, could it been done in Shippensburg Borough.

Mayor Bruce Hockersmith stated that there has been a PA State Police patrol car patrolling in the area of West Orange Street and South Morris Street.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilperson Geno Torri moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Joe Hockersmith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned, 7:49 p.m.