

**STEELTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 6, 2024

Present:

Vanessa Bowers, President
Natashia Woods, Vice President
Denae House, Pro Tem
Willie Slade
Michael Segina
Julianna Paoletti

Kathy McCool, Borough Manager
Randy Watts, Engineer, HRG
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor

Aaron Curry, Codes Enforcement Officer
William Shaub, Police Chief
Steve Brubacher, Fire Chief

Absent: Mr. Brian Proctor, Mayor Ciera Dent

President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

President Bowers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bowers led the group in a Moment of Silent Reflection for the death of Justin Johnson, a Central Dauphin High School student who died recently, and for the passing of the mother of Andrea Thorne.

Special Presentation:

None

Roll Call:

The roll call was conducted by Kathy McCool, and the attendees listed above were present.

Notice of Executive Session:

None

Public Comments on Agenda items only:

No comments were made.

Approval of the Minutes:

Approval for 3/18/24 minutes.

Motion made by Vice President Woods, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to approve the minutes for 3/18/2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Randy Watts, Enginner, HRG - April 2024 Engineer's Report:

The Hoffer Street Pump Station starts construction work in May. The substantial completion date is October 7 and the expected final completion date is November 6. On April 7, the Borough received 8 bids for the Frank S Brown Parking Project ranging from \$38,500 to \$57,600. The

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Trewick force main project work is ongoing, with all 3 permit application submitted to the agencies. One of those is from the impacted property owner and Borough staff are working on acquiring additional properties. An inaudible question was asked. Watts responded stating that they are looking at a date of July 1.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House to approve the Engineers Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Ryan Gonder presented for consideration and approval of properly advertised Ordinance 2024-4 - ORDINANCE APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR, INTEREST ASSESSMENT, AND ATTORNEY FEES AND COLLECTION FEES ADDED TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED AS PART OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CLAIMS FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. McCool stated this is for sewer and stormwater. An attorney from Portnoff made an inaudible comment when questioned by Bowers. Segina commented that Finance discussed that this is a last resort. There are approximately 100 accounts with over \$700,000 in outstanding debt. This is not for small-time accounts that may have missed a payment. There would have to be over \$2,000 in debt and 12 months without payment before consideration.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade to approve Ordinance 2024-4. There was one vote for no by Ms. Paoletti. The motion passed.

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration and approval of the SECOND ADDENDUM AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF BOROUGH OF STEELTON.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade to approve the SECOND ADDENDUM AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF BOROUGH OF STEELTON. There was one vote of no by Ms. Paoletti. The motion passed.

New Business:

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Resolution R-2024-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF STEELTON DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH'S INTENT TO ERECT CROSS-STREET BANNERS BETWEEN TWO PPL POLES ACROSS FRONT STREET (STATE ROAD 230). McCool stated the signs were approved at a previous meeting, but a resolution must be passed to comply with PennDOT requirements, which state that it is illegal to have a banner without going through them.

Motion made by Vice President Woods, seconded by Ms. House to approve Resolution R-2024-14. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Resolution R-2024-15 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF THE STEELTON ZONING HEARING BOARD AND MAKING ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. Segina suggested amending the resolution until a letter is received outlining Shawn Gold's resignation from the stormwater authority. Then another resolution will be brought forward once that is done, as the zoning board does not allow an individual to sit on another board or be an employee.

Motion to approve the amended Resolution R-2024-15 was made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of the conflict waiver with Equity Development Partners. Inaudible comment from Gonder. Segina stated that this form is because someone at McNeese represents Equity Development Partners (not specifically Ryan) but it is for any plans that may come from them. Paiolletti asked if this waiver applied to this specific project or all future projects. Gonder stated it is only for this project. Woods asked why the waiver is being presented before the plan is presented. Segina stated it was presented to the planning commission just not the Council. Woods asked if all questions for this project must go through Eckerd. Gonder stated the Borough could hire someone else. Segina asked if this would allow Gonder to be generally involved, but not to represent.

Motion to approve the amended conflict waiver was made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to award the Frank S. Brown Parking Lot Paving Project to Schuykill Paving for \$38,511.50.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade, to approve the award of the Frank S. Brown Parking Lot Paving Project to Schuykill Paving for \$38,511.50.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to engage T.R. Stoner, General Contractor for \$18,960.00 to install playground equipment at East End Park. McCool stated that there is a \$3,874 alternate price, which would bring the total to \$22,834. Segina stated that they did the tree removal, but there was an issue when asking them to come back. Inaudible comment from Woods. Bowers asked if this came to finance already. Segina stated that they discussed it but it required the old equipment to be removed by public works, and he is wondering why we are approving the installation without the site being ready. Woods said she wanted it on record. Segina does not want to pay more in the future when it is not budgeted, as the old equipment should have been removed in January. Bowers asked for an update on the old equipment removal. Segina suggested tabling this until the next meeting when the equipment is removed. Woods asked if there can be a confirmed date for removal at the next Public Works meeting on 5/14.

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Vice President Woods motioned to table the consideration for the East End Park installation, seconded by Ms. Paioletti. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to pay LLK Repairs LLC \$4,293.49 for repairs to a 2002 GMC Dump Truck, Tag #MG2064A to pass inspection. Inaudible comment from Segina and Baltimore.

Motion made by Mrs. House, seconded by Mr. Segina to approve the payment to LLK Repairs LLC for \$4,293.49 for repairs to a 2002 GMC Dump Truck, Tag #MG2064A to pass inspection. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for Consideration and approval to pay Atlantic Transportation Systems \$4,087.86 to repair the pedestrian crossing lights at Front and Swatara Streets.

Motion made by Vice President Woods, seconded by Ms. Paioletti, to approve the payment to Atlantic Transportation Systems for \$4,087.86 to repair the pedestrian crossing lights at Front and Swatara Streets. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for Consideration and approval of Park/Road Closure Requests for:

1. Micheal Wanner – 5/10/24 – SH Lincoln St. Line Up – 200 block of Lincoln St. from 4-6 pm.
2. David Mohn – 38th Annual Cottage Hill Fishing Association Fishing Tournament – Boat Dock - 7/12 (10 am) – 14 (12 pm)
3. Jillian Rodkey – 6/1/24 – Municipal Park – Birthday party from 2-6 p.m

Wanner is requesting the blocking off Lincoln Street and police presence. Chief Shaub stated that the police posted no parking signs but did not enforce the street closure or move cars from the road. Shaub stated that they will post no parking signs. Shaub stated that the police must be hired for event security. House asked if officers could be in the area. Segina stated the officers will have to leave for a call if needed. Woods asked if Bailey Street can be blocked off. Segina stated that in any other instance, they require flagger force for street work and closures. Woods asked when the no parking signs will be put up. Shaub stated they must be posted 24 hours in advance. Bowers asked if there are barricades. Shaub has not talked to Wanner about this. McCool suggested to split these requests, as number 1 will be amended. Woods asked McCool about the port-a-potty situation for the fishing event, and Mr. Mohn does not want a 2nd port-a-potty.

Motion by Mr. Segina, seconded by Vice President Woods, to approve Mohn and Rodkey's requests. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade, to approve Wanner's amended request. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool made the following announcements:

- PSAB - 112th Annual Conference – June 2-5 @ Hershey Lodge

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- The deadline for organizations requesting Co-Applicant Status for the Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant is June 15, 2024. This is just the request in writing to Council and there is a process for NEDC presentation and recommendation at a future meeting. Segina commented that he does not want numerous groups presenting for co-applicant status last minute. There were 17 organizations. McCool stated this will be posted on the website and voted on in July.

Correspondence:

- Notice of Change in Assessment for parcel number 59-013-002-000-0000
 - Segina asked Curry if they filed for a LERTA (17 N 2nd Street). They did file for a LERTA.
- Request for donations to Steamrollers Football
 - Segina asked what this year's donation status is and McCool stated we are at \$1,771.

Public Comments:

- Inaudible name and comment - Segina said the property owner must reach out to the Solicitor

- Mary Carricato, inaudible address – Workload has increased by 80%. She is being yelled at. Taxes were doubled without notice. Stormwater staff will have more work. Said residents are losing homes due to lack of notice and expensive fees. Said she personally paid certain taxes for residents. Wants the Borough to consider another firm.

Information:

Will need to go into an Executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Go back into regular session.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to appoint a Battalion Chief for the Fire Company as discussed in the Executive session.

Council Concerns:

- Ms. Paoletti had an inaudible comment.
- Vice President Woods thanked the attendees. Hopes that the situation with Mr. Dombovski is handled, as we need someone in that building. Thanked Mary for her comments. At their limit with a lot of money out there.
- Ms. House thanked attendees, Borough staff, and Randy
- Mr. Segina thanked the attendees. Shaub will come to the finance committee meeting next week to discuss building a wall for an interview room. Thanked Stephen for his fire reports, as calls are doubling. They had 68 calls in April.
- Mr. Slade thanked attendees.

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- President Bowers thanked attendees, Stephen for the help with the pantry, Mary for her comments, and Ryan with the building.

Executive Session:

None

Other Business:

None

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Vice President Woods, to adjourn to executive session for personnel and legal matters at 7:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade, to return to standard session from executive session at 8:17 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to appoint a Battalion Commander for the Fire Company as discussed in Executive session. This would be Stephen Brubacher Sr. and Colton Zalek as Co-Battalion Chiefs.

Motion made by Ms. House, seconded by Mr. Segina, to appoint Stephen Brubacher and Colton Zalek as Co-Battalion Commanders for the Fire Company as discussed in the Executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. House, to adjourn at 8:18 PM. The motion passed unanimously.