

**STEELTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
March 18, 2024

Present:

Vanessa Bowers, President
Natashia Woods, Vice President
Brian Proctor
Michael Segina
Julianna Paoletti
Willie Slade
Ciera Dent, Mayor

Kathy McCool, Borough Manager
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor
Jeff Baltimore, Public Works Director
Aaron Curry, Codes Enforcement Officer
William Shaub, Police Chief

Absent: Denae House

President Bowers opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dent led the group in a moment of silence for the passing of Steelton residents Wilbert Powell Sr. and Stanley Moose.

Notice of Executive Session: None

Roll Call:

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

Additions to Agenda:

Mr. Segina made a motion to add a vote about adding Council Concerns back onto the agenda, seconded by Mr. Proctor. A roll call vote was held:

- Bowers: No*
- Woods: No*
- Proctor: Yes*
- Slade: No*
- Segina: Yes*
- Paoletti: Yes*
- Mayor Dent: Yes*

Motion passed.

Bowers stated that she emailed everyone saying she was open to suggestions. One person responded. Open to new ideas as far as allowing members of departments & committees to speak, but does not want the format like it previously was. Mayor Dent voted yes to have it added to the agenda for discussion and approval by the Council.

Public Comments on Agenda items only:

No comments were made.

President Bowers presented for approval for 2/20/2024 and 2/29/24 minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Mr. Slade to approve the minutes for 2/20/24 and 2/29/24 with Mr. Gonder's final review. Motion passed unanimously.

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President Bowers presented for approval schedule of billing, requisitions, and change orders as presented for February 2024.

Motion made by Vice President Woods, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to approve schedule of billing, requisitions, and change orders as presented for February 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Department & Committee Reports:

Fire Department and Ambulance (Written Report)

Chief Brubacher was not present. Mr. Segina announced that computers were ordered for the Chief and Deputy Chief totaling approximately \$1,300 for 2 PCs. Mr. Segina stated the leak in the back room of the building occurs every time it rains which requires mopping up. The water heater is leaking and overflowing from the relief valve. Mrs. McCool will have someone come to look at it, but they attempted to work on it. Mr. Segina stated it was only a couple of years old. Mr. Segina stated that the fire department had 115 fire calls in 2 months in 2024 365 total in 2023, estimating 750 calls with this level.

Police Department

Chief Shaub notified the Council that they held a written exam for police officers this past Saturday and all 4 candidates passed. Chief Shaub announced that the police department is still down 2 officers. Of the 4 candidates, 1 applicant is in the academy already, 2 are certified, and 1 would need to go through the academy. He announced that the physical agility test is on April 13. Chief Shaub informed Council that he a meeting with the Elks about the nuisance property ordinance, which was required by the warning letter and stipulations were put in place on the property: cameras within 60 days, RAMP certifications before opening, security Act 235 certifications, etc. A warning letter was also sent to 717 Hookah. Chief Shaub will be meeting with them on the 27th to put their stipulations in. Chief Shaub requested a brief executive session for a personnel matter.

Codes Department (Written Report)

Nothing to add

Public Works (Written Report)

Nothing to add

NEDC Committee

Vice President Woods announced that the Borough recently received a \$218,000 grant from Sen. Casey's office for the construction of a new community garden at East End Park. Vice President Woods stated that at the last NEDC meeting the following were topics of discussion: Steelton terminal project, considering new holiday lights, Dauphin County would like to extend the Greenbelt through Steelton, so they will follow up on that. Vice President Woods stated that they are talking to the School District about how to make improvements to the baseball field. Vice President Woods stated that they will be following up with the Neighboring Academy about 247 Frank S. Brown Blvd, which they requested. Vice President Woods announced that leadership met with Habitat for Humanity about the retaining wall.

Events Committee

Ms. Paoletti announced Egg Drop & Bunny Hop on March 30 from 2-4 pm at SHHS football field; Garden preparation/Borough cleanup "Clean Streets, Happy Feet" on April 20 at Mohn

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Street Park from 10 am to 1 pm; Community Heroes Day at Veterans Park on May 18 at 10 am honoring 2 community veterans. Ms. Paoletti announced that the Events Committee will be asking the community to volunteer for the committee, and appoint at least 4 residents to the committee. They are currently 2: Vanessa Jenkins & LaToya Slaughter

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dent stated that the Bailey Street Park incident will be addressed. She stated that individuals basically destroyed the park. She stated that she will be addressing this with Public Safety. Mayor Dent thanked Public Works for cleaning. She announced that the garden will be opening back up next month, as there is resident interest. She stated that plots are free for residents. She will be enforcing the curfew with police and will communicate that to the community. She is now on the committee for Keep Dauphin County Beautiful, which will target illegal dumping locally. She participated in Floyd Stokes' reading event at the School District, reading to the elementary students.

Borough Manager's Report

Nothing to add

Motion made by Mr. Segina, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to approve reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration and approval for Resolution 2024-R-11 - Special Use Parking space for 549 S. Front St., Steelton, PA. This was on the agenda on March 4, 2024. The address was erroneously reported as 541 S. Front St. on the 3/4/24 agenda.

Motion made by Vice President Woods to approve Resolution 2024-R-11, seconded by Ms. Paoletti. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration and approval for Resolution 2024-R-12 - Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement with PA DOT. Mrs. McCool explained last week that it represents twice what we were receiving before.

Motion made by Mr. Segina to approve Resolution 2024-R-12, seconded by Mr. Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval for a solicitor to work with Swatara Township and Lower Swatara Township for an intergovernmental agreement regarding the Steelton Terminals project

Motion made by Mr. Slade to approve to have a solicitor work with Swatara Township and seconded by Ms. Paoletti. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. McCool presented for Consideration and approval for Resolution 24-R-13 - Resolution to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough Council of the Borough of Steelton and Council 90 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Ms. Paoletti made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Slade. A roll call vote was held:

- Bowers: Yes***
 - Woods: Yes***
 - Proctor: No***
 - Slade: Yes***
 - Segina: No***
 - Paoletti: Yes***
- Motion passed.***

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to pay HB McClure \$4,233.00 for a hanging heater in the Public Works building (Reviewed by the Finance Committee).

Mr. Segina made a motion to approve the expense, seconded by Mr. Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Segina to add Council Concerns to the agenda to discuss adding Council Concerns. 2nd by Proctor.

Mayor Dent explained that President Bowers asked for suggestions about this and there was a lack of response. Mr. Segina stated Council concerns should be publicly discussed and not behind the scenes. President Bowers stated that there are different suggestions, but it cannot be how it was before. Mr. Segina stated that everyone should not be punished for certain people not being professional during Council Concerns. President Bowers stated that there need to be rules and stipulations. Mr. Segina stated that the President can gavel down a situation/individual if needed. President Bowers suggested meeting privately. Mr. Segina stated that there was no preparation for the removal of this agenda item, as it was not officially put on the agenda so that it could be taken off through a vote/motion.

A roll call vote was conducted.

- Bowers: No***
- Woods: No***
- Proctor: Yes***
- Slade: No***
- Segina: Yes***
- Paoletti: Yes***
- Dent: No***

Motion did not pass.

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Correspondence:

None

Public Comments:

Damon Allen - 518 Western Ave, Red Lion, PA, DJ at the Elks – Mr. Allen stated that he needed to get his equipment from the property. It has been there over 30 days. Mayor Dent and Mrs. McCool stated that the property will be open at 9 am tomorrow when the proclamation lifts.

Mr. Segina made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slade. Motion passed unanimously.