

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Edwardsville Borough Council held on Thursday, December 13, 2007. President Zaneski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Stochla
Mr. Sedeski
Mr. Nareski
Mr. Hankey
Mr. Sowcik
Mr. Drust
Mrs. Zaneski
Miss Healey Junior Council Person

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solicitor, William Finnegan Jr.
Manager, Charles Szalkowski

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Hankey to dispense reading minutes of November 8th and November 26th. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PIZZA ASSOC INC.
(GROTTO)

Agreement to indemnify and save harmless the Borough of Edwardsville as a result of the use of the sidewalk area outside the Grotto Restaurant

ROWLAND
ROBERTS

Reported inspection of the Zuk property, engineer Ben Sevenski feels the building is structurally sound.

BRIDGETTE
RAMBUS

Concerning an incident where herself and her daughter were involved, Officer Benson handled the situation with professionalism, care and respect.

REPORTS

DON WILKINSON
FOR NOVEMBER

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Hankey to accept.
Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER

Motion by Mr. Sowcik sec Mr. Drust to accept.
Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER

Motion by Mr. Nareski sec Mr. Drust to accept.
Motion carried.

STREET DEPT.

FOR NOVEMBER Motion by Mr. Sedeski sec Mr. Sowcik to accept.
Motion carried.

BLDG. INSP.

FOR NOVEMBER Motion by Mr. Drust sec Mr. Sowcik to accept.
Motion carried.

CODE/ZONING

FOR NOVEMBER Motion by Mr. Drust sec Mr. Sowcik to accept.
Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

FOR NOVEMBER Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Nareski to accept.
Motion carried.

TREASURER

FOR NOVEMBER Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Nareski to accept.
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION – FINANCE

BUDGET 2008 – FINAL READING (READ ALOUD BY SECRETARY)

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Nareski to adopt as read.
Motion carried.

President Zaneski stated the budget calls for no increase in Real Estate Tax, Sewer Fees or Recycling fees. We continue to look at dilapidated buildings and targeting them for demolition. This will be done at no additional cost to the residents.

Mr. Sowcik stated we updated equipment in the police and street departments without an increase in taxes.

TAX ORDINANCE FOR YEAR 2008:

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Drust to adopt as read.
Motion carried.

Mr. Stochla said that we are fortunate to have a budget with no increase in taxes. Other town is having problems.

RESOLUTION: SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2008

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Nareski to adopt as read. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Hankey to adopt as read. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: \$140,000 TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Sowcik to adopt as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Stochla thanked the budget committee, Manager Szalkowski for the work they did on the budget.

POLICE

Motion by Mr. Sowcik sec Mr. Drust the Borough of Edwardsville supports the Grant application to DCED by Wilkes-Barre for the establishment of Police Services for municipalities directly impacted by the casino.

Mr. Sowcik reported applying for a grant from Wal Mart in the amount of \$500.00. This covers the cost of a computer for the police office.

Mr. Nareski asked about the police cruisers, after not being used for three days cannot be started.

Mr. Sowcik said he personally checked with the local Ford distributor and was shown a letter from Ford Motor Company that after three days of non-use the battery will go dead.

FIRE

Mr. Nareski spoke on the numerous grants received through the efforts of Chief King. Report by Chief King indicated that Federal Grant Monies awarded totaled \$697,439.00 Along with State Grants totaling \$120,000.00

STREET DEPARTMENT-SANITARY-STORM SEWER

Mr. Sedeski reported the plows have been overhauled. The backhoe has been put to good use and the leaf vac has been used several times.

PARKS-RECREATION

RESOLUTION: PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO IN OUTDOOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Motion by Mrs. Zaneski sec Mr. Hankey to adopt as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Nareski reported that myself, Stan Zaneski and engineer Sevenski met and discussed the plans and costs of the refreshment stand. Mr. Sevenski said he would review what we discussed and come back with another plan.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

RESOLUTION: RE-APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Nareski to adopt as read.

EMA-FLOOD CONTROL

Mr. Sowcik reported he has been in contact with the county and has been advised the county will construct a ten-foot fence at the pumping station.

BUILDING-PLANNING-ZONING

Mr. Drust in reference to the NRSA grant, said the county received the plans and said it is in compliance with the grant. Also reported on the following properties.

607-609 Main Street:	Building needs to be secured
20 Rice Avenue	Garage falling down
26 Rice Avenue	Shed in bad shape. Two foot sag in roof.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

Miss Healy said the Drug Program held in October was very successful. In attendance were twenty-five Girl Scouts along with several Police Officers and six girls from Bryn Maur.

BILLS

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Nareski to pay bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Sowcik to adjourn to executive session for personnel. Motion carried.