
OCTOBER 11, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Edwardsville Borough Council held on Thursday, October 11, 2007. President Zaneski called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT

- Mayor, Bernard Dubaskas
- Solicitor, William Finnegan Jr.
- Manager, Charles Szalkowski

Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Nareski to dispense reading minutes of September 13, 2007. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

MUNICIPALITY

KINGSTON Their request to pass resolution supporting Kingston's application for fund to rebuild the Hoyt Library.

RESOLUTION: "FUNDING THROUGH PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT"

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

REPORTS

- Don Wilkinson for September - Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Drust to accept. Motion carried.
- Police Report for September - Motion by Mr. Sowcik sec Mr. Drust to accept. Motion carried.

Fire Report for September - Motion by Mr. Nareski sec Mr. Drust to accept.
Motion carried.
Street Dept. for September - Motion by Mr. Sedeski sec Mr. Sowcik to accept.
Motion carried.
Bldg. Insp. for September- Motion by Mr. Sedeski sec Mr. Nareski to accept.
Motion carried.
Tax Collector for September - Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Nareski to accept.
Motion carried.
Treasurer for September- Motion by Mr. Hnakey sec Mr. Nareski to accept.
Motion carried.

CITIZENS

GARY MORAN: Commended officer Brown for cutting short his vacation to attend an important hearing.

President Zaneski introduced Melissa Rehrig, coordinator of Steps To A Healthier Pa-Luzerne County. Her comments were directed to tobacco - Free Parks and Playgrounds. Also, in reference to second hand smoke. There is no safe level of exposure. Many communities have instituted tobacco free ordinances for Parks, Playgrounds and Youth Sports.

President Zaneski thanked Ms. Rehrig and stated that council will seriously take this into consideration.

ADMINISTRATION-FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Nareski sec Mr. Drust naming David Stochla to Resolution No.16 to serve the remaining four term of councilman Jack Baranski. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: "APPOINTING DAVID STOCHLA TO SERVE THE REMAINING FOUR YEAR TERM OF COUNCILMAN JACK BARANSKI SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 2010" Motion carried.

Mr. Nareski welcomed Mr. Stochla to council stating that Mr. Stochla served on council for four years, two of those years he was served as President. Mr. Stochla will bring his experience to council and will be an asset to the community.

President Zaneski named Mr. Stochla to be the Chairman of Administration-Finance committte.

President reported that budget meeting would begin shortly. Named to the budget committee were Mr. Hankey, Mr. Stochla and Mrs. Zaneski.

Manager Szalkowski reported receiving State Aid Check for distribution to the various pension plans. Also, received check for the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association.

Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Nareski to accept Kovalchik, Kollar and Co. audit proposal of \$8,350.00 for calender year ending December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION: "SUSPENSION OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLICE PENSION PLAN"

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

Mr. Sowcik said that Chief Souchick will be out for six weeks with a broken elbow. The Civil Service Commission is currently meeting with the applicants for the police department.

Mayor Dubaskas reported that we are covered at all times. Mayor Dubaskas said that funding to keep the DARE program is getting difficult. Suggested that council look into a possible grant to support the program.

FIRE

Motion by Mr. Nareski sec Mr. Hankey to hire Don Hudak as part time engineer @ hour effective October 11, 2007. Motion carried.

Mr. Nareski said that R. Konefal attended the Burn Camp in Washington D.C. as Edwwardsville's representative and has a video that can be seen at our convenience.

STREET DEPARTMENT - SANITARY - SEWER

Mr. Sedeski said the DPW is very busy. The new loader was used to put in the parks playground equipment. The \$160,000 from the office of Congressman Kanjorski has very limited uses. There is a bill in committee and when passed will allow the paving of several streets.

PARKS - RECREATION

Mr. Nareski reported discussing the refreshment stand at the work session. We need to come up with a plan for the engineer as to what we want to do.

Mayor Dubaskas said he has a refrigerator and a stand up freezer for the refreshment stand.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. Hankey said that two new windows have been put in place. One on each floor.

EMA - FLOOD CONTROL

President Zaneski appointed Mr. Sowcik to chair the EMA-FLOOD CONTROL committee.

STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Drust reported the trees on Herman Street have been trimmed allowing more light for the park.

BUILDING - PLANNING - ZONING

Mr. Drust reported the agreement with Forty Fort is now in place. Super Petz is requesting a second sign. Zoning Board will hold a hearing on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 P.M.

In reference to an article in the Borough News Magazine, Mr. Hankey said it covered blighted properties. We have been active in taking down several blighted properties in our town. Legislation has been passed that we can take advantage of.

President Zaneski appointed the following committee: Mr. Hankey, Mr. Drust, Mr. King, Building Inspector, and Rowland Roberts, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer to the committee for Blighted Properties.

OLD BUSINESS

Building inspector Ray King informed council that Luzerne Co. RDA removed three bridges adjoining Page Street pumping station. This has left a gap 125 feet on both sides. A plastic fence was put up and half is already down.

Mr. Stochla said a benefit will be held for Galvin Duesler on Sunday, October 21st at the River Street Jazz Club. Galvin is the son of Karen Martinelli, who served four years on council. Galvin was involved in a serious accident over the Labor Day weekend.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

Miss Healey said the Drug Awareness Program for the Girl Scouts is scheduled for Wednesday October 24 at 6:00 P.M. Also, that an announcement on the W.V.W. in house TV system is requesting anyone interested in becoming a Junior Council Person can send in a letter stating their reasons.

BILLS

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

Motion by Mr. Hankey sec Mr. Nareski to adjourn to executive session for legal issue.

Motion carried.
