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**FEBRUARY 14, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Edwardsville Borough Council held on Thursday, February 14, 2008. President Hankey called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

- Miss Healey

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mrs. Zaneski to dispense reading minutes of January 10, 2008.  
Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Don Wilkinson for January**- Motion by Mr.Stochla sec Mrs. Zaneski to accept.  
Motion carried.

**Police Report for January** - Motion by Mr. Sowcik sec Mr. Drust to accept.  
Motion carried.

**Fire Report for January** - Motion by Mr. Nareski sec Mrs. Zaneski to accept.  
Motion carried.

**Street Dept. for January** - Motion by Mr. Sedeski sec Mr. Stochla to accept.  
Motion carried.

**Bldg. Insp. for January**- Motion by Mr. Drust sec Mr. Sowcik to accept. Motion carried.

**Code Zoning for January**- Motion by Mr. Drust sec Mr. Sowcik to accept.  
Motion carried.

**Treasurer for January**- Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mrs. Zaneski to accept.  
Motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATION-FINANCE**

Mr. Stochla said that he would be meeting with Mr. Szalkowski to explore ways of obtaining monies for current and future projects. Also, the tax bills are being mailed on February 29th.

### **GRANTS - REVITALIZATIONS**

Mrs. Zaneski reported that Andy Reilly submitted our NRSA plans for Main Street Revitalization to HUD in Philadelphia and have been forwarded to their Washington D.C. headquarters.

Mrs. Zaneski said our presentation for Gaming monies has been submitted. Although we are not an adjoining community we can still submit a request. We will take what ever we can get stated Mrs. Zaneski.

Through Senator Musto we have submitted a grant application for ambulance doors stated Mrs. Zaneski.

### **POLICE**

Mr. Sowcik said that officer Michael Lehman attended DARE school and is now our DARE officer.

Mr. Sowcik commended both officers Mike Lehman for his actions in finding Jacob Clarke and officer Dan Lewis when going beyond the call of duty and saving two lives at the recent fire on Main Street.

Council commended both officers for performing their duties without hesitation.

Mayor Dubaskas said that council made a good choice naming Mike Lehman as our DARE officer. Business and individual's donations have been great, from a low balance of \$6.70, we now have \$2,400 in our fund.

Mrs. Rhonda Clarke and her son Jacob were in attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Clarke expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to Officer Lehman for his role in searching for her son.

### **FIRE**

Mr. Nareski said that Chief King is putting together a letter for the next meeting. This will be in reference to Officer Lewis.

## **PARKS-RECREATION**

Mr. Zaneski informed council that on Thursday, February 21st, at 8:00 A.M. demolition of the refreshment stand would take place. I invite all to make an effort to attend. Completion of the new stand is scheduled to be opened May 3rd. A grant from Lowe's for \$25,000 makes all of this possible stated Mrs. Zaneski.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Mrs. Zaneski said the inmates installed the insulation on the second floor and also cleaned the carpet in the council chambers along with painting of doors on the first floor. The American Legion would like to place a monument in Veterans Park stated Mrs. Zaneski. I will have more information at a later date.

## **STREET LIGHTS - PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Motion by Mr. Drust sec Mr. Sowcik to install three new streetlights on High Street.

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Sowcik to accept the recommendation of the attorney for the insurance carrier to settle the Kanaske litigation and direct the Solicitor to send a letter to the insurance carrier voicing our request that these claims be vigorously defended through trial as these types of settlements ultimately encourage litigation and constitute a poor overall policy regarding the handling of these claims.

On the question:

Mrs. Zaneski stated the borough did nothing wrong and stand behind our actions in the hiring of our manager.

### **VOTE POLLED:**

**VOTING YES:** Mr. Stochla, Mr. Nareski, Mr. Sowcik, Mr. Drust, and Mr. Hankey

**VOTING NO:** Mr. Sedeski and Mrs. Zaneski

**YES 5      NO 2**

Motion carried.

## **BUILDING - PLANNING - ZONING-CODE ENFORCEMENT**

In reference to a letter from Atty. Finnegan, Mr. Drust informed council that the borough is now the owner of the property at 197 Green Street. We can now

proceed to sell the property when the borough deems appropriate. Mr. Drust requested that council give him and properties for the wish list. We now own two properties on Main Street, one on Green and we are foreclosing on the property at E. Grove Street.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mr. Sowcik to accept Auditor General compliance audit reports for Police Pension Plan, Firemen's Pension Plan and Non Uniformed Pension Plan for period January 1, 2004 to December 31,2006.  
Motion carried.

Atty. Finnegan and Manager Szalkowski did not agree with the Police Pension Fund Finding and an improper lump sum retroactive payment of \$14,509 paid to surviving spouse in August 2006.

Atty. Finnegan and Mgr. Szalkowski said we relied on the advise of the Plans Actuary to pay the benefit and support their decision to pay the benefit.

Mrs. Zaneski said the Edwardsville Lions Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22nd.

### **BILLS**

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

Motion by Mr. Stochla sec Mrs. Zaneski to adjourn to executive session for legal matters.

Motion carried.