

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ELIZABETHVILLE PENNSYLVANIA
October 11, 2010

The Elizabethtown Borough Council met on October 11, 2010 in the Municipal Building at 14 South Market Street in Elizabethtown. President Gary Shadle called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call taken with the following present: James Facinelli, Stuart Margerum, Timothy Motter, Gary Shadle and Brian Stahl. James Lodge arrived at 8:05 pm; Russell Snyder Jr. at 8:05 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Timothy Matter, Mayor; Peggy Kahler, Secretary; Michael Maurer, Roadmaster; Jack Raudenbush, Catherine Hoover, Raudenbush Engineering.

GUESTS: Scott Shadle, Dennis Henninger, Michelle Henninger, Laura Weldon, Rodney Spicher, Melissa Stahl, Steven Sipe.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Timothy Motter to approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 with corrections. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS: President Shadle recognized Steven Sipe. Mr. Sipe owns a vacant lot on West Main Street; he would like to build a house on the parcel. The lot size is 36 ft. wide X 200 ft. deep. The Dauphin County Land Development and Sub Division Ordinance require the side yard setbacks to be 15 feet. A variance would be required to build on the lot. Mr. Sipe was advised to provide a blue print showing what the structure would look like with the maximum setbacks before any variance would be considered.

President Shadle next recognized Rodney Spicher and Laura Weldon. The residents shared a list of complaints against their neighbors; most of the incidents were harassment related. The solicitor advised them to document the events and call the State Police.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

All general correspondence was reviewed and made available to council; no further action was required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Maintenance – The Maintenance Department is planning to crack-seal the streets in the morning and pick up leaves in the afternoon. No-Parking Signs will be posted for the Halloween Parade throughout the entire parade route (Main and Broad Streets between Church and Moore Streets). The owners of 37 and 45 West Broad Street will be notified regarding sidewalk and driveway problems.

Police & Safety – Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Officer – The Code Enforcement Officer advised council that there are residents who have been fined for code violation however; they are still not in compliance. Council instructed the

CEO to cite those individuals on a daily basis until the problem is corrected and the property owner is in compliance. Monthly report attached to the minutes.

Building, Lighting & Grounds – The committee is researching the cost of replacing the gutters, rainspouts and drains at the borough building.

Water, Refuse & Sewage – The Elizabethville Area Authority authorized Mike to fill the swimming pool with water, to prevent cracking to the walls and floor.

Planning & Development – Nothing to report.

Budget & Finance – All committees should forward any budget requests to the secretary.

Park & Recreation – Maintenance has removed several dead trees from the park; one large tree by pavilion 5 should be removed professionally.

Tree Removal: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by Brian Stahl to accept the quote from Chad Lebo for \$1400 to cut and remove a tree at pavilion #5. Motion carried.

Insurance – Nothing to report.

Upper Dauphin Tax Representative – Memo received from Kaye Thoma, borough must decide whether the newly appointed Tax Officer (Berkheimer's) will collect the 2011 income taxes. After further discussion, council feels the time restraints may be difficult to meet by switching collectors this late in the year. Elizabethville Borough will remain with the Upper Dauphin Tax Office for the 2011 income taxes.

COG – Representative Position - Vacant.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report – The snow emergency plan has been updated with 27 News, and the local radio stations. The mayor requested the American Flag at the borough building be replaced.

Solicitor's Report – Council requested a second draft for the amendment to the 'Solid Waste Section' of the Construction Dumpster Ordinance.

Solid Waste Ordinance: Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Russell Snyder Jr. authorizing Reager & Adler to advertise the proposed ordinance (**Temporary Dumpsters Regulations**) for adoption at the November Meeting. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report – Raudenbush Engineering did a limited traffic study for Moore Street for the purpose of changing the street to a one-way NORTH bound from Main Street to Broad Street.

Traffic Regulation: Motion made by Jim Facinelli, seconded by Stuart Margerum to accept the Traffic study prepared by Raudenbush Engineering; and advertise for adoption at the November meeting the proposed ordinance changing Moore Street to a one-way North Bound from Main Street to Broad Street. Motion carried.

The Auditor General's Office issued an audit finding for the 2008 and 2009 Liquid Fuels Program. In the past the Specifications for Overlay Projects listed the length of the borough streets in square yards or feet, and the bids received from contractors listed total prices per streets. Raudenbush Engineering is corresponding with the auditor to correct this problem on all future resurfacing bids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Items covered under Solicitor report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Currently the borough is buying electricity from Glacial Energy; the contract will be terminated; other companies will be researched for better pricing.

Minimum Municipal Obligation: Motion made by Brian Stahl, seconded by Russell Snyder Jr. authorizing the pension obligation for 2011. Motion carried.

The borough will again try to offer disposal containers for batteries and motor oil through Hazelton Recycling Company.

Raudenbush Engineer was asked to search for grants that could be used to reconstruct Broad Street.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Brian Stahl, to accept the Financial Reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Total Revenue	\$ 18,603.84
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,877.90

The meeting was adjourned at 8; 50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy P. Kahler
Borough Secretary