

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ELIZABETHVILLE PENNSYLVANIA
March 8, 2010

The Elizabethtown Borough Council met on March 8, 2010 in the Municipal Building at 14 South Market Street in Elizabethtown. President Fredrick Renn 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, James Lodge, Stuart Margerum, Timothy Motter, Fredrick Renn, Gary Shadle and Brian Stahl.

ALSO PRESENT: Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Peggy Kahler, Secretary; Michelle Henninger, Codes Enforcement Officer.

GUESTS: Dennis Rickert, Lavern Brown, Tim Schreffler, Tony Shiffer, Russell Snyder Jr., Lavern Brown Jr., Renee Chubb, Donald Chubb II, Michael Wertz.

Loyalty Oath: Mayor Timothy Matter administered the Oath of Office to Dennis Rickert, Fire Police; Reliance Hose Company.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by Gary Shadle to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS: President Renn recognized Lavern Brown, Tony Shiffer, Tim Schreffler, Donald Chubb II and Dr. Ben Scott who expressed their concerns and dissatisfaction of a Landlord/Tenant Inspection Ordinance. Items noted.

- The proposed fees and penalties are too severe.
- More regulations will not encourage good landlords to buy property in Elizabethtown.
- Not sure who benefits from the inspection.
- Inspections are an invasion of privacy.
- Neither the landlords nor the tenants can afford another fee.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Mike Wertz stated that the Fire Company is transitioning into the new radio system. The radios (portable to portable) are functional through-out the entire county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Maintenance – The committee received several compliments on the snow plowing job after the first big storm. Welding repairs were made to the '08 truck plow. A minor accident occurred during the last snowstorm; the 05' truck slid off the road into a sign, damaging a running board, windshield and door. A twenty-one hundred (\$2100) insurance claim was filed.

Police & Safety – Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Officer – Monthly report attached to the minutes, nothing further to report.

Building, Lighting & Grounds – An awning on the north side of the Borough Building was damaged during the last snowstorm. The committee is researching the cost to replace the awning.

Water, Refuse & Sewage – Nothing to report.

Planning & Development – Nothing to report.

Budget & Finance – Nothing to report.

Park & Recreation – The committee is researching ideas for the pool area.

Insurance – Nothing to report.

Upper Dauphin Tax Representative – The following information was reported by Ms. Thoma, Borough Tax Collection Committee (TCC) representative.

- ❖ Appointed Solicitor; Guy Beeneventano
- ❖ Model By-Laws drafted
- ❖ Sub-committees defined:
 - ◆ Audit Committee
 - ◆ Tax Officer RFP Committee
 - ◆ Executive Committee
- ❖ Solicitor appointed as Right-To Know Officer
- ❖ Researching a grant to help with expenses

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010.

COG – Representative Position - Vacant.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report – The Mayor thanked the Code Enforcement Officer for her involvement in getting all vehicles removed from the Snow Emergency Routes. Many positive comments were received.

Solicitor’s Report – All items covered on the agenda.

Engineer’s Report – Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rental Property Inspection Ordinance: Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Brian Stahl to adopt the “*Rental Property Inspection Ordinance*” as advertised. Roll call vote taken; James Facinelli, Yes; James Lodge, No; Stuart Margerum, Yes; Timothy Motter, No; Fredrick Renn, Yes, Gary Shadle, Yes, Brian Stahl, Yes. Motion carried.

The Upper Dauphin School District has signed the Baseball Field Lease Agreement, the fifteen-hundred dollars (\$1500) rent was received.

The Fire Company's Funding Request will be discussed after the borough starts receiving the 2010 tax receipts.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council of Governments (COG) has requested that Elizabethville host the March 18th monthly meeting.

Hosting COG Meeting: Motion made by Brian Stahl, seconded by Gary Shadle approving the Council of Governments (COG) use of the Borough Building for their March 18, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Aquatic Pool Service Invoice: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by James Lodge authorizing the Borough Secretary to pay the submitted invoice (\$5,189.00) in two installments. The first payment will be made on June 1st and the balance on December 31st, 2010. Motion carried.

Flood Plain Ordinance: Motion made by Brian Stahl, seconded by James Facinelli authorizing the Borough Secretary to forward the model Dauphin County Flood Plain Ordinance to the Borough Engineer for his review. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Total Revenue	\$ 40,929.07
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,290.30

President Renn called an executive session at 8:10 pm to discuss personnel matters. Session ended at 8:35 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy P. Kahler
Borough Secretary