

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ELIZABETHVILLE PENNSYLVANIA
February 8, 2010

The Elizabethtown Borough Council met on February 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 (arrived at 7:10).

ALSO PRESENT: Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Peggy Kahler, Secretary; Michael Maurer, Roadmaster.

GUESTS: Erik Ingbritsen, Joseph Rider Jr., Michael Wertz, Dennis Henninger, Russell Walborn, Jr. Michelle Henninger, Codes Enforcement Officer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by James Lodge, seconded by James Facinelli to approve the minutes of January 11, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS: President Renn recognized Mike Wertz, Dennis Henninger and Rusty Walborn; Reliance Hose Company Officers.

- Dennis Henninger, Budget Chairman was present to answer any questions council had regarding the 2009 Reliance Hose Company Audit –no questions or concerns....Report attached to the minutes.
- Mike Wertz noted the following: Fire Company's 2010 Budget –Revenue \$ 83,650 – Expenses \$ 83,170; considerable increase in Heat and Electricity. Expense line items will be expanded to allow for more detailed reports with grant applications.
- Annual Fire Chief's Report – Calls are down in Upper Dauphin Area; 108 calls in the Borough no property or content damage. Forty-five (45) training sessions were held; average seventy-seven (77) hours per person. Report attached to the minutes.
- Technology is driving change in the Fire Company; all reports must be submitted electronically. A new county-wide radio system is scheduled to go into effect March 3rd; sirens will be a thing of the past. Seven portable radios had to be replaced at a cost of \$3000 per unit, prior cost \$400 each. The radios are self identifying, digital and pick-up the transmitting signal everywhere.
- New Rescue Unit was ordered, expected delivery date is June; the old one has been sold for \$50,000.
- Rusty Walborn stated that some of the companies present rescue equipment will be outdated soon by the car industry. New manufacturing mandates require vehicles to be built with light weight high strength steel that withstand three times the strength of the vehicle. The current rescue equipment does not have the capability of cutting/spreading this type of steel.
- Needs List-The Fire Company has a list of equipment scheduled for replacement that is subject to change based on their needs. Report attached to the minutes.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

All general correspondence was reviewed and made available to council; further action was required on the following item.

Annual Egg Hunt: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by James Facinelli to allow the Girl Scout Troup # 772 the use of the building (auditorium) on March 26th and the Borough Park on March 27th for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Maintenance – The committee has decided to re-use the poles when the speed limit and one-way traffic signs are replaced. Small hump at the intersection of Callowhill Street and Route 225, cause tire spinning on most vehicles. The problem area will be reviewed when the bid package for paving is prepared. The motor on the salt spreader had to be replaced; estimated cost is six hundred dollars (\$600). Low hanging branches on Swab Road are interfering with the borough trucks, property owner will be notified.

Police & Safety – The borough’s Glock 22.40 Caliber handgun was sold on consignment by Kell Brothers for four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450).

Code Enforcement Officer – Carl Savage has removed five (5) large dumpsters of trash from 217 Spruce Street. Mr. Savage requested the borough close the alley when the trash is removed from the yard and shed.

The borough has an ordinance that address the declaration of a *Snow and Ice Emergency*, (Chapter 15, §601). The ordinance was adopted to streamline snow removal operations and provide for safer streets. When the Mayor declares a Snow Emergency in the borough, council has directed the Codes Enforcement Officer to assure all vehicles are removed from Main and Market Streets. Tickets may be issued after the first warning.

Building, Lighting & Grounds – A reimbursement check of five-hundred dollars (\$500) was received from EMC Insurance Company for a claim submitted for repairs to an electrical junction box. The expansion valve on the boiler needs to be replaced. Reed’s Oil Company submitted a quote of \$268.00. Council will proceed with the repairs.

Water, Refuse & Sewage – The Elizabethville Area Authority discovered a water leak on Vine and Lyter Streets. Nine holes were dug before the exact location was found.

Planning & Development – Nothing to report.

Budget & Finance – Nothing to report.

Park & Recreation – The committee is discussing costs and ideas about what action to take with the pool.

Insurance – The Capital Blue Cross contract to increase the employee’s deductible amount was signed. The lower premium should take effect next month.

Upper Dauphin Tax Representative – Nothing to report.

COG – Representative Position - Vacant.

Personnel – Chairman reaffirmed that council agreed for numerous reasons at the October '09 meeting not to participate with the 'Community Service Program'. Special projects and the need for volunteers must be pre-approved by council.

Mayor's Report – Mayor expressed verbally; he had no concerns or questions regarding the 'Landlord Rental Inspection Ordinance'.

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

Engineer's Report – Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; prepared a Rental Inspection Ordinance, all members received a copy prior to the meeting.

Rental Inspection Ordinance: Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Brian Stahl authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise for adoption on March 8, 2009 a ***Rental Inspection Ordinance*** as presented. Motion carried

Council reviewed two proposals on purchasing electricity through alternative companies; Glacial Energy and Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. Glacial Energy estimated a 26% savings, with no contract period or early termination fee.

Energy Cost Savings Agreement: Motion made by Gary Shadle, seconded by Stuart Margerum to accept the proposal from Glacial Energy. Motion carried.

No word on whether the Upper Dauphin School District will accept the proposed Baseball Field Lease Agreement for 2010. March 1st is the deadline.

The Fire Company's Funding Request was tabled until next month's meeting. Brian Stahl, Budget Chairman will review the Borough's Budget and make a recommendation next month.

The Streets Committee has not finalized their proposed amendments to the ***Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance***.

NEW BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by James Lodge, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy P. Kahler
Borough Secretary