

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ELIZABETHVILLE PENNSYLVANIA
September 14, 2009

The Elizabethtown Borough Council met on September 14, 2009 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, Stuart Margerum, Timothy Motter, Fredrick Renn. Gary Shadle arrived at 7:45 pm.

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

GUESTS: Michael Wertz, Fire Chief; Dennis Henninger, Gary Mortensen

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by James Facinelli, seconded by Timothy Motter to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS:

President Renn recognized Mike Wertz, Fire Chief, Reliance Hose Co. Previously council was advised that the fire company was planning to downsize their fleet of apparatus, by replacing a pumper and the rescue with a combined rescue/pumper unit. A contract has been signed with KME Fire Apparatus for the purchase of a new Rescue/Pumper at a cost of \$508,670.00 to be delivered in June 2010. Funding has been secured through a Pa Volunteer Loan, U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan and the company's replacement savings account. In addition to the existing Fire Tax, Reliance Hose Company is formally requesting Borough Council contribute a one (1) time payment of \$15,000 from the borough's 2010 budget. A similar contribution based on population was requested from Washington Township. Financial assistance from both municipalities will allow the company to repay both loans within fifteen (15) years and place the fire company in a better financial position in 2030. Supporting documents attached to the minutes. Council advised Mr. Wertz they would take his request under advisement when preparing the 2010 budget.

President Renn recognized Gary Mortensen, property owner in Elizabethtown. Mr. Mortensen has a vacant lot on West Broad Street that he would like to sell as a building lot. Inquires were made about setback requirements. The Borough Solicitor as well as council advised Mr. Mortensen he would have to adhere to the Dauphin County Sub-Division and Land Development Ordinance. Any variance from that ordinance requires Council's approval as well as the adjunct neighbors.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Road Closure: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by Gary Shadle to approve closing Maple Alley (approximately 150 ft) on September 7th (12 noon – 9:00 pm) for a Peach Festival. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Maintenance – Leaf collection will begin mid October. Mike Brown, Sewage Enforcement Officer was contacted to review a drainage problem on Franklin Street in the area of JBS Packerland. The 2nd phase of paving (Franklin – Church) will begin September 16th. A storm water drain on Maple Avenue is partial blocked, problem will be monitored.

Police & Safety – Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Officer – August report attached to the minutes.

Building, Lighting & Grounds – The ‘Welcome to Elizabethville’ sign at the west end of town recovered. Fast Signs will re-install the sign.

Water, Refuse & Sewage – Nothing to report.

Planning & Development – Nothing to report.

Budget & Finance – Nothing to report.

Park & Recreation –. The committee plans to use the remainder of their budget for repairs on the baseball grandstand.. The park bandstand was approved as an Eagle Scout Project. The swimming pool filter system is worn out; the pumps do not provide adequate water circulation. A new system must be installed before the 2010 swimming season.

Filtration System Bid: Motion made by Timothy Motter, seconded by Stuart Margerum to advertise for bids to install a new filter system at the borough swimming pool. Motion carried.

Insurance – The borough recently changed Health Insurance Brokers, the Dental coverage was canceled in error as of July 1st. Three employees received invoices totaling (\$423.) for services received after July 1st. The Borough’s Broker is trying to get Capital Blue Cross to cover the invoices because the insurance premium was made in good faith each month. If all fails council has agreed to pay the dental invoices totaling \$423.

Upper Dauphin Tax Representative – Pennsylvania mandated changes to Earned Income Tax collections which will reduce the number of collectors and provide state-wide uniformity. A new government entity known as a Tax Collection Committee (TCC) will be formed within each Tax Collection District. The TCC must appoint officers, legal counsel, a tax appeal board, and establish an operating budget and bylaws. Other financial and administrative policies will be necessary further along. The Upper Dauphin Tax Advisory Board feels it would be best to consolidate around our school districts by having one delegate per school district to serve on the Tax Collection Committee. This decision would reduce overall expenses, and assure the municipality it would have representation at all important meetings. Also if Upper Dauphin County unites, we would have a higher voting weight, possibly allowing us to

have some leverage. Council agreed to consolidate with the Upper Dauphin Taxing Districts and appoint a delegate to be named at a later date to represent all the municipalities and school district.

COG – Representative Position - Vacant.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report – Nothing to report.

Solicitor’s Report – A lease agreement for the use of the baseball field was prepared for the Upper Dauphin School District.

Engineer’s Report – The engineer requested a status report for the paving overlay project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Minimum Municipal Obligation: Motion made by Stuart Margerum, seconded by Gary Shadle to approve the 2010 MMO as presented. Roll call vote take, motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Total Revenue	\$ 32,803.04
Total Expenditures	\$ 35,895.25

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy P. Kahler
Borough Secretary