

East Stroudsburg Borough, December 28, 2009

A special meeting of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council was held at the Municipal Building on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Victor Brozusky, Ed Henning, William Reese, Donald Repsher, and Sonia Wolbert. Roger DeLarco was absent due to being away visiting his parents. Also attending were: Mayor Armand M. Martinelli; and Manager James Phillips.

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ed Henning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of December 15, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2010 Borough Budget

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Henning to open the hearing; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Phillips briefly reviewed the proposed 2010 Borough Budget which has been available for public inspection since December 10, 2009. Proposed appropriations for 2010 total \$15,078,900 for all Funds. Mr. Reese asked for comments on the Proposed Budget, and there were none. Mrs. Wolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Henning to close the hearing; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

Ordinance No. 1229 Fixing the 2010 Year Real Estate Tax Millage Rates

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1229 Fixing the 2010 Year Real Estate Tax Millage Rates at 14.70 mills for general purposes, and 2.30 mills for Debt Service for the New Fire Station project, as advertised. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Henning voting no.

Resolution No. 52-2009 Approving 2010 Year Budget Appropriations

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to approve proposed Resolution No. 52-2009, Approving 2010 Budget Appropriations as outlined in the Proposed 2010 Borough Budget for all funds. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Henning voting no.

Ratify Proposed Lease Agreement with Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership

Mr. Phillips said this is the formal agreement which Council had agreed to regarding an offer of six months of billboard advertising by Adams in exchange for the continuation of one existing billboard on Borough property located along Route 447, the former Norma Weiss property near Gregory's Pond. The Borough can choose the months and locations with the intent of using the advertising for Terra Greens Golf Course. Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to ratify the agreement as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Living/Wage Adjustment for Borough Employees for 2010 Year

Mr. Phillips said employees had received a ½% Christmas stipend with the last paycheck of the 2009 year, however Council had not acted on a wage adjustment for the

2010 year at the December 15, 2009 regular meeting. After discussion, Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to authorize a 2.00% cost of living/wage adjustment for full-time and regular part-time Borough employees effective January 1, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Manager to Buyback Accrued/Unused Vacation and or Carryover to 2010 Yr.

Mr. Phillips reported that he has over 183 hours of vacation leave unused and normal employee policy only permits carryover of three week of vacation to the new year. After discussion, Mr. Henning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher, to authorize Manager James Phillips to be paid for one (1) week of accrued/unused vacation leave, and carryover the balance due to his accumulation of comp. time on the books and his inability to utilize the vacation leave this year. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Repsher said the hole or “depression” is still in North Courtland Street in front of 519/521 and vehicles area still hitting it.

Mr. Reese expressed his displeasure with East Stroudsburg University regarding the student housing development proposal which does not provide much new parking, and also the fact that the University is still taking in more students, and putting them up in triple room dorms because they do not have enough dorm space.

List of Bills Payable as of Dec. 28, 2009

Mr. Brozusky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Repsher to approve the list of bills payable and to ratify expenditures and payroll made through December 28, 2009 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business Mr. Repsher made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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James S. Phillips, Secretary