

BOROUGH OF RED HILL

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

7:30 pm

Vice President, Charles McCleary, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Decker, Paul Snyder, Faith Diascro, Charles McCleary

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt

VISITORS: Luanne Stauffer, Executive Director, Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2008 was made by John Smith and seconded by Charles McCleary. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles McCleary welcomed council to our first meeting at the "new" Red Hill Borough Hall. Charles McCleary wanted to thank the building committee for allowing him to chair this event, and also to thank the Red Hill Fire Company for allowing the borough to operate from their facility for the last year and a half.

Mr. McCleary wants to acknowledge Representative Mensch for giving the borough a new State flag and the American flag for display in our chambers.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: - No Participation

LuAnne Stauffer, Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce, addressed council on the Regional Economic Development Plan for the Greater Upper Perkiomen Valley.

Ms. Stauffer addressed the following issues:

- Engaging the young people from the high school for their feedback on creating a better community for the Upper Perkiomen Valley.
- Focusing on marketing the area.
- Support from the municipal officials to help promote the implementation of the program by adopting the resolution on the development of a Regional Economic Development Plan.
- Applying to DCED for the next phase of funding.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

RED HILL FIRE COMPANY REPORT MONTH –January 2008

FIRE CALLS TOTAL 23

QRS CALLS TOTAL

TOTAL CALLS FOR MONTH - 23

YTD CALLS 23

Events for February 2008

- Breakfast - 2/17/08
- Mad Jack event – 2/23/08

Doris Decker made a motion to accept the events of RHFC and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

Mr. Morton reported on the following topics:

- Biosolids improvements – State Only Operating Permit for the dryer will soon be issued.
- Sewer lateral inspection regulations – An updated draft document was received from the solicitor.
- Interceptor relining – Low bid for contract was Allstate Power Vac, Inc. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled.

RHPC/UPRPC: - David Schiffgens

Charles McCleary reported on the following issues:

Reorganization of the committee:

- John Lear –Chairman
- Carl Ascoli –Vice Chairman
- Jen Boyer – Treasurer
- Jeanne Hopkins –Secretary

11th & Main Streets Traffic Signal:

Chairman John Lear estimated the total cost of the project to be \$138,500.00. Upper Hanover has committed \$40,000.00 and Pennsburg has committed \$45,000.00

A Motion was made by Charles McCleary seconded by Doris Decker and unanimous that \$1000.00 be taken from excess funds from the 209 Study to fund the traffic light.

A Motion was made by Charles McCleary seconded by Doris Decker and unanimous to commit \$40,000.00 in 2009 budget for the traffic light.

No Planning Commission Meeting for February.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

Charles McCleary stated income for February is \$53, 462.85, and expenses are \$223, 657.80.

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker

The Fence and Banner Ordinances are in the developing stages for adoption by the borough. Marjorie Brown, Wisler and Pearlstine Law offices is working on the ordinances.

GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith

Conrad Bender will be ordering salt for 2008-2009 from CoStars.

PARKS & RECREATION: No Report**SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro – No Report****MAYOR:****PRESIDENT:**

Tom Paul reminded the council to attend the RHFC banquet on March 1st, 2008.

ENGINEER: LTL – Norman Ulrich

The following projects are currently under review or have received conditional or final approval:

- Paone Townhouse Development – Inlet and Pipe installation –The Borough Solicitor has issued a letter dated 12/27/07, outlining requirements to complete the pipe and inlet installation.
- B&W Constructors and Equipment, Inc. – LTL issued its' 3rd Preliminary Plan Review letter, dated 1/15/08 outlining various zoning, subdivision and land development and engineering design concerns,
- .Lehigh Gas Corporation Land Development – LTL anticipates the applicant will continue discussions with the Borough to obtain project direction prior to proceeding with the planning process.

The following projects have received final approval from the borough and are in various stages of construction:

- Preston Court – Major construction activities for the month include the completion of punch list items. Installation of the swale along the emergency access/walking trail is an item that is listed on the construction punch list.
- Turkey Hill Minit Market – Darlene Stoudt returned the Letter of Credit to Linda Senenich, Turkey Hill.
- G&M Enterprises, Inc. –The applicant is requesting a third request for a construction escrow release.

Following Special Projects have been worked upon by LTL as authorized by Borough Council:

- MS4 NPDES –LTL will update the Borough on the progress of the program.

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman

Mark Hosterman addressed the following topics:

- Harleysville National Bank Loan closed on 2/8/08
- Hemstreet Hearing completed

Mark Hosterman stated that he will proceed with litigation on the Estate of Paul Skepton. The deposition will be held at the Red Hill Borough Hall on April 16th with Dan Levengood, LTL Consultants, LTD in attendance. Mark Hosterman is waiting for confirmation on a court hearing.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

A motion was made by Faith Diascro to approve the List of Bills for payment, seconded by Charles McCleary. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Charles McCleary to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2008 as presented. Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Tom Paul addressed council on April primary voting place. After much discussion, a roll call was ordered for holding the voting at RHBH, 56 W. Fourth Street, Red Hill, PA. 18076.

ROLL CALL

Charles McCleary	No
Doris Decker	Yes
John Smith	Yes
Paul Snyder	Yes
Tom Paul	Yes
Faith Diascro	Yes

Voting Place will return to the RHBH on April 22, 2008 with the vote of 5-1.

Fee Schedule –

Doris Decker will work with Mark Hosterman on amending the fee schedule. Upper Hanover Township Fee schedule will be serve as a guideline on establishing the fees.

Tom Paul instructed Darlene Stoudt to advertise in the newspaper a special meeting will be held on February 25th at 6: 30 pm to swear-in a new mayor and also conduct any other business.

Adjournment: - Paul Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt