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STRASBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 11, 2017
MINUTES

Members Present: Mike Chiodo Ray Garraffa
 Bruce Ryder Jim Rice
 David Dunn Will Hutchinson
 Bob Bennethum (by speakerphone)

Others Present:

 Henry Miller, Mayor Debbie Good
 Lisa M. Boyd, Borough Manager Joseph Duda, Duda Actuarial
 Lynn Commero, Lancaster Newspapers John Stoltzfus, Strasburg Fire Company

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Council President Mike Chiodo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the salute to the flag. President Chiodo announced that the meeting is being audiotaped and maintained until the minutes are approved. The Borough Manager took the roll call.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

ANNUAL FIRE COMPANY REPORT – JOHN STOLTZFUS, FIRE CHIEF: John Stoltzfus reviewed the 2016 Fire Company report in detail and provided the following highlights:

- Total Incident Count: 197 with 61 of them in Strasburg Borough
- Total Estimated Losses: \$228,700 with \$183,000 in Strasburg Borough
- The highest percentage of response time from dispatch to on scene was 6 minutes.
- A new fire reporting software program is now being used that submits their reports to the State immediately.

Mike Chiodo thanked the Fire Company for what they do for our community and surrounding communities. John Stoltzfus thanked the Borough for their financial support.

DEBBIE GOOD - BURNING: Debbie Good stated that she is concerned with the safety and pollution from open burning and recreational fires. She stated that their neighbor has large and frequent recreational fires that are done close to other wood on their property. She stated that she believes there needs to be regulation regarding recreational fires. Bruce Ryder stated that, as previously agreed, he will review the ordinance and come back to a future meeting with suggestions for revisions to the Burning Ordinance. He added that he recently obtained a copy of Marietta Borough's newly adopted Burning Ordinance and he will be reviewing theirs for suggestions for inclusion in our ordinance. The members were reminded that this ordinance is enforced based on a complaint basis. Mrs. Good was encouraged to contact the police if she sees a violation of the existing ordinance.

PENSION ACTUARIAL UPDATE – JOE DUDA: Joe Duda, the Borough's Actuary, was in attendance and reviewed the 1/1/2017 Valuation Reports for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. He reminded the members that these reports are prepared every other year. He also congratulated Council for having a plan in place and paying additional funds directly into the fund toward the Unfunded Liabilities, and stated that between those payments and the investment gains in

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the plans, that the new unfunded actual accrued liabilities have reduced and are currently: Police \$232,615 and Non-Uniformed \$61,412. He reminded the members that these numbers do utilize the asset smoothing which began since the last valuation. Joe Duda suggested reducing the interest rate and the salary scale. Bruce Ryder suggested utilizing a portion of the unfunded liability funds to reduce the assumptions to 7% and 4% and then reevaluate the 2018 budget to see if additional funds could be sent toward the unfunded liabilities.

Jim Rice made a motion, seconded by Will Hutchinson and passed unanimously to lower the interest rate assumption to 7% with a 4% salary scale for the pension calculations for the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans.

MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017: A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Dunn and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting as printed.

REPORTS:

MAYOR – Mayor Miller stated that he received an open burning complaint and liquid manure complaint.

PRESIDENT – President Chiodo welcomed Lynn Commero, the new correspondent from the Lancaster Newspapers who is covering our meetings.

MANAGER – The Borough Manager provided her written report dated April 7, 2017 and she added that the Borough is hosting the next LCBA meeting at the Fireside Restaurant on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, and welcomed the members to attend. She also reported that the stormwater pipe at 17 South Decatur Street has been replaced and appears to be working and that the land swap finally took place between Charter Homes and Historic Properties Partners and Charter Homes is beginning the dedication process.

POLICE – The Police Department's report for March 2017 received and accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS – The Public Works report for March 2017 was received and accepted.

ZONING OFFICER – The Zoning Officer's report for March 2017 was received and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ray Garraffa made a motion, seconded by Jim Rice and passed unanimously to accept and file for audit the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Dave Dunn and passed unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,010.20 AND \$1,535.00

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD CERTIFICATES OF

APPROPRIATENESS – 8 WEST MAIN STREET AND 106 EAST MAIN STREET

2017 PAVING PROJECT – AUTHORIZATION TO BID FUNK STREET

APPOINTMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER–RESOLUTION 2017-2

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: The meeting was adjourned into an Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:48 p.m. at which time no official action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Boyd
Borough Manager