

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**June 16, 2008**

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, June 16, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Present: Bill Welch, Mayor  
Elizabeth A. Goreham, President of Council  
Ronald L. Filippelli  
Donald M. Hahn  
Theresa D. Lafer  
Silvi Lawrence  
Peter Morris  
James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Solicitor; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Manager of Budget & Administration; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Assistant Chief Thomas Hart, Mark Whitfield, Public Works Director; Amy Story, Assistant Borough Engineer; Beth Johnston, Director of Human Resources; Tim Grattan, Information Technology Director; Norma Crater, Finance Supervisor; Ross Momyer, Finance Intern; Cynthia S. Hanscom, Assistant Borough Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Mr. Welch began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hour.** There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**Consent Items.** Ms. Goreham moved to approve the following consent items. Mr. Hahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Approve Vouchers for the month of May 2008 for the Borough of State College in the amount of \$3,482,779.59.
- Award a bid for the Project 2-2008 Curb Replacement and Street & Alley Resurfacing to the low bidder, Mid-State Paving, LLC, for the total amount of \$ 361,762.40.
- Approve the use of College Avenue and Beaver Avenues for the Annual Cruise on Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Appoint Tom Hettmansperger to the Schlow Centre Region Library Board to fill an unexpired term, ending on December 31, 2010.
- Appoint John Harris to the Historic Resources Commission, to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2008.
- Appoint Charles Dumas to the Human Relations Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2010.

**C-NET Annual Report.** Cynthia Hahn and Michael Hecht presented the 2007 annual report, summarizing the Borough's usage in the previous year and over a 4-year period of time. Ms. Hahn noted that the Borough was the largest user of C-NET services.

Michael Hecht, the Borough's representative on the C-NET Board, reported that Halfmoon Township had recently joined with C-NET to broadcast their meetings. He also reported there would be a 15 minute candidate interview presented by the League of Women Voters.

Council members commented that additional meetings such as the Redevelopment Authority should be broadcast. Ms. Hahn stated she had looked at the schedule for Redevelopment Authority meetings and did not believe that it would conflict with their current schedule.

**2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan Update.** Staff presented an update to Council on the projects for 2008 and the status of those projects that were completed, slated to be completed this year or on-going projects. It was noted that capital projects were those that cost more than \$10,000 or have longer life than 6 years. Staff also reviewed those projects not to be completed in 2008, although some projects were slated to be bid before the end of the year. Potential new projects for 2009-2013 included the state road turnback, camera replacement for the Council Room, High Point park trails, replacement of the 800 mHz base stations with Penn State University, green waste recycling and street lighting.

Staff also presented financial information on the Capital Improvement Plan, noting that 45 percent of the funding comes from the general fund or enterprise funds, 18 percent from grants, 10 percent from the Penn State in lieu payment, 6 percent from current debt, 11 percent expected to

be funded from future debt, 5 percent from intergovernmental contributions, 2 percent from interest and 3 percent from equity financing. Of the dollars spent in the plan, 34 percent of the funding was spent on streets, 21 percent on regional projects, and 21 percent on enterprise funds.

Council discussed projects proposed for the West End improvements. A suggestion was made to delay the conversion of the Sparks Street parking lot as this would be counterproductive in the short-term. Also, the Sparks Street lot may not be the best location for a park because of the proximity to the electrical transfer unit. Funding sources for West End improvements were discussed, specifically in relation to lighting and sidewalks. It was noted that the area fell into the low-mod income requirements for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. It was suggested that a public hearing be held to get comments from the public and stakeholders on how best to spend available funds. Questions were also raised in regards to the parking study for West End. Staff noted that the study was recommended by the consultant but no money had been budgeted.

Lighting projects for the downtown were discussed. Staff noted that CDBG funds could be used for the College Avenue lighting project but it was being delayed to coordinate light standard design with the West End improvements.

Council discussed projects in relation to sustainability. The food waste/green waste project was considered important as it could save in tipping fees. Staff informed Council that approximately 35 percent of the Borough's refuse was organic material. Priority was given to getting the office of sustainability up and running. With the rising cost of fuel, a task of that office could be to educate the public on fuel saving measures. Staff was encouraged to make the Borough's facilities more energy efficient.

A suggestion was made to consider multiple meters for the McAllister deck. The proposed costs for automating the facility were too costly in light of the parking fund deficit. Any funds available should be used for parking enhancements or additional parking.

Council discussed getting the most energy efficient lighting for the Borough. Staff noted that technology was constantly changing and there were concerns with the life expectancy of some energy efficient bulbs. Council asked staff for a presentation on the quality, electrical cost, and energy consumption for lighting in the next few months.

#### OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**President's Report.** Ms. Goreham announced an executive session held following the meeting of June 9, to discuss personnel matters, and another held before this meeting to discuss personnel matters and real estate.

**Regional Liaison Reports.** Mr. Rosenberger reported the bids had come under the estimate for the Park Forest Pool renovation project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia S. Hanscom  
Assistant Borough Secretary