

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
February 20, 2009

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Friday, February 20, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Ms. Goreham called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager for Budget and Administration; Norma Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Michael Groff, Finance Director; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resource Director; Arthur Caccavale, Parking Manager; Ernest C. Dabiero, Risk Manager & Purchasing Director; Edward Holmes, Facilities Manager; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There were no comments from citizens.

Finance and Budget Reports and Discussion. Staff presented the monthly budget report and the preliminary 2008 year end budget report.

Additionally, staff presented the updated Five-Year Forecast to reflect changes that occurred during the 2009 Budget adoption process.

Council discussed the way in which local services taxes were recorded, the overall parking usage for 2008, the purchase of two new garbage trucks, and employee benefits.

Council said citizen input is import in regard to service reductions and suggested holding additional town meetings.

Severance Packages. At Council's request, staff compiled information on various severance packages offered by other municipalities. Staff recommended that Council not consider adding to the severance package the Borough currently offers.

Council members Lafer, Hahn and Lawrence agreed with staff's decision. However, Council members Goreham, Morris, Filippelli, and Rosenberger disagreed and asked staff to compile information on alternative severance packages with cost analyses to consider at a future work session.

Items of Information. Staff informed Council that Penn State has asked for the Borough's support of Federal appropriations for an Intermodal Transportation Station. Council concurred and asked staff to prepare a letter of support.

Additionally, staff reported that COG's regional refuse contract is up for renewal and asked for Council's opinion on the Borough's Public Works Department submitting a competitive bid for the 3-5 year contract. Staff said if the Borough was awarded the contract, purchasing or leasing additional garbage trucks would

be necessary. Council agreed to authorize staff to submit a bid for regional garbage collection provided that there was no net loss for the Borough.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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