

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
June 8, 2009

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, June 8, 2009, 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 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
Absent: James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager for Budget and Administration; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Manager for Community Services; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Alan W. Sam, Borough Arborist; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Herman L. Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer, Chelsea Puff, Borough Intern, 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 comments from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

Project 15-2009 Allen/Atherton Street Traffic Signal Replacement. The Borough published one bid for the Allen/Atherton Street Traffic Signal Replacement Project. The bid exceeded the engineers estimate by \$106,463. Staff recommended Council reject the bid and to revise the project scope for rebidding.

Ms. Lafer moved to reject the bid and revise the scope of the project for rebidding. Ms. Goreham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

GENERAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program. Ms. Goreham moved to consider approval of the CIP with removal of the revenue from the \$518,000 In-Lieu payment from Penn State. Mr. Filippelli seconded the motion.

Staff recommended Council not act on Ms. Goreham's motion at this time. Staff also recommended Council discuss the allocation of funds for the Borough's infrastructure and maintenance and defer the approval of the CIP until July 13. Mayor Welch agreed with staff's recommendation.

Council suggested staff provide a priority list of projects for possible removal which would include the impacts of project removal.

Mr. Hahn moved to postpone action on the motion to approve the CIP until July 13. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion, which passed with a 6-0-0 vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Thompson Woods Stewardship Plan. Council was advised that Clearwater Conservancy is proposing to work with Penn State Forestry Extension to have a professional stewardship plan completed for Thompson Woods Nature Preserve, Walnut Springs Park and Lederer Park. Changes to the approved Thompson Woods Management Plan as a result of recommendations from the stewardship plan would have to be approved by Borough Council, College Township Council, and Clearwater Conservancy. Dr. Carolyn Mayhan, the designated Site Steward for Thompson Woods Nature Preserve, was present for any questions.

Council asked who would monitor the plan; Dr. Mayhan said that she would monitor the plan.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported that he recently attended his 45th Penn State alumni reunion and said many attendees commented on the beauty of State College.

President's Report. President Goreham announced that Council would hold an executive session immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Council recessed to a work session at 8:15 pm to discuss the following:

Neighborhood Planning/Stabilization. Staff presented a report on measures intended to preserve and stabilize the neighborhoods.

Council suggested holding an event similar to the LION Walk be held following spring break to reinforce good neighbor practices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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