

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Monday, December 13, 2010
7:30 p.m.

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, December 13, 2010, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ronald Filippelli, Council President
Tom Daubert
Theresa Lafer
Silvi Lawrence
Peter Morris
James Rosenberger
Absent: Donald Hahn

Also present: Elizabeth Goreham, Mayor, Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resources Director; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; and Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary.

Public Hour: Discovery Space of Central PA. Marty Starling, Chairperson, and Art Heim, Executive Director of the Discovery Space of Central PA attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on this project. Ms. Starling reported the Discovery Space was able to secure a lease for property at 112 West Foster Avenue and has begun to clear the space to begin the renovation process.

Mr. Heim stated enough money has been raised to begin the construction process but fundraising efforts will continue to raise money to support the project through the construction phase. It is hoped the grand opening will occur during the children's day of the Arts Festival in July.

2011 Operating Budget. Council continued to discuss the 2011 Operating Budget.

Discussions were focused on the proposed fee schedule. Dr. Walter Schneider, Director of the Centre Region Code Administration, attended the meeting to answer Council's questions regarding the increase to the fire permit inspection fees.

Council also discussed several staffing and budgeting options in relation to police officers and Public Work laborers. The possible tax consequences were explained for each scenario.

Council also agreed the work session scheduled for Friday, December 17, 2010 was not needed and could be cancelled.

Mr. Filippelli announced there would be an executive session held following the meeting to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary