

SPECIAL MEETING
April 23, 2008
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mr. Rapp called the special meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance followed. Members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Gifford, Mr. Trotter, Jr., Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman. Excused: Mr. Grotenhuis. Others: Mr. Randy Soriano, Executive Secretary, Mr. Timothy Stephens, Chief of Police, Mr. Dan Pope, Fire Chief, Mr. Joseph Gatta, Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Soriano announced that Council will next review the Agenda items to be considered at the May 5, 2008 Council Meeting. Mr. Soriano noted that Council will not deliberate on the issues tonight and there will not be any public comments on these issues. Residents will have the opportunity to offer comments at the May 5, 2008 Council Meeting. Mr. Rapp noted that anyone with corrections to the Minutes of April 7, 2008 should provide them in writing to Mr. Soriano. Mr. Soriano next reviewed the Agenda items:

- **Appointment of new CBO-Code Master Presentation**-Representing Code Master was Arnie Cohen. Mr. Cohen briefly provided a history on what Code Master does and noted that he is certified by the State to perform all inspections under the UCC. Mr. Gatta noted that Code Master has been filling in for KCE to perform all commercial inspections, mainly inspections for St. Luke's Hospital, but KCE is now getting out of the inspection business. Mr. Gatta noted that he has been pleased with the services of Code Master. Council discussed the fees that Code Master will charge. Mr. Soriano noted that Council will set up new fees to charge for plan review and inspections if Code Master is retained. Mr. Soriano noted that Council will vote on a Resolution at the May 5, 2008 Meeting.
- **DCNR Grant Application Submission-Public Input-Pool Feasibility Study**-Mr. Soriano explained the submission of a Grant Application for a Pool Feasibility Study to DCNR under their C2P2 program. Mr. Soriano explained that the Borough is asking the State to fund (50%), approx \$13,000 towards the cost of the Study. Mr. Soriano noted that one component would be Public Participation. Mr. Soriano noted that several key partners have committed funds(St. Luke's Hospital and Salisbury Township) and a total of 10 letters of support have been included in the Application. Mr. Soriano noted that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the County of Lehigh have pledged their support. No public comments were received. Mr. Rapp announced that Mr. Soriano has worked very hard over the last month to get this Grant finished and thanked him for his work. Council supported the Application due in by April 25, 2008.
- **PW Committee-Laborer Interviews-Recommendations**-Mr. Soriano announced that the new Applicant that was offered the position has accepted the offer. Mr. Soriano noted that the Borough will proceed to have the Applicant submit to a Medical Exam and Council can official vote on this matter on May 5, 2008.
- **No Parking on Moravia Street (Clewel St to Lynn St.)-South Side-Request from Fire Chief**-Chief Pope explained that there are only two streets in Fountain Hill that are narrow and very hard to access with the Fire Engines(1000 Block of Pawnee Street and Moravia Street-Cewell to Lynn Street). Chief Stephens reviewed the relative cartway of Moravia Street noting that from Frederick to Hoffert it is 20' allowing only 8 feet if vehicles are parked on both sides; Hoffert to Lynn it is 24'

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allowing only 12 feet if vehicles are parked on both sides. A discussion ensued on whether the public safety issue outweighs the convenient aspect of allowing parking on both sides on Moravia Street. Council discussed the need to focus on safety. An Ordinance would be drafted to prohibit parking on the South Side. Hand in hand, a request to PPL would be made to install two street lights in the rear alley to provide light for the garages. Notices would be sent to the property owners to make comments on this prohibition of parking after the Ordinance has been introduced at the May 5, 2008 Council Meeting. Chief Stephens will provide the exact location covered by the Ordinance for the No Parking on Moravia Street. The Ordinance will be introduced for first reading on May 5, 2008.

- **Curb Cut-Troiani-Stanley Avenue-Rear-Council** agreed to place the request on the Agenda.
- **Arbor Day Celebration-April 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**-Mr. Rapp reminded Council and everyone else of this event.
- **Recreation Committee-Hiring of Summer Staff/Activities/Playground/Pool**-The appointment of Karen Redding as Playground Supervisor will be listed on Council's Agenda on May 5, 2008.
- **Ordinance 734-Approving New Civil Service Rules & Regulations**-Mr. Soriano will advertise the Ordinance so that it can be acted on May 5, 2008.
- Chief Stephens announced that Citations were distributed to several officers that were involved in the Hazmat Incident at St. Luke's Hospital and one to Officer Anthony for saving a child's life.
- Ms. Halleman asked questions concerning the Police Station renovations and whether bulletproof glass would be used for the new vestibule. Mr. Capuano noted that this item is costly and the Borough has a budget to contend with.

Mr. Capuano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gifford. The time was 7:50 p.m.