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The November 10, 2008 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Council members Russell Robertson, , Marietta Reeb, George McDowell and Mayor Thomas Oliverio. Solicitor Matt Racunas,, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer and Borough Engineer Tom Thompson were also present. Council members James Zeigler, Allen Bayer, Andrew Mathew III and Manager Donald Pepe were absent due to personal and business matters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Bill Harper
Henry Ziegler
Rob Reeb

Bill Harper, Main Street, inquired as to the status of the tree trimming on Main St.. He was advised that the project was still underway.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by McDowell, second by Reeb, the Consent agenda, which included the Minutes of the October 27, 2008 Meeting;, the Minutes of the November 6, 2008 Special Meeting, Financial Statement for the month of September 2008; and the transfer of \$100,000 from the electric fund to the general fund, if needed , was approved.

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

Progress update - Status of Joint Comprehensive Strategic Plan - Zelienople & Harmony Boroughs

Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer apprised Council of the status of the Joint Plan authorized by both Zelienople and Harmony Councils in July 2008. He informed the Council that

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their next step in the process was to evaluate the cost sharing of the project in a fair and equitable manner . Once that is determined the application can be submitted by the consultant, Pashek & Associates. Harmony must also evaluate the same.

Ron Carter, a member of the steering committee commented on the status of the plan and upcoming deadline dates for submittals by the Consultant.

Councilman Robertson requested that the Solicitor review the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) with the consultant Pashek & Associates to confirm that there is not an "implied contract" between the parties.

Councilman Robertson requested confirmation as to whether or not cost of the Strategic Plan included GIS data. Should it be included in the price, the cost of the plan could be greatly reduced by using the Boroughs GIS data.

It was the consensus of the Council , following discussion, to convey to Harmony Borough that they feel that a 50% cost sharing between the two Municipalities was equitable. Mr. Spencer is to convey this to Harmony Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

BILLS TO BE PAID

On motion by Robertson, second by McDowell, the Bills to be Paid for the month of November, totaling \$416,312.66, were approved for payment.

Motion carried 4-0

DISCUSSION OF PURCHASE OF S.C.B.A. (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Reeb provided Council with information regarding the purchase of 22 S.C.B.A.(self contained breathing apparatus) units. The purchase of the units is permissible with Relief Account monies and the Relief Association would make the purchase and retain ownership of the equipment. However, some of the monies with which they would use to pay for the units is tied up in higher interest bearing CD's until June. The Relief Association is requesting permission to borrow the money from the lower interest bearing Hose Company CD's and then pay the loan back upon the maturity of the Relief CD's in June.

Following discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Robertson, second by Reeb, to authorize a loan between the Fire Department and the Relief Association; the amount, not to exceed \$100,000; zero (0) percent interest; loan to be repaid in full no later than June 2009 and the Solicitor is to draft a simple agreement denoting the terms and conditions.

Motion carried 4-0

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OTHER BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS:

Bayer

- Not present

McDowell

- Commended the Electric Department for their quick response to a power outage and subsequent restoration of service the over the weekend.

Mathew:

- Not present

Reeb

- Thanked the Borough employees performing the curbside brush pick-up for the collection of the brush at the Historical Society.
- Advised that she will be attending the upcoming COG meeting on Thursday, November 13th
- Informed Council that she had received a copy of the Borough's Centennial Celebration Program which will be given to the Historical Society for their files.

Robertson

- Reminded all that the curbside brush pick-up will cease on November 20, 2008
- Acknowledged receipt of budget data with regard to year end projections and stated his disdain with the limited amount of data received for 2009 and the fact that the information provided is not complete enough for Council to start their review.

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Stedina:

- Also reiterated that the curbside brush pickup would be ceasing as of the 20th of November
- Informed Council of several terms which will be expiring on the Airport Authority, Planning Commission and Library Board. She will send letters to ascertain if current appointees are interested in again serving.

Underwood:

- Inquired of the Engineer as to the capacity of the reservoirs with regard to fire protection once the Borough begins to purchase water from Beaver Falls.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by President Underwood.

ATTEST:

Asst. Secretary / Asst. Manager

Council President

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor