

**ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Robert J. May, Council President
Mr. David W. Eggert, Council Vice President
Mr. James Simmons, Councilman
Mrs. Joan Eshelman, Councilwoman
Dr. Ronald Ivison, Councilman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager
Mrs. Susan Eggert, Borough Secretary
Mr. Warren Lubenow, Borough Mayor
Ms. Joan London, Esq., Borough Solicitor - KS
Ms. Karyn Feick, Reading Eagle

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Mr. Robert J. May, at 7:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting were distributed to the members of Council for their review. There were no corrections, additions or comments. **MOTION:** Mrs. Joan Eshelman made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. David Eggert; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Bills needing payment were presented to Council totaling \$14,993.03. There were no questions. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR - JOAN ESHELMAN

RESOLUTION 675 - The Borough is applying for the H2O PA Grant. This Resolution would allow for the Borough to apply for a grant in the amount of \$598,051.00 to be used for the sewer project. This Resolution would also authorize the Borough Manager and Council President to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. This is part of the grant process. We have consultants filing the grant application on our behalf. The Borough has received a letter from the Planning Commission indicating that this project does comply under the Comprehensive Plan. There was a short discussion about the grant and the work that is going to be done on the sewer system. A letter is also needed from County Planning which has already been requested. The Borough also needs to establish a line of credit to fund the work since this is a 2/3 reimbursement grant. The first round of grants will be done in early to mid February. If we do not receive the grant in the first round, we will resubmit again for the second round. We are under no obligation to do the work in any certain timeframe if we don't receive the grant. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion to adopt Resolution 675 authorizing the President and Manager/Treasurer to executed agreements for a CFA with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the amount of \$598,051.00; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

DEBT ACT - Ms. London indicated that she needs authorization for her firm to handle pre-enactment advertisement as well as filing of the DCED application approval under the local government unit Debt Act which ties into the line of credit.

MOTION: Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing the Solicitor to do the advertising; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE - ALLISON LEINBACH

COMMERCE BANK AGREEMENT FOR LINE OF CREDIT - The paperwork for establishing a line of credit with Commerce Bank was made available for review. The line of credit would be for \$750,000. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing the line of credit from Commerce Bank in the amount of \$750,000 for the sewer improvement project at a cost of \$1,000 and \$250 annual renewal fee; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES TO TAX CLAIM: Mrs. Eggert stated there were eight real estate tax bills not collected in 2008 in the amount of \$2,826.24 to be sent to tax claim. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion authorizing the Borough to turn the 8 unpaid tax bills totaling \$2,826.24 to Berks County Tax Claim; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PENNDOT SYSTEMS - This agreement would allow for electronic access to the PennDOT system for reporting purposes, etc. **MOTION:** Mrs. Eshelman made the motion authorizing the signing of the agreement allowing for electronic access to Penn DOT; seconded by Mr. Eggert; all were in favor and the motion carried.

STREETS & LIGHTS - JOAN ESHELMAN

ELM STREET - Mrs. Eshelman indicated that the red light on the light stand facing Elm Street is not working. Mrs. Eggert will call Telco tomorrow.

LEVAN STREET - The street light on Levan Street is still not working. We will need to contact Met Ed again to make sure that this does not get forgotten.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION: Mr. Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Susan D. Eggert
Borough Secretary