

MINUTES
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY PRESIDENT MAUCK FOLLOWED BY SILENT PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MR. MAUCK, MR. MUMMERT, MR. LARKIN, MS. METZLER, MRS. LAIRD, MR. WILSON AND MR. HUNTER. ALSO PRESENT WAS MAYOR FIRESTONE AND SOLICITOR MacNEAL.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NO ONE PRESENT FOR COMMENT.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

ON MOTION BY MR. LARKIN SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (1/28/08) WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FORM (REQUIRED BY THE BOROUGH'S LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER) WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE POLICE AND FIRE UNION REPS FOR REVIEW.

THE SOLICITOR REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A POLICE PERSONNEL MATTER.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ESTABLISHING A BLOCK WATCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. MRS. LAIRD AND MR. HUNTER VOTED NO.

ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WAS ADOPTED BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 776 EXTENDING THE POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT DATED 2005-2007 FOR ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE 1/1/08, ENDING 12/31/08. THE AGREEMENT APPROVES A 4% WAGE INCREASE. MRS. LAIRD AND MR. HUNTER VOTED NO, BOTH INDICATING INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR COMPLETE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION.

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FIRE, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT HE AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MET WITH PETE SCHILLING FROM COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION COMPANY PRIOR TO THIS MEETING, A REP FROM HOUSING ALLIANCE OF YORK ATTENDED ALSO. VARIOUS MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED

IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS MATTERS BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION BY THE PUBLIC IN REFERENCE TO THE CODE INSPECTION PROGRAM. BOTH MR. WILSON AND MR. MAUCK JOINED THE INSPECTOR ON A RENTAL INSPECTION RECENTLY AND STATED THAT THE INSPECTOR WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND HAD A GOOD DIALOGUE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER. THE MAJOR ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS PROGRAM ARE HEALTH AND SAFETY.

THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO THE PAPERWORK ISSUED BY COMMONWEALTH (MORE THAN ONE MAILING) WILL BE SENT A LETTER BY THE SOLICITOR REQUESTING COMPLIANCE.

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT ANYONE WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTACT COMMONWEALTH CODES INSPECTION AND STATED THAT THE CODE INSPECTION ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THEIR WEBSITE.

MS. METZLER REPORTED THAT SHE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE POLICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

PARKS/RECREATION, ZONING, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, SEWER

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, THE RESIGNATION OF TIM BRENNEMAN FROM THE ZONING HEARING BOARD WAS ACCEPTED.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, ROBBIE WEAVER WAS APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE ZONING HEARING BOARD CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF TIM BRENNEMAN. MRS. LAIRD AND MR. HUNTER VOTED NO.

ON MOTION BY MRS. LAIRD SECONDED BY MR. HUNTER, CHARLES SLENKER WAS NOMINATED TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER. MR. MAUCK, MR. LARKIN, MR. MUMMERT AND MR. WILSON VOTED NO. MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, TROY HEILMAN WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER. MRS. LAIRD AND MR. HUNTER VOTED NO.

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FINANCE AND GRANTS

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YORK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND HOUSING ALLIANCE OF YORK WENT VERY WELL. THEY OFFER 0% FINANCING LOANS FOR CERTAIN HOUSING REHAB PROJECTS.

HUMAN RELATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE WAS APPROVED FOR 1019 W. MARKET STREET, THE METER HEAD WILL BE REMOVED. MR. HUNTER VOTED NO.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR FIRESTONE REPORTED THAT OFFICER MENDEZ RECEIVED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM DOUGLAS KIMBELL, SENIOR PARAMEDIC/MEDIC 97 FOR THE ACTIONS OF OFFICER MENDEZ ON JANUARY 25, 2008 WHEN HE WAS DISPATCHED TO A CALL FOR AN UNCONSCIOUS SUBJECT IN A VEHICLE. ACCORDING TO MR. KIMBELL, OFFICER MENDEZ DID AN EXEMPLARY JOB OF POSITIONING THE PATIENT AND MAINTAINING HER AIRWAY UNTIL EMS ARRIVED.

THE MAYOR REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE PLACED INTO OFFICER MENDEZ'S PERSONNEL FILE.

THE MAYOR STATED THAT A DATE WAS SUGGESTED FOR PARTTIME POLICE OFFICER INTERVIEWS, HOWEVER AS THE DATE DID NOT SUIT HIS SCHEDULE, 2/16/08, 9:00 WILL BE AN ALTERNATE DATE TO CHECK WITH CHIEF ALBRIGHT.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MRS. LAIRD INQUIRED IF IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE SILENT MEDITATION RATHER THAN A SPOKEN PRAYER AT THE START OF COUNCIL MEETINGS NOTING THAT SHE, THE MAYOR OR OTHERS WOULD BE HAPPY TO OFFER PRAYER. MR. MAUCK STATED THAT THE TIME IS ALLOTTED FOR SILENT PRAYER SO EACH MAY PRAY AS THEY CHOOSE TO.

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT IF WE HAVE SPOKEN PRAYERS, WE WILL INVITE THOSE HERE FROM OTHER FAITHS TO OFFER PRAYER AS WELL.

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ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO PURCHASE A NEW COPIER FROM IMPAX, INC. (AS BUDGETED) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2880 AS WELL AS A FAX MACHINE (\$860) AS THE BOROUGH'S FAX IS IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT. MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT IMPAX, INC. HAS INCLUDED WITH THE TWO (2)

PURCHASES, A FREE DUPLICATOR WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE BLOCKWATCH COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY HANDOUTS.

INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

ON MOTION BY MR. MUMMERT SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, THE FOLLOWING INVOICES WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

*GENERAL FUND \$56,855.23
FIREMEN'S EQUIPMENT \$1,301.20
STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT \$ 4,908.08*

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M. (TO BE FOLLOWED BY EXECUTIVE SESSION), UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*KATHY L. ATLAND, SECRETARY
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008*