

MINUTES
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

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

MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THAT.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

KAROL FEESER, 20 S. DEWEY STREET WAS PRESENT IN REFERENCE TO MATTERS INVOLVING HER BEAUTY SHOP BEING INSPECTED BY COMMONWEALTH INSPECTIONS AND BEING TOLD THAT SHE NEEDS AN EXIT LIGHT W/ TWO OTHER LIGHTS. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS OPERATED FOR 35 YEARS AND WHEN APPROVED BY ZONING, SHE WAS TOLD THAT HER HOURS COULD NOT EXCEED 5 PM, THEREFORE SHE NEVER WORKED DURING EVENING HOURS. SHE WILL INSTALL THE EXIT SIGN HOWEVER NOT THE LIGHTS. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT ITEMS SUCH AS THIS CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL AFTER CHECKING THE ZONING DECISION ETC., THEN THEY CAN MAKE THE DECISION.

CHARLES SLENKER, 12 S. CLINTON STREET WAS PRESENT IN REFERENCE TO A CABINET HE BUILT AND DONATED TO THE BOROUGH TO STORE VARIOUS BOROUGH AWARDS IN. HE WAS UPSET AS HE WAS CALLED THAT THE CABINET WAS TAKEN DOWN TO THE HIGHWAY SHED.

MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO PLACE TO PUT THE CABINET THEREFORE IT WAS REMOVED AND IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. SLENKER PICKED IT UP. MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT THE CABINET WAS HERE AND UNPLACED FOR TWO YEARS.

MR. SLENKER INQUIRED AS TO HOW IT WAS ONE PERSON WHO DECIDED TO REMOVE IT AND THE OTHER SIX AT THE TABLE HAD NO SAY. MRS. LAIRD FELT THAT COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (2/4/08) WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

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ED WASHINGTON, PRESENT, ADVISED THAT TABLE THAT HE IS OFFENDED BY THE COMMENTS BEING MADE IN THE AUDIENCE BY MR. SLENKER.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

THE ENGINEER'S REPORT IS ATTACHED AND BECOMES A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

MR. MUMMERT NOTED HIS CONCERN AS TO THE SEWER MAINTENANCE CREW AND SAFETY ISSUES AS HE HAS OBSERVED THE WORKERS WHO ARE SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER AND IN THE LANE OF TRAFFIC. MS. METZLER STATED THAT SHE WITNESSED A TRAFFIC BACKUP AS WELL AT ANOTHER LOCATION.

MR. MAUCK REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS VISIT THE SITES LISTED FOR PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS (08) UNTIL THE 3/17 MEETING.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

THE SOLICITOR REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A PERSONNEL MATTER.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MS. METZLER REPORTED THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAS CERTIFIED AN ELIGIBILITY LIST.

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, BRIDGETTE WILSON WAS APPROVED AS THE 8TH FULLTIME OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ANY EXAMS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED APPOINTING TERMS FOR THE CURRENT THREE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (METZLER, GIBBS AND SWEITZER).

ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, THE THREE PARTTIME POLICE OFFICER CANDIDATES, INTERVIEWED THIS PAST

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SATURDAY, WERE APPROVED FOR HIRE CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECK AND REQUIRED TESTING – JOHN THOMAS, BRADLEY POLINSKI AND CLEM SMITH.

FIRE, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY

MR. WILSON GAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER GOING TO BE MAKING FILM FOR THE POLAROID CAMERA, THE TYPE THAT CHAMP SMITH USES FOR HOUSING. DISCUSSED WAS THE PURCHASE OF A DIGITAL CAMERA FOR HIS USE AS WELL AS THE BOROUGH. MR. WILSON WILL CHECK ON PRICING UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. THE MAYOR SUGGESTED USING THE POLICE CAMERA FOR HOUSING ETC., AND REPLACING THE POLICE CAMERA. THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WENT THROUGH A LOT OF SALT DURING THE RECENT ICE STORMS. MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT JOHN LOVE AND HIS WIFE HAD TWINS.

MS. METZLER STATED THAT THE BATTERY CHARGER SHE WAS GOING TO DONATE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT THE CORRECT KIND. MR. MAUCK INQUIRED IF MS. METZLER COULD OBTAIN A PART NUMBER FOR THE BATTERY CHARGER SO THE PRICE CAN BE INVESTIGATED.

PARKS/RECREATION, ZONING, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, SEWER

MR. MAUCK REFERRED TO THE AMENDED (DENIED BY THE STATE AND HAD TO BE RE-CRAFTED BY THE YCPC) ELM STREET GRANT (COUNCIL COPIED) PREPARED BY THE YORK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND NOTED THAT THIS APPLICATION IS AN IMPERATIVE STEP. THE AMENDED ELM STREET GRANT WAS APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION BY THE YCPC TO DCED ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, A HANDICAPPED SPACE WAS APPROVED FOR 1431 W. PHILA. STREET, VALERIE HUNT.

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ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON, THE OLD COMPUTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN OBSOLETE AND IN STORAGE, WILL HAVE THE HARD DRIVES REMOVED AND ANY OTHER PARTS THAT WARRANT REMOVAL, THEN THE COMPUTERS WILL BE DESTROYED OR GOTTEN RID OF. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE YCAR MEETING THIS PAST WEEKEND AND IT WAS VERY INTERESTING. HE STATED THAT IF ANYONE ELSE ON COUNCIL WANTS TO ATTEND, THEY ARE WELCOME TO DO SO, THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9 AM TO 11 PM. MR. WILSON FEELS THAT THE BOROUGH SHOULD CONSIDER STARTING A LOCAL HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION. (THE SOLICITOR WILL CHECK INTO REGULATIONS) HE REQUESTED THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS ON THIS BOROUGH COMMITTEE MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THIS AND POSSIBLY ATTEND THE NEXT YCAR MEETING WITH HIM. MR. MAUCK STATED THAT THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT.

MAYOR'S REPORT

THE MAYOR READ THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT.

MR. MUMMERT INQUIRED HOW THE INJURED OFFICER IS DOING. THE MAYOR WAS NOT AWARE AS HE PLAYED PHONE TAG WITH THE CHIEF ALL DAY.

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT OFFICER DIAZ DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB DEALING WITH THE SITUATION, SHE GOT BACK ON HER FEET AND COMPLETED HER JOB. MR. MAUCK THANKED HER FOR HER ACTION AND VALOR AND WISHES HER WELL, STATING THAT BOTH OFFICERS HAD A TREMULOUS SITUATION.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT THE BLOCKWATCH MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE COPIER, FAX MACHINE AND DUPLICATOR HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, SET UP AND ARE WORKING WELL.

INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

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

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GENERAL FUND \$ 51,497.43
SEWER \$41,076.81
HIGHWAY AID \$ 217.53

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M. TO BE FOLLOWED BY
EXECUTIVE SESSION, UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY L. ALTLAND, SECRETARY
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008
(MINUTES FROM TAPE RECORDING
BOROUGH HOLIDAY)