

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council Members on April 13, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Steven Skok, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, David Greene, City Manager, and Solicitor Stephen French
- VISITORS** Vernon "Butch" Van Alstine and Carol Muhitch
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
April 3, 2006 Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2006, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor
- CITIZEN COMMENTS** There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** The Manager presented the following report:
- Attended a meeting on March 10th with reps. from Jamestown Com. College.
  - Met with Daily Press to update the Sheetz Project.
  - Attended a Stackpole-Hall Foundation Economic Dev. Com. meeting in Ridgway.
  - Tina Gnan and I met with Scott Dunkleburger, DCED, and also toured Advanced Recycling & Absolute Powder Coatings.
  - Met with Dave Matheson, PennDOT, to discuss extending our Agility Contract.
  - Mike Mullaney and I met with Western PA Conservancy. They are considering purchasing the North Fork Lodge property on West Creek Road.
  - On March 17th met with Carbon Center Realty, Eagle Express, Quala-Die and Ed Burkett to discuss right-of-way issues on Environmental Drive.
  - Attended an OEDP meeting on March 23rd.
  - Mike Mullaney, Chief Caltagarone, and I attended a meeting on March 28th with the Hometown Festival Committee.
  - Met with reps. from Upstreet Architects, KTH Architects, and ATA to discuss plans for the Inter-Model Transportation Center for downtown St. Marys.
  - Tom Harley and I met and toured the existing Industrial Steel & Pipe Supply property.
  - Met with Wendell Lyon to discuss Haller Rd.

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- Attended Open House at Century 21.
- Steven Skok, Mark Kopp, and I attended the PLCM meeting in Meadville on April 4th.
- Met with Daily Press to discuss Impact St. Marys Project and the Senior Housing.
- Toured Hoss's on April 5th.
- On April 10th, members of the Rec. Board, Tom Nissel and I toured the parks and playgrounds.
- Attended the Stackpole-Hall Foundation Economic Dev. Committee meeting in Johnsonburg.
- Attended the Downtown Blueprint Committee meeting on April 12th.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period March 11, 2006 through April 12, 2006, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2006. The City is at the end of the first quarter of 2006 and has collected 16.62% of revenue and expended 18.78% of the budget for the General Fund. Last year at this time, the City received 18.49% of the budget for the General Fund and spent 22.07%. The City collected 24.76% of its budgeted amount for Earned Income and 17.97% for Real Estate Taxes. Last year Earned Income was at 23.43% and Real Estate Taxes at 18.33%. The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund shows a negative balance. This is the amount owed back to the General Fund for road expenditures for the 1st quarter. The State funding of \$322,672.61 was received on April 3, 2006, which will off-set the expenditures owed back to the General Fund. \$115,000. of this money will pay for the 1st of a 10 year loan payment on the paving projects completed last year.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
Appointment to the  
Board of Health**

Mark Kopp made a motion to appoint Jennifer Asti as a member of the St. Marys Board of Health, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**Consider for Adoption  
Resolution No. 06-7  
re: Little League  
Grant**

Resolution No. 06-7 was presented requesting a grant on behalf of the Saint Marys Little League in the amount of \$52,000. from DCED. The Saint Marys Little League desires to undertake the re-sodding of three fields, replace backstop fencing, and reconstruct new dugouts at Memorial Park. Said project is estimated at \$80,000. The Little League has committed \$20,000. of in-kind services and \$8,000. in cash towards the project. The project has been approved by the Recreation Board.

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Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-7, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-8  
re: Penn Works Grant

Resolution No. 06-8 was presented requesting the filing of a grant application in the amount of \$56,292. to DCED for a Penn Works Grant funding to be used towards the South Michael Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

On March 20, 2006, Council approved Resolution No. 06-5 for the submission of a Penn Works Grant Application in the amount of \$75,000. (75%/25% match), however, DCED would like the resolution to state only the 75% the City is requesting from them without the match. This is the reason for the revised Resolution No. 06-8.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-8, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

**Consider for Publication**  
Ordinance No. 217  
re: Aerial Truck Loan

Ordinance No. 217 was presented to increase the indebtedness of the City by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the principal sum of \$339,932. for the purpose of purchasing a new KME Custom 100' Aerial Truck; fixing the form, number, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required documents and the appointment of a sinking fund depository; and authorizing the execution, private sale and delivery thereof.

Carol Muhitch, Finance Director, explained the different rates available for the loan. Ms. Muhitch recommended that Council approve National City's guaranteed rate of 4.99% for the new Aerial Fire Truck loan in the amount of \$339,932. for a term of 10 years, which is the rate used in Ordinance No. 217.

The City signed a contract with KME for the purchase of the aerial truck in the amount of \$799,932. The City is in the process of applying for a PEMA loan in the amount of \$160,000. at a rate of 2% for 15 years. The Fire Protection Fund has saved \$200,000. towards the truck and the Stackpole-Hall Foundation has committed \$100,000. over the next three years.

Steven Skok made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 217, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.



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**Subdivision Applications**  
Roman & Susette Babin,  
Johnsonburg Road

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Sub-division Application for Roman A. & Susette R. Babin, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor. This subdivision is an addition to the St. Marys Youth Council property. (Learning Center).

Thompson & Montgomery,  
875 Theresia Street

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Sub-division Application for Thompson & Montgomery, Inc., seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor. This subdivision is a lot addition between Thompson & Montgomery, Inc. and the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad to create a new boundary along the southern line of the business of Thompson & Montgomery.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Dennis Nero questioned when Lynchville Streets will be swept. Manager stated that all curbed streets are swept first then only the streets without curbs are cleaned.

Manager Greene also explained that Washington Street will be cleaned within two weeks and that at the present time, South St. Marys Street is being swept under the Agility Program with PennDOT.

Mayor Geyer welcomed Hoss's to St. Marys.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Council will be holding a worksession on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 4th is National Day of Prayer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was held at this time regarding personnel matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After Council returned from the Executive Session, Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Shirley Dicklas*  
Recording Secretary

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Mayor