

Mrs. Foster	yes	Mr. Rossi	yes
Mr. McCrossan	yes	Mr. Sooy	yes

Appointment to Housing Committee

Mayor Honecker announced the reappointment of Greg DiGiacchino to the Housing Committee. Councilman Dooley asked if there is a conflict since he serves on the school board? Mr. Pidgeon replied, "No".

SHEF Request for a banner

A request from the Somerset Hills Education Foundation to hang a 3' x 10' banner on the outside wall of the Carpet Emporium from March 15 - 27, advertising a Chili Cook Off, was discussed. The banner would display the event dates and major sponsors, as described in a letter dated January 8, 2008 from SHEF representatives, Kim Banks and Valerie Zanardi, who were present at this meeting. Mr. Rossi moved to approve the request. Mr. McDowell seconded and the motion was approved by six yes votes. Mr. Rossi recommended an amendment to the ordinance to allow routine requests like this one to be approved by the Borough Clerk, and Mr. Pidgeon was directed to prepare an ordinance amendment for consideration at a future meeting.

Bridge in Nervine Park

Mr. Rossi explained that a local mason, John Cortese, has offered to rebuild the footbridge as his gift to the borough. John Cortese will repair the sides and put pavers over the top. After landscaping, this will be a popular spot for weddings, pictures and picnics. Mr. Rossi moved acceptance of this offer. Mr. McDowell seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes. Mr. Rossi said Mr. Cortese would like to erect a weatherproof tent over the bridge while the work is in progress, and there were no objections to the tent. Mr. Cortese will provide evidence of insurance.

Exchange of holidays

Mayor Honecker discussed a proposal to exchange two holidays during 2008, as follows:

- 1• Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February 12 will be a normal workday, and a day off in lieu of that holiday will be taken Friday, December 26.
- 1• General Election Day, November 4 will be a normal workday, and a day off in lieu of that holiday will be taken Friday, November 28.

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The Council agreed that if there is unanimous agreement among staff to trade holidays, as discussed above, the offices will be closed accordingly. The Borough Clerk was directed to contact staff and if there is unanimous agreement, to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Phone greeting

Mayor Honecker advised that he would like to record the greeting on the Borough telephone, and asked the Borough Council if there were objections? There were none.

Library budget

Mr. McCrossan referred to a letter from the Library Treasurer regarding the 2008 Library budget request for an additional \$924,000, and a draft response the Finance Committee recommends, including a statement that the appropriation will be held

to 4% due to State directives, and it will include \$60,000 to \$65,000 for lighting repairs.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member McDowell moved to adjourn to executive session to consider personnel matters and that the time when and circumstances under which the matter(s) can be disclosed to the public is when it is (they are) finally resolved. The motion was seconded and approved with six yes votes.

REOPEN

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to reopen the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Foster moved adoption of **#08-28, APPOINTING A PART-TIME/SUBSTITUTE DISPATCHER**, subject to receipt of a memo from the Chief stating that the applicant has passed a background check and is qualified. Mr. Sooy seconded the motion and it was adopted with six yes votes.

Spring roadside Cleanup

Mr. McCrossan moved to approve Spring Cleanup, with anticipated bid award in March, pick-up on April 13, 20 and 27, at an estimated cost of \$60,000. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion which was approved with six yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foster moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Sooy seconded the motion which was approved with six yes votes.

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