

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 11, 2019

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were, President Staron, and Council Members: Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, Randall Miller, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineering Representative James Mohn, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mayor Nowotarski and Police Chief Raymond Serafin did attend. Mr. Cocuzza arrived late.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Richard Bromley, 2545 Cumberland Avenue, expressed concern over traffic coming off of Endlich onto Cumberland Avenue. He conveyed it appears the street is being utilized as a drag racing strip. He is uneasy with the lack of police presence. Discussion continued.
- Carol Hull, 2548 Cumberland Avenue, conveyed she does see police presence. It was again noted that stop signs and rumble strips cannot be used to control speed. Discussion continued.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Moved by Mr. Lombardo, and seconded by Mr. Reto, that the minutes of May 14, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. FINANCE REPORT:

- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the May 2019 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$	18,954.06
Savings-Metro	\$	770,579.80
Liquid Fuels Fund-	\$	121,568.65
Fire Tax-	\$	98,475.81
Ambulance Tax-	\$	19,739.45
PIB Loan-	\$	40,026.16
Petty Cash-	\$	50.00

- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Reto to ratify checks #18045 through #18056, dated May 21, 2019 in the amount of \$18,533.43 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve checks #18057 through #18069, dated June 10, 2019 in the amount of \$131,410.16 from the General Fund; check #125 and #126 dated June 05, 2019 in the amount of \$87,586.70 from the Fire Tax Account; and check #124, dated June 05, 2019 in the amount of \$16,219.69 from the EMS Ambulance Account. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- The Grant Street Paving Project needs to be a sealed bid. Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Goodman to have Mr. Mohn prepare the specifications and advertise; and have the bid opening ready for the July 09th Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Reto discussed the quotation from E.M. Kutz, in the amount of \$40,375.00, for the 2019 Ford F-550SD cab. Mr. Klonis explained the quotation from Kutz was dated February 3, 2019 and valid for 30 days. He stated the Borough could approve the E.M. Kutz Inc. proposal as set forth in their quotation dated February 03, 2019 in the amount of \$40,375.00. Discussion continued regarding budget and installation after arrival of chassis.
- Mr. Goodman discussed the sharing of rental expenses with St. Lawrence for street patching throughout the two Boroughs. St. Lawrence would enter into the rental contract asking for 50% from Mount Penn. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to enter into an agreement with St. Lawrence for the 50/50 sharing of the rental cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goodman spoke on a complaint from 1954 Fairview regarding having South 20th paved. It's been an ongoing complaint and issue. Discussion continued, inclusive of costs for all Borough paving; the possibility of applying for another PIB loan; utilizing Liquid Fuels; various techniques of paving, and determine paving priorities.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the proposal from Waldman Electric in the amount of \$525 covering annual maintenance of the Borough generator. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Reto attended the meeting with Exeter and Lower Alsace regarding the Park. The Pool Association does not have the funds to maintain the Park, and the Municipality Authority does not want to maintain the property. Discussion continued. Mr. Klonis stated, in his opinion, that an entity that rents has the duty and obligation to maintain that property.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:

- Krafczek is upset with where the collectors are returning their bins.
- Ms. Hurwitz noted the trash collectors are collecting yard waste bags. This violates our contract; habit forming for residents; and an issue for a possible new contractor who will abide by contract regulations.
- Regarding the new contract, now is the time to review complaints, adjust specifications if necessary, and advertise by the second September meeting for the lowest responsible contractor. Cost of recycling may increase. Perhaps a lower price for dual stream as opposed to single stream. Discussion continued.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report

E. INSURANCE/PENSION:

- The award notice was posted on the website and will be forwarded to each applicant. Jet Pay will be notified to pay our two recipients prior to June 17th.

F. CODES:

- Mr. Lombardo questioned the status of 2709 Perkiomen since the fire in January. Mr. Bender stated it was tied up in insurance and shortly work will begin.
- Mr. Bender updated council on 1951 Woodvale Avenue.

V. LIASION REPORTS:**A. Fire Company:** No Report**B. MPBMA:** No Report**C. AVMA:**

- AVMA needed to rekey all their buildings and the Borough will be responsible for half.
- The road crew would like to swap garages with the authority. The AVMA garages still have a balance due on their loans. Discussion continued.

D. Planning Commission:

- A meeting is scheduled on July 16th regarding the Summit Avenue subdivision and the construction of one home.

E. Police Commission:

- Ms. Hurwitz noted the server is in the process of being priced, and quotations are being entertained for the generator itself, and possibly having it installed separately.

F. MPP: No Report**G. RCAV:** Previously discussed**VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor:** No Report**B. Motley Associates:** Requesting an executive session.**C. Solicitor:**

- Mr. Klonis found nothing in the code requiring the Borough to procure computers for the tax collector. The tax collector can write off the expense.

D. Secretary: No Report**VII ORDINANCES:** N/A**VIII RESOLUTIONS:**

- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza opposing Pennsylvania House Bill 349 of 2019 requiring municipalities enforcing the Pennsylvania Uniform construction Code through utilization of third party agencies to retain two third party agencies. The motion carried unanimously. Pennsylvania House Bill 349 is "An Act Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No. 45) known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement."

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**X. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Exeter Township is seeking \$4,327 based on the cost of required repairs and upgrades, and the 3% of Mount Penn residents utilizing the library. Borough may consider in the 2020 budget.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Staron suggested locking the door at 7:30 on the evening of Borough meetings. Discussion continued.

9:18 PM Mr. Mohn requested an executive session. Regular session resumed @ 9:28 PM. Let the record show Krafczek litigation was discussed during the executive session. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to authorize Attorney Joseph Santarone to settle Krafczek litigation in accordance with storm water plans as drafted by Motley Engineering, with cost of said construction to be paid by the joint grant and the Borough share of \$85,000 subject to the execution of satisfactory release agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

9:30 Mr. Goodman requested an executive session. Regular session resumed at 9:50 PM. Let the record show personnel was discussed in the executive session. No action taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Ms. Hurwitz made the motion for adjournment at 9:51 PM, seconded by Mr. Goodman. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, Tuesday, July 09, 2019 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bette E. Petrov