

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 25, 2017

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were Mayor Overley and Council Members: Tom Staron, Teresa Christof, Roger Reto, Rick Lombardo, and Josh Nowotarski. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis; Engineering Representative James Mohn; Property Maintenance Inspector, Adam Bender; and Secretary, Christeena Hauck. Mr. Dudash did not attend.

Motioned by Mr. Staron, seconded by Mr. Reto to appoint Peter J. Heizmann to fill the vacancy on Council. The term will expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Heizmann was sworn in by Mayor Overley and took his seat at the table.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Mr. Brad Smith, Engineer for the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority (MPBMA), representing Arro Consulting, addressed Council regarding the MS4 requirements mandated for the Borough and the Source Water Protection requirements mandated for MPBMA. Mr. Smith explained a collaborated effort between the MPBMA and the Borough would help to keep costs down. He continued to explain what documents the Borough would need to provide to MPBMA for the Source Water requirements. Mr. Smith will be inviting St. Lawrence Borough, Exeter Township, and Lower Alsace Township to participate as a group; scheduling a meeting in the near future. Ms. Christof will serve as Council's representative for this group.
- Mr. Bob Zimpleman of 2700 Perkiomen Ave explained the progress in his effort to organize a Crime Watch. He will be speaking with other communities in Berks County for ideas and suggestions to help organize a program for Mount Penn. He will attend the next Police Commission meeting and report back at a future meeting. There are grant opportunities for signs.
- Mr. Michael Frankhouser addressed Council regarding the alley behind the 1900 block of Woodvale Ave. After discussion, Mr. Klonis explained alleys are private property and every owner adjacent to the alley has the right of ingress and egress. Discussion continued regarding the best way to get the alley repaired.
- Mr. Charlie Hinnerschitz of 2632A Perkiomen Ave reported he and some of the other neighbors in this block have reported problems occurring in their neighborhood (loud music, unregistered vehicles, vehicles sharing license plates and abandoned vehicles) to Central Berks Police. There are also problems with speeding in the block of Woodvale behind their houses. Mr. Nowotarski and Mr. Overley will talk to the Commission at the next meeting. The neighbors will attend the next Police Commission meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Nowotarski and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of April 11, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Moved by Ms. Christof and seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve checks #17305-17324 in the amount of \$93,868.01 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **STREETS:** Mr. Staron reported the diseased Cherry trees on Endlich Ave have been removed and new ones planted. Ms. Hauck reported she has been receiving calls thanking Council for replacing the trees.

B. BUILDINGS:

- Mr. Reto reported the roof repairs were completed Monday. Ms. Hauck reported the roof did not leak during the 2 day rain event this week.

C. **LEGISLATIVE:** No Report.

D. **PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.

E. **PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report.

F. **SOLID WASTE:** No Report.

G. **PERSONNEL:** No Report.

H. **INSURANCE:** No Report.

I. **PENSION:** No Report.

J. **CODES:** No Report.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

A. Fire Company:

B. MPBMA:

- Ms. Christof reported Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority (MPBMA) applied for two (2) grants to assess the water at Carsonia Lake as part of the Source Water Protection Program.
- MPBMA and Antietam National Honor Society participated in a clean-up day to remove trash from and paint storm drains located near the school. Ms. Christof reminded Council of the importance removing trash from area storm drains to avoid pollution to the lake.

C. **AVMA:** No Report.

D. **Planning Commission:** No Report.

E. **Police Commission:** No Report.

F. **MPABA:** No Report.

G. **RCAV:** No Report.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Overley reported he will be selecting the two (2) recipients of the Howard D. and Rose E. Goodwin Scholarships from the applications received from Antietam Seniors. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 30th at 6:00 P.M.

B. Motley Associates:

- Mr. Mohn reported MBPMA will be replacing a water main on Weimoor Court, and will be replacing the concrete. Mr. Genova received an estimate to replace the entire concrete area and asked if the borough would share cost to repave the entire street. Ms. Christof reported the Board will vote on this project at their next meeting.
- Mr. Mohn reported he and Mr. Wojchowski met with the Right-of-Way Representative from PENNDOT to discuss the changes to the intersection at 22nd and Perkiomen Ave. The proposed handicapped ramp at the Police Building will require the stone edging wall to be moved. A Temporary Construction Easement needs to be signed by the Borough and Lower Alsace Township.
- Ms. Christof suggested that council set-up a meeting with PennDot to discuss the possibility of PennDot replacing all the curbing on Perkiomen Avenue, rather than waiting for the PennDot meeting this summer. Discussion continued.

C. Solicitor: No Report.

D. Secretary: Ms. Hauck reported this month's edition of The Borough News has some very good articles on the drug addiction and the heroin epidemic and encouraged everyone to take a few minutes to read and become educated on the struggles affecting our youth and families.

VII. ORDINANCES: None.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Hauck reported Exeter Township has invited Mount Penn to participate in their Memorial Day parade.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session to discuss litigation at 8:35P.M. Regular Session resumed at 9:11 P.M. No action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 9:12 P.M., seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck