

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**January 10, 2017**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Borough Hall. President Worrall 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: Michael Worrall, Tom Staron, Mark Dudash, Josh Nowotarski, Teresa Christof, Roger Reto and Rick Lombardo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Zach Morey and Engineering Representative Jim Mohn.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- A. Mayor Overley thanked the residents who participated in the 2016 Holiday Decorating Contest:  
The Hughes Family of 221 Carsonia Ave and the Orlando Family of 103 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St were present to receive their monetary award. Ribbons were awarded in December. The following properties were also contest winners: 2133 Fairview Ave, 2539 Glenn Terrace and 232 N, 25<sup>th</sup> St.
- B. Moved by Ms. Christof seconded by Mr. Nowotarski to nominate Tom Staron President of Council. Mr. Worrall asked for a roll call vote:  
Mr. Worrall-No  
Ms. Christof-Yes  
Mr. Dudash-Yes  
Mr. Lombardo-No  
Mr. Nowotarski-Yes  
Mr. Reto-No  
Mr. Staron-Yes  
The motion carried.  
Mr. Worrall handed to gavel to Mr. Staron.
- C. Mr. Reto nominated Mr. Worrall for Vice-President. Mr. Worrall declined the nomination. Ms. Christof nominated Mr. Dudash for Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Nowotarski that the minutes of December 13, 2016 and December 27, 2016, be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Public Health & Safety:**

- **Police:** No Report.
- **Emergency Services:**
  - **Fire:** No Report.
  - **Ambulance:** No Report.
- **Solid Waste: No Report.**

- **Codes:**

- Mr. Lombardo reported Lower Alsace Township has adopted the Blight Prevention Ordinance. Discussion continued regarding the inclusion of a board of appeals and the amount of tickets issued prior to a citation being issued. Mr. Bender explained issuing 3 tickets would not delay the already lengthy process and felt a ticket would be instrumental in getting many property owners to comply quicker. Mr. Lombardo made the motion for the preparation and advertisement of the Blight Prevention Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Christof. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bender gave a brief update on the current codes violations and successes and asked for guidance regarding the problem property at 2319 Fairview Ave. Mr. Bender will meet with the District Judge regarding this ongoing problem.

**B. Public Works:**

- **Streets:** Mr. Reto questioned if an ordinance was in place that would prohibit parking at yellow painted areas and allow ticketing of such vehicles. After discussion, Mr. Mohn will check the ordinance to see if parking is prohibited at yellow painted curbs. Chief Serafin reminded Council a sign must be posted in order for the Police to enforce no parking.
- Motioned by Ms. Christof and seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve a \$100.00 payment to Wolter's for fuel and backhoe service during leaf collection.
- Mr. Reto asked Mr. Mohn to verify what responsibility utility companies have to restore the streets following cuts and repair work. Mr. Mohn will research the current ordinance to see if revisions are necessary.
- Mr. Wojchegoski reported there a few intersections in the Borough where parking at the corner restricts sight distance or turning radius. Mr. Wojchegoski will generate a list so one ordinance can be adopted. Signs will then be posted.

**C. Public Utilities:** No Report.

**D. Water/Sewer:** No Report.

**E. Finance & Insurance:**

- **Finance:**

- Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Ms. Christof to approve checks #17188-17203 in the amount of \$88,817.44 and # 17204-17221 in the amount of \$ 27,871.95 from the General Fund, and checks #1225-1226 in the amount of \$3,689.20 from the Liquid Fuels Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

- Moved by Mr. Reto and seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve the December 2016 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 105,273.01
Savings-	\$ 281,144.66
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 42,169.56
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 4,126.44
PIB Loan-	\$ 44,208.07
Ambulance Tax	\$ 897.01

**F. Community Planning:**

- **Parks & Recreation:** No Report.
- **Planning:** No Report.
- **Trees:** No Report.

**G. Executive Committee:**

- **Personnel:** Mr. Worrall reported the Executive Committee recommended Kelly Dudash be appointed to fill the 4 year term on the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority Board. Moved by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried. Ms. Christof abstained as she is currently employed by the Authority. Mr. Dudash also abstained from the vote.

**III. OTHER REPORTS**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Overley reported he received an application for a handicapped parking space from the resident at 1931 Fairview Ave. Ms. Christof made the motion to prepare and advertise the handicapped parking ordinance for 1931 Fairview Ave, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Motley Associates:** No Report.

**C. Solicitor:** No Report.

**D. Secretary:** Ms. Hauck reported the Statements of Financial Interest are due to the office by May 1, 2017.

**IV. ORDINANCES:** None.

**V. RESOLUTIONS:** Moved by Ms. Christof and seconded by Mr. Reto resolutions #07-17 through 16-17.

01-17 John Skrincosky-Assistant Treasurer

02-17 Rodger Krause-Auditor

03-17 James Mohn-Building Code Official

04-17 Timothy Waldman-Electrical Inspector

05-17 Motley Associates-Engineer

06-17 Barry Vogt –Fire Marshal

07-17 Patrick Motley-Accessibility Inspector

08-17 Benjamin Overley-Representative Police Commission

09-17 Josh Nowotarski-Alternate Representative Police Commission

10-17 Jim Cocuzza-Resident Representative Police Commission

11-17 Brian Sands-Plumbing Inspector

12-17 Christeena Hauck-Secretary to Council

13-17 Gary Herb-Sewage Enforcement Officer

14-17 Hoffert & Klonis-Solicitor

15-17 Christeena Hauck-Treasurer  
16-17 James Mohn-Zoning Officer  
All motions carried unanimously.

- A.** Ms. Christof made the motion to appoint Mr. Patrick Duggan, Tax Collector of Lower Alsace Township as Mount Penn Borough's Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mr. Overley asked Council to consider increasing the hourly rate of the Crossing Guards to \$11.00, an increase of \$1.00 per hour. The budgeted line item for 2017 will cover the increase. Moved by Ms. Christof and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Christof made a motion for adjournment at 8:10 P.M., seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*