

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**July 11, 2017**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 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, Mark Dudash, Pete Heizmann, Claudia Hurwitz, Roger Reto, and Rick Lombardo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis; Engineering Representative James Mohn; Road Foreman, David Wojchegoski; Property Maintenance Inspector, Adam Bender; and Secretary, Christeena Hauck. Josh Nowotarski did not attend.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.**

President Staron called for an Executive Session to discuss the Krafczek Litigation with Attorney Joe Santarone, the Borough Insurance Carrier's Defense Attorney, at 7:32 P.M. Regular Session resumed at 7:49 P.M. No action was taken.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded Ms. Hurwitz by that the minutes of June 13, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. FINANCE REPORT:**

- A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #17369-17384 in the amount of \$136,299.37; checks #17385-17395 in the amount of \$32,081.85 from the General Fund; checks #1243-1244 in the amount of \$4,609.56 from the Liquid Fuels Fund; check #111 in the amount of \$1,445.45 from the Ambulance Tax Fund, and check #112 in the amount of \$7,226.34 from the Fire Tax Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Moved by Mr. Dudash, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the June 2017 Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 141,138.06
Savings-	\$ 657,634.28
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 80,704.24
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 14,825.47
PIB Loan-	\$ 44,262.72
Ambulance Tax	\$ 1,894.27

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. STREETS:** Mr. Reto made the motion to purchase 2 "work area ahead" signs at a cost not to exceed \$650.00, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. BUILDINGS:** No Report.
- C. LEGISLATIVE:** No Report.
- D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.
- E. PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report.

**F. SOLID WASTE:** Mr. Heizmann reported he received a complaint from Jake's on Carsonia Ave regarding a missing trash container, and a complaint from a family residing in the 2400 block of Woodvale Ave regarding the haulers using their toter to collect trash and recycling for the block. Both complaints have been resolved. He also reported he and Ms. Hauck met with the new Manager of Municipal Services for Republic Services.

**G. PERSONNEL:** No Report.

**H. INSURANCE:** No Report.

**I. PENSION:** Ms. Hurwitz reported last year a processor at Morgan Stanley accidently deposited the Municipal Authority's pension into the Borough's pension account. Morgan Stanley will be working with both actuaries to correct the error. Resolution # 19-17 was passed appointing Claudia Hurwitz CAO of the Borough's Pension Plan, Motioned by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Heizmann. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. CODES:**

- Mr. Lombardo reported he, Mr. Dudash, and Mr. Reto will be working on the changes to the current rental ordinance and fees.
- Mr. Bender explained the Property Foreclosure Registration process to Council and asked for a motion to advertise the ordinance. Council received a copy of the ordinance to review prior to the last meeting. After discussion, Mr. Reto made to motion to advertise the Property Foreclosure Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Heizmann. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wojchegoski questioned the existing dead tree ordinance and who determines if the tree needs to be removed. Mr. Klonis will review the ordinance with Mr. Bender and suggest some changes.

**V. LIASION REPORTS:**

**A. Fire Company:** No Report.

**B. MPBMA:** Ms. Hurwitz questioned the security cameras installed in the lobby of Borough Hall without permission from Council. Mr. Staron reported Mr. Smith was planning to attend the July 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to explain the cameras and talk about the park. He did not attend. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Wojchegoski will be get a quote for 2-way window tinting.

**C. AVMA:** No Report.

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

**E. Police Commission:** Ms. Hurwitz reported National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at the A-field. The committee is looking for volunteers.

**F. MPABA:** Ms. Hauck reported the committee has been working on plans for the 2017 Block Party. The date is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**G. RCAV:** No Report.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

- A. Mayor:** No Report.
- B. Motley Associates:** No Report.
- C. Solicitor:** No Report.
- D. Secretary:** No Report.

**VII. ORDINANCES: #839** Handicapped Parking at 227 Carsonia Ave, Rescinding Handicapped Parking at 2432 Fairview Ave, 215 Penn Terrace, and 2517 Cumberland Ave. Motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Claudia Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Hurwitz explained the Hometown Hero Banner Program would be a way to honor residents who have served or are currently serving in the military. The banner would display a photo, the name and branch of service. Businesses or families could sponsor a banner. The banners would replace the current banners hanging on Perkiomen Avenue. Mrs. Hurwitz will get more information.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 8:33 P.M., seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*