

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**June 13, 2017**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Josh Nowotarski. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis; Engineering Representative James Mohn; Road Foreman, David Wojchegoski; Property Maintenance Inspector, Adam Bender; and Secretary, Christeena Hauck. Rick Lombardo did not attend.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- A. Mr. Dan Grim of 2652 Perkiomen Ave questioned whether fireworks are legal in Mount Penn and what the process is when neighbors are setting off fireworks. He was instructed to call the police. He also, gave an update of the vehicles with New York license plates and informed Council the problems continue. Council's representatives on the Police Commission will express the concerns of Mr. Grim again at the next Commission meeting.
  
- B. Ms. Irene Frymoyer of 2414 Woodvale Ave complained about the neighboring property's overgrowth of vegetation, cars parking at the yellow curb, neighbors not using trash bags in their cans, the hauler dragging those bags down the street, and unleashed dogs. After discussion Mr. Heizmann will address the trash issues with the hauler. Mr. Bender will inspect the neighboring property's vegetation. Mr. Klonis will verify if the yellow curb is enforceable.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Mr. Nowotarski and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of May 9 and May 30, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hurwitz abstained.

**III. FINANCE REPORT:**

- A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #17336-17356 in the amount of \$93,671.89 and #17357-17368 in the amount of \$32,012.84 from the General Fund and checks #1239-1242 in the amount of \$13,024.08 from the Liquid Fuels Fund. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dudash explained there were a few unexpected repairs to the vehicles this month.
- B. Mr. Dudash reported 88% of the Real Estate Taxes have been collected.
- C. Moved by Mr. Dudash, seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the May 2017 Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 88,129.69
Savings-	\$ 727,320.47
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 93,720.93
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 81,012.97
PIB Loan-	\$ 44,249.99
Ambulance Tax	\$ 1,640.58

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **STREETS:** No Report.
- B. **BUILDINGS:** Mr. Reto made the motion for the Municipal Authority to have a new back door installed, seconded by Mr. Dudash. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. LEGISLATIVE:** No Report.
- D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.
- E. PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report.
- F. SOLID WASTE:** Mr. Heizmann reported he was dissatisfied with the trash collection today. Cans were being tossed onto the curb, some falling back into the street and being left there. The office had a few complaints and did report it to the route supervisor. Mr. Klonis explained if the throwing of cans continues the hauler can be fined, as this is a violation of their contract.
- G. PERSONNEL:** No Report.
- H. INSURANCE:** No Report.
- I. PENSION:** No Report.
- J. CODES:** Mr. Bender reported he has mostly been issuing tickets for high grass and weeds. He also had a property referred to him by Central Berks Police for possibly hoarding and health/ safety issue. Mr. Reto questioned the high grass and weeds at the old Majestic Theater.

#### **V. LIASION REPORTS:**

- A. Fire Company:** No Report.
- B. MPBMA:** No Report.
- C. AVMA:** No Report.
- D. Planning Commission:** No Report.
- E. Police Commission:** Mayor Overley reported the Commission is looking for a \$500.00 financial contribution towards the \$1,800.00 cost of the speed monitoring device. After discussion, Mr. Reto made the motion to authorize the \$500.00 contribution to Central Berks for the machine. The motion did not receive a second.
- F. MPABA:** No Report.
- G. RCAV:** No Report.

#### **VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

- A. Mayor:** Mayor Overley reported he received a handicapped parking space application for 227 Carsonia Ave. Mr. Reto made the motion to authorize the preparation and advertising of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motley Associates:** Mr. Mohn reported he did a walk through on Perkiomen Ave and came up with some additions to the Penn Dot scheduled sidewalk replacement list. The revisions have been submitted.

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss litigation. Regular Session resumed at 8:30 A.M. Mr. Reto made the motion for Mr. Staron and Mr. Heizmann to serve on a committee that will meet with the County Conservation District to research grant and storm water options. Mr. Mohn will also attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudash and carried unanimously. Mr. Dudash made the motion for Mr. Klonis and Mr. Mohn to attend the litigation status conference being held July 25, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Solicitor:** No Report.

**D. Secretary:** Ms. Hauck reminded Council of the CELG 2017 Summer Picnic being held on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She will make reservations as a group if anyone is interested in attending.

**VII. ORDINANCES:** None.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS: #17-18** Reappointing Charles Halbeisen of Philmay Terrace to serve an additional 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Moved by Mr. Dudash, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Reto made a motion for adjournment at 8:35 P.M., seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*