

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 28, 2017

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 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, Teresa Christof, Roger Reto, Josh Nowotarski and Rick Lombardo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Zach Moorey; Engineering Representative James Mohn; Police Chief, Ray Serafin; Road Foreman, David Wojchegoski; Property Maintenance Inspector, Adam Bender; and Secretary, Christeena Hauck. Mr. Worrall did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Ms. Kelly Dudash, Secretary, Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley (RCAV) explained the next steps in the grant process for Carsonia Park and asked Council to commit to a match for the 2018 grant application. After discussion, Mr. Dudash made the motion to write a letter of commitment supporting the grant application along with a \$16,000.00 match from Mount Penn 2018 budget. The commission also asked for a \$5,000.00 contribution from the unused 2017 grant match for an advertising kiosk and other legal and advertising costs the commission has incurred. After discussion regarding cost sharing, Mr. Dudash made the motion to authorize the contribution of \$3,444.00 of the 2017 grant match funds, to the Recreation Commission to be used for the kiosk and other costs, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Christof that the minutes of February 28, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT:

A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve the February 2017 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 97,248.22
Savings-	\$ 114,406.71
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 32,137.99
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 14.25
PIB Loan-	\$ 44,218.97
Ambulance Tax	\$ 47.22

A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Ms. Christof to approve checks #17270-17294 in the amount of \$11, 5218.93 from the General Fund and checks 1230-1231 from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$4,460.65. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Wojchegoski reported street sweeping is scheduled April 4th- April 7th 2017. The cost this year is \$3,800.00, \$100.00 more than last year.
- The bushes at the Water Authority drive-up will be removed.
- The backhoe needs to be serviced. After discussion, Ms. Christof made the motion to have the backhoe serviced at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried.

B. BUILDINGS: Mr. Reto reported the roof at Borough Hall continues to leak despite the repair attempts. Mr. Wojchegoski is in the process of obtaining three (3) quotes.

C. LEGISLATIVE: No Report.

D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Wojchegoski reported there are eight (8) Cherry trees on Endlich Ave that will need replacement this year. Mr. Mike Frankhouser reported the cost will be 135.00 per tree and asked Council to consider varieties that bloom at different times of the year. After discussion, Mr. Nowotarski made the motion to replace the 8 Cherry trees with the same variety as the current trees, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously. Herb Davis will take care of the removal and stumps.
- Mr. Nowotarski reported he is working on the parking lot and will have some information to report at a future meeting.

E. PUBLIC UTILITIES: Ms. Christof reported adding the parking lot to the electric supplier would be a cost savings of only a few cents. After discussion it was determined Met Ed will remain the supplier.

F. SOLID WASTE: No Report.

G. PERSONNEL: No Report.

H. INSURANCE: No Report.

I. PENSION: No Report.

J. CODES:

- Ms. Hauck explained the Antietam Valley Blight Ordinance adopted at the previous Council meeting needs to be amended. The fines listed in the ordinance are incorrect. Currently fines are \$25.00 per ticket. The fines need to be listed as follows: 1st Ticket-\$25.00, 2nd Ticket-\$50.00, 3rd Ticket-\$100.00 for consistency with Central Berks Codes. Mr. Klonis' office received a copy of the required edits from Lower Alsace Solicitor, Mike Settley. Ms. Christof made the motion to amend the Blight Property Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bender reported the hearings for the two (2) properties submitted to the County's Blighted Property Review Committee were scheduled for March. The property at 2411 Filbert Ave is now bank owned, has been brought up to code, and will be sold as soon as possible. The 24 N. 23rd St property will be taken over by the County after the 60 day period. It will then be renovated and sold. Mr. Bender has another property he will be submitting to the review committee.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

A. Fire Company:

- Mr. Staron reported the Fire Company was called out on at least twenty-four assists for Heroin overdoses. All Fire trucks will now be equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and suction units. Antietam Valley Community Partnership, Mount Penn Municipal Authority and the Gulaiti Foundation have contributed funds for this equipment. There are Thirteen (13) Fire Fighters medically trained.

B. MPBMA: Ms. Christof reported Arro Consulting will host a special program on April 11th at 6:30 PM (prior to the regular schedule meeting), to review the new MS4 regulations with Council and representatives from other communities.

C. AVMA: No Report.

D. Planning Commission: No Report.

E. Police Commission: Mayor Overley reported Officer Rissmiller was presented a commendation for life saving at the last commission meeting.

F. MPABA: No Report.

G. RCAV: No Report.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

- Mr. Overley questioned the progress on the handicapped parking application for 2326 Woodvale Ave. Ms. Hauck explained due to unforeseen circumstance the ordinance was not ready for adoption but would be by the April 11th meeting. A temporary sign was erected per the Mayor's instructions after the last meeting.
- Mr. Staron asked the Solicitors office to research adding a residency requirement to the current handicapped ordinance. Mr. Staron will contact Mr. Klonis before the next meeting.

B. Motley Associates:

- Mr. Mohn reported he spoke with the engineer in charge of the Penn Dot Perkiomen Project who confirmed the project will begin in spring of 2018 not April 3rd, as was reported to Mount Penn in error due to some internal confusion at Penn Dot. Mr. Mohn explained Council will need to do a walk through to mark sidewalks that need to be replaced on Perkiomen Ave. Mr. Mohn will contact the engineer regarding the inlet replacement at 27th St. and to clarify the scope of work for this project.
- Mr. Mohn reported he met with Rich Genova of Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority to discuss the Authorities upcoming project on Weimoor Court. The Authority will be replacing the water main and asked if the Borough would like to pave the road while construction is already in progress. Mr. Genova will get costs for the project and report back to Mr. Mohn.

C. Solicitor: No Report.

D. Secretary: Ms. Hauck reported the Municipal Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at the Oley Fire Company. She will RSVP for the group if anyone is interested in attending.

VII. ORDINANCES: None.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: Moved by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski to accept Michael Worrall's letter of resignation. The motion carried unanimously. Letters of interest will be accepted until the April 11th Council meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Christof reported she and Mr. Dudash attended the Mount Penn Preserve meeting. A survey to indentify the best use for the mountain and the existing areas was posted on facebook and received an overwhelming response. The final draft of the master plan is available on the Berks County Planning Commission website. Feed back on the master plan draft can be submitted to Mark or Teresa.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 8:40 P.M., seconded by Ms. Christof. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck