

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 9, 2017

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were Council Members: Tom Staron, Mark Dudash, Pete Heizmann, Roger Reto, Rick Lombardo, and Josh Nowotarski. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis; Engineering Representative James Mohn; Police Chief, Ray Serafin; Property Maintenance Inspector, Adam Bender; and Secretary, Christeena Hauck. Mayor Overley did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of April 25, 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 #17326-17335 in the amount of \$30,186.44 from the General Fund and checks #1237-1238 in the amount of \$4,452.69 from the Liquid Fuels Fund and check #110 in the amount of \$67,457.71 from the Fire Tax Fund and check #111 in the amount of \$14,604.76 from the Ambulance Tax Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mr. Dudash reported 85% of the Real Estate Taxes have been collected.
- C. Moved by Mr. Dudash, seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the April 2017 Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 102,104.15
Savings-	\$ 406,089.61
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 98,125.40
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 50,755.03
PIB Loan-	\$ 44,235.99
Ambulance Tax	\$ 6,867.95

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **STREETS:** No Report.
- B. **BUILDINGS:** No Report.
- C. **LEGISLATIVE:** No Report.
- D. **PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Mr. Nowotarski reported he has been in touch with a municipality in Central Pennsylvania that maintains a Municipal Parking lot. He will present more information at a future meeting.
- E. **PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report.
- F. **SOLID WASTE:** No Report.
- G. **PERSONNEL:** Mr. Lombardo made the motion to accept Teresa Christof's letter of resignation from Borough Council effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **INSURANCE:** No Report.
- I. **PENSION:** No Report.

J. CODES:

- Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Bender, and Mr. Mohn will meet at Hollywood Court to inspect the fire extinguishers in the building.
- Mr. Bender reported the Blight Ordinance ticketing system has proven to be an effective tool to get property owners into compliance.
- Mr. Staron asked about CVS. Mr. Bender explained he spoke with the Regional Manager who has hired a new landscaper for this season. Discussion continued regarding the unacceptable conditions of the property.
- Mr. Reto asked if a property could continue to be cited without ever making the necessary repairs or taking the appropriate corrective action? Mr. Klonis explained the difference between the ticketing and the citation process.

V. LIASION REPORTS:**A. Fire Company:****B. MPBMA:** No Report.**C. AVMA:** No Report.**D. Planning Commission:** No Report.

E. Police Commission: Chief Serafin reported the residents from the 2600 block of Perkiomen Ave attended the Commission meeting. The residents expressed concern with the speed of traffic on the 2600 Block of Woodvale Ave and a few other neighborhood issues. The Commission will work with the residents to try to find a resolve.

F. MPABA: No Report.**G. RCAV:** No Report.**VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor:** No Report.**B. Motley Associates:**

- Mr. Mohn reported he received a map of Penn Dot's Perkiomen Ave sidewalk replacement project that will happen in conjunction with the reconstruction project from N. 23rd St to the Borough Line at 27th Street. Council was asked to walk the corridor to see if they could locate any additional required sidewalk repair. Mr. Mohn and Mr. Staron will meet next week.
- Mr. Mohn reported Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority is planning to replace a water main on Weimoor Court and offered to share the cost of paving to reduce cost. The Court is on the list of streets with higher replacement priority. After discussion, Mr. Lombardo made the motion to authorize the work for Weimoor Court at a cost not to exceed \$5,200.00 from the PIB Fund, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Solicitor: No Report.**D. Secretary:** No Report.**VII. ORDINANCES:** None.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: #17-17 Authorizing Thomas Staron to sign the Temporary Construction Easement for Penn Dot, motioned by Mr. Reto, seconded by Mr. Nowotarski. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Staron reported a Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 30th at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of appointing a member to fill the Council vacancy only. Letters of interest will be accepted until Friday, May 19th.

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session to discuss litigation at 8:06 P.M. Regular Session resumed at 8:34 P.M. No action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 8:38 P.M., seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck