

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**October 24, 2017**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 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, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, Josh Nowotarski, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Police Chief Ray Serafin, Engineering Representative James Mohn, Secretary Christeena Hauck, Road Foreman David Wojchegoski, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mayor Overley did not attend.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

A. Haik Hambartsoumian of 2606 Cumberland Ave addressed Council regarding the gas service disconnected by UGI at this property. Mr. Hambartsoumia purchased the property in April and most recently attempted to have the gas turned on when UGI made him aware they disconnected service in 2014. Cumberland Ave was repaved in October of 2014. Mr. Mohn explained the process for UGI to cut the newly paved street and explained the ordinance does allow a reprieve in the five year waiting period in the event of an emergency. Gas is the only heat source for the property. After discussion, Mr. Nowotarski made the motion for UGI to restore service at 2606 Cumberland Ave, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mohn will supervise the restoration of the road surface after the cut is made.

UGI is notified prior to a road paving project. Mr. Mohn will talk to UGI about capping at the curb instead of in the street to avoid cutting the road if service is disconnected in the future.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Ms. Hurwitz and seconded by Mr. Nowotarski that the minutes of October 10, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. FINANCE REPORT:**

A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #17468-17488 in the amount of \$101,924.52 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STREETS: No Report.**

**B. BUILDINGS: No Report.**

**C. LEGISLATIVE: No Report.**

**D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** After discussion, it was determined the Parking Lot Committee, Mr. Wojchegoski and Mr. Bender, will meet with Chief Serafin to help determine the parameters of the ordinance that will allow enforcement of the parking lot. The group will report back to Council. Discussion continued regarding closing the lot prior to a significant snow fall in order to make clearing the lot easier.

- E. PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Mr. Heizmann reported Ms. Hauck contacted Met-Ed regarding replacing street lights in the Borough with LED fixtures. Both he and Ms. Hauck spoke with the Met-Ed representative and reviewed the paperwork received by the Borough. The program would replace all fixtures with new LED fixtures in the Borough that are 20 or more years old at no cost. Three fixtures in the Borough are less than 20 years old. The replacement cost for these will be less than \$700.00 total; but the savings per month will be close to \$800.00 on the electric bill. Mr. Heizmann will get in touch with Met-Ed to check the standard LED wattage used, and the wattage installed on Carsonia in Lower Alsace in order to keep the lighting consistent. Mr. Klonis reviewed the agreement and had no objection with Council moving forward with execution. Mr. Lombardo made the motion to execute the contract with Met-Ed replacing the current light fixtures with LED fixtures, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. SOLID WASTE:** Mr. Heizmann reported Barta will be installing the trash receptacle at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Perkiomen Ave next week. Barta will also have the bus shed at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Perkiomen Ave painted until it is entirely replaced next year.
- G. PERSONNEL: No Report.**
- H. INSURANCE: No Report.**
- I. PENSION: No Report.**
- J. CODES:** Mr. Lombardo reported the Committee met to review the costs and benefits of expanding the borough's codes enforcement and rental program.

#### **IV. LIASION REPORTS:**

- A. Fire Company:** Mr. Lombardo presented Council the letter to be hand delivered to the businesses in Mount Penn regarding Knox Boxes. It was determined the letter should be signed by the Fire Marshal. Businesses with dwelling units where access is restricted, but necessary for lifesaving purposes, will be required to have a key box.
- B. MPBMA:** Mr. Staron reported he, Mr. Dudash, and Ms. Hauck attended the MPBMA Source Water meeting at Berks Nature Place at Angelica Creek Park to tour the stormwater/environmental park. Liberty Environmental presented their findings from testing and data logging in Carsonia Lake. A meeting will be scheduled in the spring to review further findings and discuss future plans for the lake.
- C. AVMA: No Report.**
- D. Planning Commission: No Report.**
- E. Police Commission: No Report.**
- F. MPP:** Mr. Dudash reported there is a meeting tomorrow and one again next week to work on revisions to the COG agreement.

**G. RCAV: No Report.****V. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor: No Report.****B. Motley Associates: No Report.****C. Solicitor: No Report.****D. Secretary:**

- Ms. Hauck reported she and Mr. Wojchegoski attended the Spotted Lanternfly Public Officials meeting. Penn State Extension, PA Department of Agriculture, and US Department of Agriculture updated officials on the financial, agricultural, and industrial concern with the explosion of the Lanternfly population. Testing and research are happening continuously. Every group stressed the importance of public knowledge and sharing the resources with the community via handouts, website and Facebook.
- Ms. Hauck also reported receiving a quote for a new and used color copier from Atlas Business. Mr. Klonis suggested she get two more quotes.

**VI. ORDINANCES: None.****VII. RESOLUTIONS: None.****VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.****IX. CORRESPONDENCE: None.****X. NEW BUSINESS: None.**

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session at 8:28 P.M. to discuss Krafczek litigation and Personnel. Regular Session resumed at 8:59 P.M. No action was taken.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Hurwitz made a motion for adjournment at 9:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*