

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**September 26, 2017**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were Council Members: Tom Staron, Mark Dudash, Pete Heizmann, Claudia Hurwitz, and Rick Lombardo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Secretary Christeena Hauck, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mayor Overley, Roger Reto and Josh Nowotarski did not attend.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- Kevin Barnhardt and Linda Kellerher addressed Council regarding the Mount Penn Preserve master plan. They provided copies of a sample Council of Governments (COG) Agreement that each of the members would be asked to adopt. The members include: County of Berks, the Borough of Mount Penn, the City of Reading, Lower Alsace and Alsace Townships. Mr. Barnhart explained the COG would allow better coordination of events, hours of operation, and enable more efficient police coverage (County Park Rangers, City Police, Central Berks and State Police). Ms. Kellerher will provide the draft of the COG for Solicitor Klonis' review. Mr. Dudash will remain the Borough's representative.
- Ms. Linda Kellerher, Reading City Clerk, addressed Council regarding Aulenbach's Cemetery. The City has committed funding to the Cemetery again for 2018 and is looking to establish a work group. Mr. Heizmann volunteered to be the liaison for Aulenbach's.
- Mr. Barnhardt thanked Mr. Bender for utilizing the Berks Blighted Property Review Committee. Two Mount Penn properties were submitted in 2017; one has been renovated and removed from the list and one is in the process of being removed.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Hurwitz that the minutes of September 12, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. FINANCE REPORT:**

- A.** Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Ms. Hurwitz to approve checks #17445-17461 in the amount of \$90,420.80 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- B.** Mr. Dudash reported he and Ms. Hauck will be working on the budget the first week of October and asked Council to submit their expenses for 2018.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. STREETS:** Mr. Staron reported a quote was received from Folk Paving for the work at Friedensburg Rd and Endlich Avenue. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Mohn and Mr. Wojchegoski would meet to prioritize the streets and develop a spring project.

- B. BUILDINGS:** Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to accept the quote from Clems Lock and Key for the Authority's back entrance door knob and deadbolt at a cost not to exceed \$400.00, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. LEGISLATIVE: No Report.**
- D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.**
- E. PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report.**
- F. SOLID WASTE: No Report.**
- G. PERSONNEL: No Report.**
- H. INSURANCE:** Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to accept the health insurance plan with a \$250 dollar deductable for 2018 seconded by Mr. Heizmann. This change will keep the monthly premium the same for the 2018 budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. PENSION:** Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to accept \$23,950.00, the 2018 MMO, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. CODES:** Mr. Lombardo explained the benefits of having Knox Boxes installed and asked Mr. Klonis to research an ordinance that would require installation by businesses and multi-unit dwellings.

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

- A. Fire Company: No Report.**
- B. MPBMA: No Report.**
- C. AVMA: No Report.**
- D. Planning Commission: No Report.**
- E. Police Commission:**
- Ms. Hurwitz reported Chief Serafin is working on a few different options with the 2018 budget. Council asked to see a budget with a full-time officer and a part-time detective, as well as the budget with neither for an evaluation purpose. Discussion continued regarding Oley Township contracting Central Berks for police services versus becoming Commission Members. Council asked Mount Penn's Commission Representative to keep them informed of any new developments.
  - Mr. Dudash made the motion to send a letter to Lower Alsace Township to request changing the apportionment formula of police services to be based on population 60% of the budget from Lower Alsace and 40% from Mount Penn Borough, seconded by Mr. Heizmann. The motion carried unanimously. The costs are currently shared 50/50. The motion passed. Ms. Hurwitz abstained from the vote as an employee of Central Berks Regional Police Department.
- F. MPABA: No Report.**
- G. RCAV: No Report.**

**V. OTHER REPORTS:**

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

**VI. ORDINANCES: None.**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS: 20-17-**Establishing Trick or Treat on October 31, 2017 and setting Halloween Curfew. Motioned by Ms. Hurwitz, seconded by Mr. Dudash.

**21-17-**Appointing Adam Bender Emergency Management Coordinator. Motioned by Ms. Hurwitz, seconded by Mr. Dudash.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 8:53P.M., seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christeena Hauck*