

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 10, 2018

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 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 Nowotarski and Council Members: Tom Staron, Mark Dudash, Roger Reto, Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz and Rick Lombardo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Secretary Christeena Hauck, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Police Chief Ray Serafin. Mr. Cocuzza did not attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Motioned by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to limit Audience Participation to five (5) minute time period per person. The motion carried.

- A. Mr. George Saltzman of 6 Earl Gable Court addressed Council regarding Antietam School District's request to move second grade from the Elementary Center to the Primary Center. Mr. Klonis explained the District chose to withdraw the project rather than seek an appeal from the Zoning Hearing Board. Discussion continued. Mr. Saltzman also requested Council review the Codes information from Salisbury Township he submitted via email.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. The approval of the March 27, 2018 minutes was tabled until the April 10, 2018 Council meeting due to a lack of quorum of Council present from the March 27th meeting.

II. FINANCE REPORT:

- A. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Ms. Hurwitz to approve checks #17648-17657 dated April 9, 2018 in the amount of \$91,010.32 from the General Fund, and checks # 1267-1268 in the amount of 5,393.47 from the Liquid Fuels Fund.
- B. Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the March 2018 Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 39,440.18
Savings-	\$ 140,911.13
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 109,322.81
Petty Cash-	\$.00
Fire Tax	\$ 10,737.35
PIB Loan-	\$ 39,716.61
Ambulance Tax-	\$ 2,196.93

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **STREETS:** Mr. Reto reported Mr. Wojchegoski and Mr. Okonski are repairing the concrete floor at the garage that was damaged by salt. This work is a significant savings to the Borough.

- B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Mr. Goodman reported the lights at the parking lot are metered lights. Met Ed will not replace these lights as part of the Borough wide upgrade. Mr. Goodman will get quotes for these lights to be replaced with LED fixtures.
- C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report.**
- D. PERSONNEL: No Report.**
- E. INSURANCE/PENSION: No Report.**
- F. CODES:** Mr. Lombardo reported the committee will be meeting next week to review the new ordinance and will have a report at the next meeting. Mr. Theodossiou pointed out some highlights of Lower Alsace's rental program and discussion continued.

IV. LIASION REPORTS:

- A. Fire Company:** No Report.
- B. MPBMA:** Ms. Hauck reported Ms. Christof would be presenting the Authority board with a proposal for system upgrades to enhance the security in their office. This could mean the Borough Office will have to purchase a server and their own internet connection at some point in the near future.
- C. AVMA:** Mr. Goodman reported the board is still looking for a maintenance mechanic.
- D. Planning Commission: No Report.**
- E. Police Commission: No Report.**
- F. MPP:** Mr. Klonis spoke with the Assistant County Solicitor Bradshaw to inform him that Mount Penn has concerns with signing the amendment. Signing would allow the appointed representatives to change the agreement without the member municipality's approval or having all member municipalities in agreement prior to making any changes. Discussion continued. Mr. Klonis will contact Assistant County Solicitor Bradshaw and Commissioner Barnhardt in an attempt to set up a meeting to review the concerns with the amendment and find a resolve.
- G. RCAV: No Report.**

V. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Mayor:** Mayor Nowotarski reported he received a letter from Melissa Brewer inviting Mount Penn Council, Lower Alsace Township Supervisors, Central Berks Police, and both Fire Companies to a regional meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19th.
- B. Motley Associates: No Report.**
- C. Solicitor:** Mr. Klonis reported the following:
 - He has prepared a draft pension plan ordinance and has submitted it to Mr. Cocuzza for review.
 - Senator Schwank's office requested a site meeting to discuss the Antietam Valley Stormwater Improvements & Lake Restoration grant. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion for Mr. Klonis and Mr. Mohn to attend the May 7th meeting, seconded by Mr. Lombardo.
- D. Secretary:** Ms. Hauck reported the soccer club asked permission to use Borough Hall for four registration dates, and to use the meeting room for monthly meetings during warmer months. Council was fine with the meetings. In the event there is a scheduled Planning Commission meeting the group will have to meet on a different night.

VI. ORDINANCES: No Report.

VII. RESOLUTIONS: None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Reto reported Mr. Theodossiou; Lower Alsace Township Supervisor, was invited to discuss the maintenance list for Carsonia Park. Discussion continued regarding the Water Authority's property, what funds can be spent to maintain that property, and past part-time summer help that was hired for this property by the Authority. Mr. Theodossiou explained the Township is committed to help with park maintenance and suggested a discussion be held between the Borough, the Township, and the Water Authority. Mr. Klonis will speak with Attorney Merolla, Solicitor for the Water Authority, prior to any further discussion and report at the next Council meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Staron reported a letter was received from Penn Dot inviting Council to a preconstruction meeting being held in Allentown to discuss the Perkiomen Ave project. Ms. Hauck, Mr. Wojchowski, and Chief Serafin will attend.

X. NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Goodman made a motion for adjournment at 8:55P.M., seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24th at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck