

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 30, 2018

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 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, Rick Lombardo, Troy Goodman and Jim Cocuzza. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis and Secretary Christeena Hauck.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Mayor Nowotarski presented former Mayor Benjamin Overlay a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding service as Mayor to the residents of Mount Penn Borough.
- Fire Chief Waldman explained the Knox Box program is voluntary, and feels it should remain voluntary. He continued to explain the program and what businesses/residential multi-units are currently using the boxes. Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Bender will be hand-delivering informational letters and applications to all multi-unit dwellings and businesses. The program will remain voluntary.
- A discussion was held regarding the fire study. A committee of Council Members will meet with the Fire Chiefs and Township Supervisors to discuss the results.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of January 9, 2018 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

II. FINANCE REPORT:

- A.** Moved by Mr. Dudash and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #17558-#17575 dated January 29, 2018 in the amount of \$99,586.51 from the General Fund, checks #116-#117 in the amount of \$7,838.77 from the Fire Fund, and check #117 in the amount of \$443.38 from the Ambulance Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Staron handed out his committee assignments and gave a short explanation to Council.

A. STREETS: No Report.

B. BUILDINGS: No Report.

C. LEGISLATIVE: No Report.

D. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

E. PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report.

F. SOLID WASTE: No Report.

G. PERSONNEL: After a brief discussion, the Personnel Committee recommended Claudia Hurwitz be appointed to fill the two year vacancy on Council. Motioned by Mr. Reto, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to appoint Claudia Hurwitz to the two year term. The motion carried unanimously.

H. INSURANCE: No Report.

I. PENSION: No Report.

J. CODES: Mr. Staron reported there was a fire in the 2200 Block of Woodvale Avenue. The property is a rental and did not have smoke detectors which are a citable offense. Mr. Mohn will be notified.

IV. LIASION REPORTS:

A. Fire Company: Mr. Staron reminded Council the Fire Company's 50th Annual Fastnacht Sale is scheduled for February 10th and 11th.

B. MPBMA: Mr. Staron reported he, Mr. Reto, Mr. Dudash and Mr. Cocuzza attended the special meeting hosted by Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority to discuss Carsonia Park. Also in attendance was representation from Lower Alsace Township. The Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley is requesting both financial and manpower help for the property. A list of duties that would need to be completed will be generated and distributed.

C. AVMA: No Report.

D. Planning Commission: No Report.

E. Police Commission: Mayor Nowotarski reported the Oley contract is progressing very well. It was also noted that the Oley call volume has been twice what was anticipated. Thursday February 01, 2018 is the next Police Commission meeting.

F. MPP: Mr. Klonis reported upon his review of the Mount Penn Preserve COG and Articles of Agreement he had a few concerns. There are specified representatives listed for each Municipality and the financial obligation is not set forth in the document. He explained the allocation of costs needs to be included. Discussion continued regarding a few other concerns. Mr. Dudash will present these concerns at the next MMP meeting.

G. RCAV: No Report.

V. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor: No Report.

B. Motley Associates: No Report.

C. Solicitor: Mr. Klonis reported he has made the necessary changes to the MS4 Steering Committee Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. The changes will be made and the ordinance will be distributed for Council's review.

D. Secretary: No Report.

VI. ORDINANCES: None.

VII. RESOLUTIONS: After discussion regarding Resolution # 23-18 Ban on Fracking/Natural Gas Development, Mr. Reto made the motion to table the resolution for clarification and review of the language, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Hauck reported a letter was received from the owner of 1982 Perkiomen Ave, currently a two unit property, requesting the property be changed to a single unit. Upon inspection of the property, Mr. Mohn found only a single family dwelling with one kitchen and recommended the units be reduced to one, as requested by the owner. Motioned by Mr. Dudash, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Cocuzza requested Mr. Mohn look into “No Left Turn” signs for the driveway exiting Mount Penn Plaza onto Perkiomen Avenue.
- Mr. Reto reported Mr. Worrall recently requested an additional \$1,200 for the 2018 playground program. Mr. Dudash explained that in order to hire a fourth playground leader RCAV needs \$13,000 and Mount Penn’s budgeted contribution of \$5,330 was based on the per capita formula (59% LAT/41% MPB) Council established in 2017. Mr. Dudash said he had advised Mr. Worrall several weeks ago that if the playground program budget was increasing to \$13,000, he should request \$7,670 from Lower Alsace Township. He was not aware if Mr. Worrall made the request. Mr. Dudash will review with Mr. Worrall.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 9:35 P.M., seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck