

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 12, 2018

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 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 Mayor Nowotarski and Council Members: Tom Staron, Roger Reto, Claudia Hurwitz, Jim Cocuzza, Rick Lombardo, and Troy Goodman. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineering Representative Jim Mohn, Secretary Christeena Hauck, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Street Foreman David Wojchegoski. Mr. Dudash did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- A. Representing Aulenbach Cemetery, Mr. Ed Gensemer, President and Mr. Pete Heizmann, Mount Penn's Liaison, distributed a list and explained the maintenance items the cemetery needed assistance with. Mr. Heizmann informed Council they also attended a Reading City Council meeting to explain the needs of the cemetery. The list will be reviewed at the next Streets Committee meeting to determine which items Mount Penn can complete. Mr. Staron made the motion authorizing the Streets Chairperson to authorize the Street Employees to assist the cemetery as they are able until the next Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. The Clergy of Mount Penn: Pastor Tom Irwin, Reverend Debbie Derby, and Reverend David Duquette addressed Council regarding the 2018 Block Party and the possibility of a Sunday date being chosen. In Mr. Dudash's absence, Ms. Hauck explained there were conflicts with scheduling a Saturday date for 2018. The clergy is not in favor of a Sunday Block Party. The committee will review the Saturday dates with the school district and try to find a suitable date. Mayor Nowotarski volunteered as a committee member.
- C. Mr. Michael Frankhouser 1962 Woodvale Ave explained to Council he contacted Barta regarding the placement of a Bus Stop on the cemetery property in the 2100 block of Perkiomen Ave. across from 21st Street. PennDOT's approval would be required.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Moved by Ms. Hurwitz and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of May 8, 2018 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT:

- A. Moved by Ms. Hurwitz and seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the May 2018 Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$ 10,540.94
Savings-	\$ 797,724.98
Liquid Fuels-	\$ 94,188.85
Petty Cash-	\$ 50.00
Fire Tax	\$ 81,241.70
PIB Loan-	\$ 39,752.72
Ambulance Tax-	\$ 1,337.22

- B. Moved by Ms. Hurwitz and seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #17693-17711 dated May 21, 2018 in the amount of \$47,717.03 from the General Fund and checks # 17712-17722 in the amount of \$104,889.01 dated June 11, 2018 from the General Fund; checks #1273 dated June 11, 2018 in the amount of \$4,389.54 from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Wojchegoski asked Council if there were any additions to the list of parking requirements for the parking lot ordinance. The list was submitted to Mr. Klonis for the preparation of a draft ordinance.
- The sidewalk at the parking lot was repaired.
- Mr. Mohn asked if the need arose during the PennDOT construction, can temporary stop signs be erected as needed. Mr. Klonis suggested the Mayor can authorize a temporary sign. PennDOT has committed to turning the intersection at Carsonia Ave and Endlich Ave will become a 4-way stop sometime within the next few days.
- Mr. Wojchegoski asked Council to consider a part-time hire for the Street Department during summer months.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

- C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Mr. Goodman reported thirty homes in the 2500 block of Perkiomen Ave will be affected by the construction for trash and recycling collection. Both haulers attended a meeting to come up with solutions for the collection. After the meeting, the haulers were asked to provide a cost for the collection in the alley behind the houses. This collection would be in addition to their contract. Allied Waste/Republic Services submitted a quote for one collection in the alley per week at a cost of \$100.00 for the estimate of eight weeks. After discussion, Mr. Lombardo made the motion for Mr. Goodman and Ms. Hauck to execute the quote from Allied/Republic Services for the alley collection of trash in the 2500 block of Perkiomen Ave at a cost of \$100.00 per week, seconded Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. Charles Blosenski has not yet submitted a quote for the special collection of recycling in the same vicinity.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report.

- E. INSURANCE/PENSION:** Mr. Cocuzza reported he has received and distributed the ordinance to freeze the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. All new hires after the freeze is adopted will participate in a Defined Contribution Plan. Mr. Goodman made the motion to authorize the advertisement the Ordinance amending the definition of member and eligibility creating a freeze on the pension, seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cocuzza will contact Tom White of Morgan Stanley regarding a new plan.

- F. CODES:** Mr. Staron reported Lower Alsace will begin the process of hiring a Codes Manager to over-see the Central Berks Codes Department as a way to enhance the program for the future. The plan is for the manager to over-see the current staff. After discussion, it was determined the Codes Committee and Mr. Staron will meet with a representative of Lower Alsace to get more information. If the Mount Penn does not agree to participate, the Joint Codes Program will be dissolved.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

- A. Fire Company:** No Report.
- B. MPBMA: No Report.**
- C. AVMA:** Ms Hurwitz reported the authority is in the process of acquiring a PA1 Call registration. Discussion continued.
- D. Planning Commission: No Report.**
- E. Police Commission:** The June Commission meeting was cancelled.
- F. MPP:** Mr. Staron reported he and Ms. Hauck attended the two year meeting/celebration at Stokesay Castle. Ms. Hauck reminded Council there needs to be two representatives appointed to the COG. After discussion, Mr. Lombardo made the motion to appoint Ms. Hauck and Ms. Hurwitz Mount Penn's representatives for the Mount Penn Preserve, seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. RCAV:** A discussion was held regarding the RCAV Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Klonis will contact Attorney Setley to see if a term can be specified in the agreement.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Mayor:** Mayor Nowotarski reported he received a Handicapped Parking Application for 2544 Cumberland Ave. Mr. Staron made the motion for the preparation and advertisement of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motley Associates:** Mr. Mohn reported he and Mr. Klonis meet with Antietam School District and the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor to review the Zoning Application. The school is planning to revise the zoning application and resubmit.
- C. Solicitor: No Report.**
- D. Secretary: No Report.**

VII. ORDINANCES: None.**VIII. RESOLUTIONS: None.****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.**

- X. CORRESPONDENCE:** After discussion Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to contribute \$250.00 to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for 2018, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. A line item will be added to the 2019 Budget.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session at 9:33 P.M. to discuss Litigation. Regular Session resumed at 9:55 P.M. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to execute the commitment letter to the state for the grant pending release from the plaintiffs in the Krafczek litigation, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 9:55 P.M., seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10th at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck