

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
October 9, 2018

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 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 Mayor Nowotarski and Council Members: Tom Staron, Roger Reto, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, and Troy Goodman. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Police Chief Ray Serafin, Secretary Christeena Hauck, Engineering Representative Jim Mohn, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Jim Cocuzza did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Mr. Barclay Wilson, of 31 Butter Lane, asked Council if the Executive Sessions could be held at the end of the meeting. Mr. Klonis explained occasionally there is business that needs to be conducted relative to the Executive Session during the meeting.
- Ms. Lauren Covatta, of 2337 Fairview Ave, addressed Council asking if the speed board that was placed 20th and Fairview Ave. could be placed between 21st and 26th Street on Fairview where speeding is more of a problem. Mayor Nowotarski explained the board will be moved; and the current location is temporary for testing purposes.
- Mr. Christopher Falencki, of Weiser Engineering, addressed Council regarding the new proposal for the Summit Ave plan which will include one developed lot and one large open space lot. Mr. Falencki asked if Council would grant permission with the property access through the alley in lieu of road improvements. After discussion, it was decided it will be recorded on the plan that any future development or subdivision on the large lot will require road improvements. Mr. Falencki will meet with the Planning Commission.
- Mr. Mike Frankhouser, of 1962 Woodvale Ave, informed Council he was working on a possible solution to the brush/leaf disposal that will be a future issue for the Borough and Lower Alsace Township. He was made aware of a piece of land that may be for sale that could be used as a collection site for both communities together as a joint purchase. After discussion, it was decided the Solid Waste committee would review the presented idea with Mr. Frankhouser and address the Township, if warranted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of September 25, 2018 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT:

- A. Moved by Mr. Reto and seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve checks #17822-17830 in the amount of \$122,185.64 dated October 9, 2018, from the General Fund, and check # 1277 in the amount of \$4,046.16 dated October 9, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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| Checking- | \$ | 72,964.16 |
| Savings- | \$ | 509,933.77 |
| Liquid Fuels- | \$ | 77,489.93 |
| Petty Cash- | \$ | 50 .00 |
| Fire Tax- | \$ | 6,472.26 |
| PIB Loan- | \$ | 39,825.66 |
| Ambulance Tax- | \$ | 1,336.68 |

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS: Mr. Wojchegoski reported:

- Three estimates were obtained for tires needed for the backhoe. After discussion, Mr. Lombardo made the motion to purchase the tires for the backhoe from McCarthy Tire at a cost of \$1,600.00, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.
- The banding for Spotted Lantern Fly is sold out.
- The barricade on Howard Blvd. has been removed by PennDOT. There are now 2 signs and painted lines. Discussion continued regarding motorists continuing down the one-way street and the safety concerns. Chief Serafin reported adequate signage has been ordered.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: Mr. Goodman reported he is waiting to hear back from Verizon regarding the telephone poles that need replacement.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report.

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: Ms. Hurwitz reported Morgan Stanley will no longer be handling accounts under two million dollars. The Borough has 180 days to find a new administrator. Discussion continued regarding obtaining request for proposals or using the recommended administrator.

F. CODES:

- Mr. Lombardo reported a new hydrant was installed in the 2500 block of Perkiomen Ave; complaints were received about the loss of parking.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

A. Fire Company: No Report.

B. MPBMA: No Report.

C. AVMA: No Report.

D. Planning Commission: No Report.

E. Police Commission: Mayor Nowotarski reported:

- The new speed sign board was being tested for use in the Borough. A generous amount of this purchase was donated by Pete Hiezmann.

- The 2019 Police budget is complete and a copy was distributed to everyone. Mayor Nowotarski thanked Chief Serafin and Ms. Hurwitz for their hard work on the budget and continued to explain the proposed budget, if accepted reflects a \$3,000.00 savings per month to both Mount Penn and Lower Alsace for 2019. Mr. Reto made the motion to adopt the 2019 police budget seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried. Ms. Hurwitz abstained.

F. MPP: No Report.

G. RCAV: No Report.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor: No Report.

B. Motley Associates: No Report.

C. Solicitor: No Report.

D. Secretary: Ms. Hauck reported:

- The Block Party is Saturday, October 20, 2018, 12:00-5:00 PM.
- The newsletters arrived from the printer and will be distributed as soon as possible.

President Staron asked for an Executive Session at 8:31 P.M. to discuss Personnel and Krafczek litigation. Regular Session resumed at 9:09 P.M. No action was taken.

VII. ORDINANCES: #849-Handicapped Parking for 2432 Fairview Ave, Motioned by Ms. Hurwitz, seconded by Mr. Goodman. The motion carried unanimously.
#850 –Mr. Reto made the motion to table ordinance **#850** for a future meeting, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: #29-18 Appointing Claudia Hurwitz Chief Administrative Officer of the Mount Penn Borough Pension Plan, Motioned by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Hurwitz made a motion for adjournment at 9:13 P.M., seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck