

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**April 30, 2019**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 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 President Staron, and Council Members: James Cocuzza, Troy Goodman, Rick Lombardo, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Police Chief Ray Serafin, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mayor Nowotarski, Claudia Hurwitz, and Randall Miller did not attend.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** No Participation

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Moved by Mr. Lombardo, and seconded by Mr. Reto, that the minutes of April 09, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. FINANCE REPORT:**

- Moved by Mr. Cocuzza to ratify checks #18015 through #18029, dated April 22, 2019 in the amount of \$17,725.24 from the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STREETS:**

- Mr. Cocuzza conveyed, per Norm Parrish, the mapping files from Arro appear to be correct and can be used for PA One Call's Member Mapping System. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to enter into a phone plan agreement with Sprint at the rate of \$179.96 monthly. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Cocuzza conveyed Seal Master is looking for \$55,000 in coverage and our policy reads \$50,000. He instructed Ms. Petrov to increase our coverage to \$55,000 with an additional cost to the Borough of approximately \$75.00.
- Mr. Ward, crossing guard at St. Catherine's has taken ill. Mr. Goodman made the motion seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to advertise for the position of Crossing Guard. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Cocuzza shared that Mr. Mohn is looking into the possibility of an additional PIB loan.
- President Staron was in contact with Senator Schwank's and Representative Rozzi's offices regarding the upgrading of the traffic light at Endlich and Perkiomen Avenue. The two offices are trying to secure funds.

**B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

- Mr. Reto is waiting on a quotation from Overhead Doors for maintenance of the garage doors at the Butter Lane Shop.

**C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

- Mr. Goodman received an email from Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority. They would like to have a joint meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup> of May 16<sup>th</sup>) with AVRCC, Mount Penn Borough, and Lower Alsace Township to review the lease agreement. MPBMA feels they are not in the Park Business. The question was raised as to why Exeter Township is not involved in this issue. Discussion continued.

**D. PERSONNEL:** No Report

**E. INSURANCE/PENSION:** No Report

**F. CODES:**

- Mr. Lorah stated he is working on a joint department, design, procuring credentials, enhancements of data base, reporting formats, and consistency in operation.
- Mr. Klonis spoke on the issue of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspectors where the citizens would have a choice from three inspectors. A resolution will be needed showing non-support, and be forwarded to Senator Schwank requesting her to veto. Mr. Klonis suggested it be tabled to the next meeting.
- Mr. Bender addressed the changes made to the Burn Ordinance. Discussion followed as to clarification of what is allowable to burn, and who would enforce the Ordinance.

**V. LIASION REPORTS:**

**A. Fire Company:** No Report

**B. MPBMA:** No Report

**C. AVMA:** No Report.

**D. Planning Commission:** No Report.

**E. Police Commission:** No Report

**F. MPP –** No Report

**G. RCAV:** - No Report.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** No Report.

**B. Motley Associates:** No Report

**C. Solicitor:**

Council has approved the Changes of Articles of Agreement to the Police Commission. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Goodman, authorizing the advertising of the Ordinance for the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Secretary:** No report.

**VII ORDINANCES:**

**VIII RESOLUTIONS:** No Report

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE:** No Report

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Klonis addressed Council regarding the complaint received from DOT, Civil Rights Specialist, addressing ADA Curb Ramps at the intersection of Center Street and Cumberland Avenue. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to complete the ADA complaint questionnaire. Mr. Mohn needs to be made aware it is the Borough's position it is not possible to do the ramp. The motion carried unanimously.
- Regarding the speed limit change on Endlich Avenue, Chief Serafin conveyed PennDot would be compelled to do a traffic study prior to making a change. They are not inclined to do so as the construction project will most likely be complete prior to the study being complete. The individuals who brought the issue to Council need to be informed. Chief Serafin requested not to respond to the residents until his survey of recording the speeds is complete.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lombardo made a motion for adjournment at 8:05 P.M., seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bette E. Petrov*