

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**August 13, 2019**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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: Jim Cocuzza, Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Police Chief Raymond Serafin, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineering Representative James Mohn, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mayor Nowotarski arrived late. Randy Miller did not attend.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- Dennis Dyer, 1954 Fairview Avenue, addressed council regarding the ongoing failing condition of South 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairview Avenue. The problem is the curb line to the center of the street. Discussion followed. The Borough will obtain a quote from Folk Paving. Mr. Okonski will obtain quotes for the milling machine and a larger roller. Mr. Dyer requested a list of streets scheduled for repair in 2020, and to be updated on a solution to the South 20<sup>th</sup> and Fairview problem. Mr. Okonski will keep Mr. Dyer updated.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**III. FINANCE REPORT**

- Ms. Hurwitz made the motion seconded by Mr. Reto to ratify checks #18093 through #18108, dated July 24, 2019 in the amount of \$19,173.81 from the General Fund; check #1291 dated, July 24, 2019 in the amount of \$1,125.34 from Liquid Fuels; and checks #18109 through #18118, dated August 08, 2019 in the amount of \$98,778.57 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STREETS:**

- Mr. Bender updated council on the Tuesday, August 06, 2019 Waste Management truck fire and clean up events that followed. He relayed we are still waiting for a claim number. Discussion continued.
- Mr. Okonski will obtain his Public Pesticide Applicator Certification in the winter.
- MPBMA purchased a new dump truck and offered to gift the Borough the one currently being used. Mr. Okonski said it was in decent condition and could be used for hauling. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the offer of the truck. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Okonski distributed monetary figures, material costs plus outsourcing vs. actual, on the 2019 road patching project in conjunction with St. Lawrence. Discussion followed. St. Lawrence conveyed they had another project and asked to again work together.
- The PennDot Winter Plowing Contract will be given to Mr. Klonis for review.

**B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

- Mr. Reto reviewed and spoke on the two alarm quotations received from Alarm Tech Systems, Inc. and Triple H Alarm Inc. Some questions arose and it was tabled till more clarification was obtained.
- Mr. Reto communicated 19 vehicles were in the parking lot the last two Sundays.

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

- A reduction on the Med-Ed billing for Borough street lights was noted, reducing the expense to Liquid Fuels.
- Mr. Goodman conveyed the specifications for trash bids are ready. Ms. Hurwitz will review followed by Mr. Klonis. Mr. Goodman would like it to be advertised and ready for bid opening in October.

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

- Ms. Hurwitz conveyed all monies were transferred to CBIZ, and we are waiting for fully executed documents. The question of how the 7% for the new 401a plan effecting Mr. Bender and Ms. Petrov would be deposited. Discussion followed.

President Staron requested an executive session at 8:26 PM. Regular session resumed at 9:10 PM. Let the record show personnel and Krafczek issues were discussed. No action was taken.

**F. CODES:**

- Mr. Bender spoke on the condition of 1951 Woodvale Avenue: the blight condition and possible condemning.

**V. LIASION REPORTS:****A. Fire Company: No Report****B. MPBMA: No Report****C. AVMA: No Report****D. Planning Commission:**

- Mr. Mohn discussed the Summit Avenue Sub-Division. Berks County Redevelopment Authority is proposing to divide the lot into two and sell them individually. Mr. Mohn conveyed the stipulations that are essential to be noted on the new plans/specifications (whoever develops the lot will be responsible for constructing the required street). The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Two additional representatives are needed for the Planning Commission. President Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to appoint Camiel Lawler to the Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Police Commission: No Report****F. MPP: No Report****G. RCAV: No Report**

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor:** No Report**B. Motley Associates:**

- Mr. Mohn discussed the potential construction of 50 townhomes on the Dolan property behind St. Catherine's high rise. Discussion continued.

**C. Solicitor:**

- Mr. Klonis brought to our attention the need for a new ordinance in order to adopt the 2018 version of the International Property Code. Mr. Goodman made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hurwitz for Mr. Klonis to prepare and advertise the new ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Klonis received an email from Attorney David Bean relative to 2621 Filbert Avenue and the sewage back up from the rain storm. Mr. Bean questioned whether the AVMA and the Borough were aware of the situation, as well as if any investigation and corrective action would be taken. Discussion followed. Mr. Klonis will respond that the problem is being investigated and Attorney Bean and his client are welcome to attend the AVMA meetings for additional information.

**D. Secretary:**

- Ms. Petrov conveyed we are still in need of a crossing guard for St. Catherine's.

**VII. ORDINANCES:****VIII. RESOLUTIONS:****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****X. CORRESPONDENCE:****XI. NEW BUSINESS:****XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Ms. Hurwitz made the motion for adjournment at 9:43 PM, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, September 10, 2019 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bette E. Petrov*