

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
September 10, 2019

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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: Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, Randy Miller, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Police Chief Raymond Serafin, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. James Cocuzza arrived late.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Nathan Rupright, 230 Friedensburg Road, expressed concerns over security issues in the Borough. He feels there is a lack of police presence. Additionally, he stated his displeasure over the alley and storm water issues. Discussion followed on both matters. Mr. Mohn will contact Mr. Rupright regarding storm water.
- Chris Falencki, McCarthy Engineering, discussed the changes to the specifications on the Summit Avenue Sub-Division. Mr. Mohn, prior to this evening's meeting, approved the changes. Mr. Miller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to approve the current Sumit Avenue Sub-Division plans. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Moved by Mr. Lombardo, and seconded by Mr. Reto, that the minutes of August 13, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT

- Mr. Miller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to approve the August 2019 Treasurers Report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$	20,722.24
Savings-Metro	\$	579,010.70
Liquid Fuels Fund-	\$	113,983.39
Fire Tax-	\$	10,365.32
Ambulance Tax-	\$	5,118.42
PIB Loan-	\$	40,101.05
Petty Cash-	\$	50.00

- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Lombardo to ratify check #18093 through #18119, dated August 23, 2019 in the amount of \$21,054.06, and check #18134 through #18141, dated September 09, 2019 in the amount of 97,103.18 all from the General Fund; and check #1292 dated August 23, 2019 in the amount of \$3,478.57, and check #1293 dated September 09, 2019 in the amount of \$1,145.00 both from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Miller also noted he is working on the 2020 budget and asked for input to be forwarded.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Okonski expressed the need for no parking signs at various locations due to safety matters, parking for MPBMA, difficult turns, and site vision issues. Locations noted were Oak Terrace, Borough Hall, Grandview Avenue, 1900 and 2200 Perkiomen Avenue. Discussion followed. Mr. Klonis requested drawings for each location.
- Regarding the damage from the dumpster due to the Waste Management fire on South 20th Street, Mr. Okonski spoke on behalf of Mr. Mohn. He stated we should charge them for the rental of the crack sealing machine.
- Mr. Okonski also reported the following:
 - PA One calls are going very smoothly.
 - The new truck arrived, was delivered to Kutz, and should be ready by late October or the beginning of November.
 - Mr. Bender has a list of damaged Verizon poles. Senator Schwank's office will forward the name of their liaison with Verizon.
 - The 2300 and 2400 blocks of Perkiomen Avenue needed patch work due to Road Con using damaged material while paving. Mr. Mohn is aware and will reach out to PennDot.
- Mr. Okonski conveyed South 20th Street can be patched. Alsace Township cannot allow us to use their Paver. Our rental cost is \$1,100.00 weekly. Total cost of entire job will be approximately \$3,500.00 Charlie Parrish will be contacted. Following discussion Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to repair South 20th Street, subject to funding coming from Liquid Fuels, and not to exceed \$3,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Okonski asked for permission to purchase an extra set of lights for the Triangle, and an Echo Timberwolf chain saw. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to purchase the lights and the chain saw. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Klonis reviewed the Winter Municipal Plowing Contract from PennDot, and conveyed it was a standard contract. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, authorizing Council President and the secretary to sign the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto reviewed an alarm quotation received from SFA Stowe Fire Alarm. Mr. Lombardo explained the description of the work to be performed matched that of ATS Alarm Tech Systems, Inc. SFA cost \$1,714.50. ATS cost \$4,997.00. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the quote from SFA Stowe Fire Alarm for installation and monitoring of the alarm system in the amount of \$1,714.50. The motion carried unanimously.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:

- Mr. Goodman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to authorize the advertising of the Solid Waste Bid. The motion carried unanimously.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: No Report

President Staron requested an executive session at 8:28 PM. Regular session resumed at 9:07 PM. Let the record show personnel and Krafczek litigation were discussed. No action was taken.

F. CODES:

- Mr. Bender conveyed there is an issue with one resident regarding a large television in a common area. Mr. Klonis advised to issue a citation.
- Mr. Reto spoke on a complaint from 2313 Perkiomen Avenue regarding the odor of cat urine. Discussion followed.
- Discussion was held regarding the Joint Codes Commission and its' administrator. Opinions were voiced. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to forward a letter to Lower Alsace rescinding our approval of the joint codes administrator. A roll call vote was taken.

President Staron – Yes

Mr. Lombardo ----- Yes

Mr. Cocuzza ----- Yes

Mr. Miller ----- Yes

Mr. Goodman ----- Yes

Mr. Reto ----- No

Ms. Hurwitz ----- Abstained as an employee of the CBRPD

The motion carried.

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: Engineer's report enclosed in meeting packet

C. Solicitor:

- Mr. Klonis prepared the ordinance adopting the 2018 version of the International Property Code. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to advertise the new ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Secretary:

VII. ORDINANCES:

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Hurwitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to appoint Pete Heizmann to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion for adjournment at 10:08 PM, seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, September 24, 2019 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov